Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

New Barracks.

A new item of $10,000 appears in the estimates for barracks in British Columbia.

Demand for Lumber.

Winnipeg *Sun*:—There is considerable demand in the city for British Columbia lumber.

C. P. R. Purchase.

The Canadian Pacific is about to purchase the steamship Titania for Pacific steamship service.

Won't Get It.

The report of a wholesale creation of knights in honor of the jubilee year is emphatically denied.

What Does It Mean?

An Ottawa dispatch says: An act to incorporate Alberta and British Columbia has passed the second reading.

To Join the Union.

The opinion is expressed by a cabinet minister that Newfoundland will shortly be admitted into confederation.

Confirmation.

The Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Columbia will administer confirmation to several candidates this afternoon at Christ Church Cathedral.

To Buy Horses.

Col. Golden will visit Calgary, Macleod and British Columbia at the end of June, for the purpose of buying horses for the British army.

Tariff Corrections.

Cigars and cigarettes read $2 per lb and 25%; costing less than $50, $10 each and 20%; $50 and less than $100, $15 each and 20%; $100 and over 35%.

A Vicious Youngster.

Walter Barry, a young lad, threw some lime in the face of a little girl named Louse Barnswell. A warrant was applied for his arrest and Officer Hoosen locked him up.

Wimbledon Team.

It is understood to be definitely settled that Lt.-Col. Ouimet will command the Wimbledon rifle team and that Capt. J. T. Hart, of the St. John rifle company, will be adjutant.

Suspended.

Pilot Dan Morrison, who was in charge of the steamship Mexico when she stranded on Belle Chain Reef has been suspended by the Nanaimo pilotage authority for a period of 12 months.

Lacrosse Match.

The Vancouver lacrosse team has been invited to play the Victorians on Beacon Hill on one of the days set apart for the celebration of her majesty's jubilee. It is thought the Vancouvers will accept.

A Pioneer Dead.

Mr. S. M. Walker, who formerly had a lumber mill at Hope, died on May 4th at Nine Mile Creek, Similkameen. He was a native of England and had been in this country upwards of twenty years. He was much respected and very popular.

Lost His Pig-Tail.

A sportive youth, a little the worse for tangle-foot, amused himself on the down trip of the steamer Princess Louise on Friday night by cutting off a Chinaman's pigtail. As he left the city yesterday nothing was done in the matter.

Outgoing Passengers.

Passengers per steamship City of Chester for San Francisco: Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Sweet, J. D. Carscaden, T. Harper, E. B. Borill, G. D. McVicar, Rev. D. M. Gordon, J. Baughman, L. P. Coster, J. G. Allan, M. E. A. McKechnie, L. S. Denyes and wife, W. H. Quinn.

Savings Banks Deposits.

The following is a statement of the balances at credit of depositors in government savings banks in British Columbia on March 31, 1887:

Victoria	$1,506,681.60
New Westminster	289,717.42
Nanaimo	252,030.56

A New Steamer.

The new steam boat which was built in the State ship-yard by Messrs. J. Clark and Pratt, is now ready for launching. Her dimensions are as follows: Length 46 feet, breadth 9x9, depth 4x8. She is built on beautiful lines and will be used in connection with a cannery on the Fraser river.

Gone Across the Seas.

Dong Gong, one of the defendants in the conspiracy case now occupying the attention of the police court, it has transpired has really skipped his bail, having gone over to Port Townsend on the steamer Friday morning. His bondsmen will do their utmost to get him back, as in thevent of his staying away the sum of $1,000, which they deposited in court, will be forfeited.

Piano Manufacture.

A piece of delicate workmanship may be seen in the show window of Goodwin & Jordan, piano makers, Fort street. It is technically called a 'strung piano back,' consisting of the heavy wood bracing, sounding board, iron plate and strings ready to be fitted to the case or cabinet work. The estimated tension of the strings (they being already tuned) is twelve tons. This work is wholly executed in Victoria, and is another step in the right direction. "Manufacture build cities," and if the public will patronize our at present few home industries, others will soon spring up among us, and so keep more of our money at home and our artizans employed.

McNamee's Claim.

The following petition was read and received in the commons:

Of Messrs. F. B. McNamee & Company, of the city and district of Montreal, contractors, praying the house to investigate their claims to an alleged balance due them on account of their contract for the construction and maintenance of a graving dock, in Esquimalt harbor, British Columbia, and to render them justice in regard thereto.

Mr. Shakespeare has given notice of the following motion: Special committee to examine into and report upon the claim of Francis B. McNamee, Anthony Gilbert Nish and James Wright as set forth in their petition received by this house on May 6th, 1887, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Police Court.

Wm. McLarry, charged with being drunk. The prisoner apparently had some difficulty in hearing.

His Honor—Mr. McLarry, do you plead guilty to being drunk?

Prisoner—I don't hear what you say—(*hic.*)

His Honor—Mr. Robb, can you make this man hear?

Mr. Robb (to prisoner)—Do you plead guilty or not to being drunk on the streets?

Prisoner (in a loud voice)—I dont hear what you say.

Mr. Robb (in a low tone and walking towards the bench)—The prisoner can hear very well, your honor, if he wants to.

Prisoner—No, your honor, I can't hear at all. (Laughter.)

His honor fined this notorious fibber $5, with the remark that it ought to be $10.

Thos. Dixon, charged with desertion from the ship Enos Soule. The prisoner was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labor on the understanding that Captain Soule pay all expenses and take the fellow when the vessel leaves this port.

Wong Fow, Shop Moi and Dong Gong, charged with conspiracy. This case was adjourned until Wednesday next. Dong Gong did not appear, and it is rumored he has gone over the Sound. His bail was not estreated, to give his bondsmen an opportunity of bringing him into court.

Foot Race.

Says the Tacoma *Ledger*: Lewis Fahl, of British Columbia, and Dave Wallace, of this city, ran a foot race at New Market hall Wednesday night, the former winning. Another race occurred there last night between Fahl and William Northover, of Muck. Fahl won.

Battalion Drill.

The three batteries of artillery together with the rifle company will parade at the drill shed at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening for the purpose of having battalion drill. As this drill is preparatory to taking part in the sham fight on jubilee day it is absolutely necessary that every man be in his place at eight sharp. A short time only is available in which to perfect the different batteries in their drill and no member can afford to absent himself for even a single parade.

The Jubilee Address.

The handsome illuminated address to be presented to Queen Victoria was yesterday placed in the widow of Jamieson's stationery store and was highly commented upon by all. It is truly an artistic piece of work, and there is little conception of the amount of work spent upon it. It is illuminated on skin parchment, the greasy nature of which rendered it very difficult to get the colors to take hold. Mr. T. Tiedemann may well feel satisfied with the success of his effort.

Incoming Passengers.

Following passengers are on board the Elder for this port from San Francisco: W B Ollitt, Thos Parker, W S Sloan, Mr Cummings and sister, Mrs Richards, Fred Sutton, E W Redington, H J Hartmell, Mrs J Harding, Miss Ernstine Bell, Rev D H Reed, A Adal, C N Westwood, O C Bornster, C C Smith, R Lingard, Mrs Cuvereau, W H Cummings and wife, S B Fisher, G Harrison, O H Findlay, Mrs Carne, Mrs Muirhead, John Nelmania, Mrs Lubbe, Mrs Russell, F Norton, H Walters, W Reed, J Goetz.

The Lien Act.

Johnston *et. al. vs.* Robelee, Norris and Yates—The court made a final direction yesterday morning in this matter, giving the several lien holders who had followed the lien act and were within its provisions their *pro rata* division of the balance of the monies in court, after deducting the costs incidental to the proceedings. The whole matter was disposed of, and now it is left in the Registrar's hands. Messrs. Drake & Co. for plaintiff; Mr. Bodwell for defendants, and Mr. Fell for some of the lien holders.

Football Match.

Fully a thousand people congregated at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon to witness the cricket match, the first football match of the season and hear the beautiful strains of music furnished by the excellent band of H. M. S. Triumph. The weather was all that could be desired and just comfortably warm. Of the game very little can be said, as the Victorians had it all their own way from beginning to end. No doubt when the fleet's team has had the advantage of a little practice they will give our boys a hard tussle.

Granite Creek.

We learn from Mr. A. M. Nelson, says the *Guardian*, that there are about eighty white men and one hundred and fifty Chinese on the creek. There are three claims paying about wages. The Mainland claim is being pushed forward and great hopes are entertained of the result. Provisions are scarce and prices fair. Mr. Nelson came down in three days and will return soon with a full cargo, comprising everything required by the miners. Mr. Tunstall, the gold commissioner, was at Nicola. He has exerted himself in keeping the trails in good order, and has been quite successful.

The First Train.

Advice has been received, says the *News-Advertiser*, at the C. P. R. offices in this city that the official entrance of the first passenger train will take place on the 23rd inst. It is stated that Mr. Van Horne, Mr. Abbott and a large number of railway dignitaries will be present. The official party will leave Montreal on Sunday and will reach Vancouver on Monday the 23rd. It is supposed that a great number of questions of vital importance to this city will be settled by Mr. Van Horne during his visit.

Temperance Meeting.

A conference temperance meeting was held last evening in the Sunday school room of the Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Robson, of Nanaimo, in the chair. Stirring addresses in support of the temperance cause were made by several visiting ministers who were well received. Mr. Pierce the newly elected native preacher made an earnest appeal to those present to help the workers. As he truly stated the other night, people wonder how he, who has had such poor advantages for a religious education, has such a flow of language, which he invariably puts to good use. Mr. Pierce will probably be sent among the northern Indians, where it is thought he will do good work.

Why the Collision Occurred.

In the case of the sinking of the scows in the harbor on the night of the 12th, Captain White, of the Princess Louise, states the light was not exhibited on the scow in the manner provided by law. Instead of being visible on all sides, it could only be seen from the land side. The steamer passed the buoys all clear, and the leading lights were in range. There was no warning that the scow had been removed from its usual mooring, and it was not seen until it was too late to stop the steamer in time to avoid collision. Had the light been visible no mishap would have occurred.

Prisoners Committed for Trial.

The following is a calendar of prisoners confined in Victoria gaol, committed for trial at the ensuing assizes:

Edward Mathers, Metlakahtla Indian, assault and robbery.

Frederick Riley, Metlakahtla Indian, assault and robbery.

Adolphus Calvert, Metlakahtla Indian, assault and robbery.

Moses Baines, Metlakahtla Indian, assault and robbery.

Chin Ah Sing, Chinese, assault and robbery.

Neil McKinnon, breaking into a store.

Richard Glenn, shooting with intent.

Wm. A. Hutson, stealing a boat.

Wm. Seitz, obtaining goods under false pretenses.

Malcolm J. McDonald, shooting with intent.

Hoe How, a Chinaman, obtaining money under false pretenses.

Wing Ah Chue, arson.

Blue Ribbon Club.

Temperance hall was crowded last evening with a large and appreciative audience. President S. Gray occupied the chair and opened the meeting with an impressive prayer. Vice-President H. Rudge spoke feelingly on the traffic in intoxicating liquor. Mr. S. W. Gray's solo "Down by the River Side," received loud applause. Mr. Tucker, of H. M. S. Triumph, recited "Crazy Kate," a very touching piece, which was well received. The president sang "Three Acres and a Cow," the solo brought down the house. A duet by Miss Dobbs and Mr. Dobbs entitled "Good Night," received a well-deserved *encore*, in response to which the lady and gentleman favored the audience with another fine duet. Miss Fisher's solo "Far Away," captivated the audience and received an *encore*, which was well deserved. Four young ladies, Miss Jennie and Nellie Rudge, Miss Copeland and Miss Whiteman, gave a nice dialogue. During the evening Miss Hendricks played the accompaniments in a very efficient manner. The Blue Ribbon band played several fine selections during the evening.

WILLIAM O'BRIEN, M. P.

DUBLIN, May 16.—Wm. O'Brien, editor of the *United Ireland*, has been elected without opposition to a seat in the house of commons for the northeast division of Cork, made vacant by the resignation of Edmund Leary.

Miners' Meeting.

Placards are posted throughout the city and district calling a meeting of the miners of Wellington, Nanaimo and East Wellington at the Green near the Half-Way House on Sunday next at 2 p. m. The placard states that business of importance will be brought forward, but no public intimation is given as to the nature of the business that will come up for consideration, but the general impression is that the matter to be discussed is the advisability of taking steps to prevent the employment of Chinese in certain capacities in the coal mines of this district.—*Free Press.*

A Short Engagement.

Mr. Morrison has decided to remain in Victoria but two nights and possibly three. His success was so great in Seattle that he has been offered a profitable engagement at Tacoma for Thursday night, which, under the circumstances, he cannot readily refuse. As before stated, "Faust" will be produced Monday evening, "A Celebrated Case" on Tuesday, and if the company remain, the comedy-drama "Not Guilty," will be produced Wednesday. The ushers, who were present last night, have kindly volunteered their services for to-morrow evening's performance. Boxes have been placed at the disposal of several officers of H. M. fleet, who will attend.

From the Sealing Ground.

The schooner Favorite, Capt. Spring, arrived in the harbor yesterday from the west coast, having on board 300 seals. Capt. Spring's schooner Kate, two weeks ago, had 240 skins, but by this time has probably largely increased this. The Favorite reports that the hull of the St. Stephen was washed ashore at Clayoquot Sound about two weeks ago. A sealing boat without name was also washed up on the beach at Clayoquot. There was a report that a number of dead bodies, canoes and spears were washed ashore south of Cape Flattery some weeks ago. The impression is that these belong to the schooner Active, and that nothing more will be heard of her crew. Although the Favorite was in the midst of the rough weather she did not lose a rope and the little vessel throughout braved the seas like a duck.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Lubbe is on the Elder for this city.

Chas Wilson returned from the mainland yesterday afternoon.

J. D. Carscaden, of Winnipeg, left for San Francisco yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Megan, of Kamloops, arrived on the Yosemite yesterday.

W. E. Brooks and family, of Milton, Ont., will remove to this province.

G. T. Newton, of Grand Harbor, N. B., will soon take his departure for this province.

Norman McLeod, George Saunders and John A. Wilson, of Galt, have left for British Columbia.

Geo. Wallace, for many years connected with the Montreal *Star*, and correspondent of the Associated Press, is dead.

Harry L. Hall, the general traveling agent of the Burlington route, arrived in the city yesterday and is at the Driard.

Rev. D. W. Gordon and ex-Ald. McVicar, who have been guests of Mr. Ben Gordon during the past week, left for San Francisco on the Chester.

J. F. Weff, special agent dominion customs department, who arrived here from San Francisco on Monday last, and who has since been making a visit to the mainland, returned to this city yesterday.

E. C. Baker, M. P., entertained a number of the defeated candidates and other friends to dinner in the house of commons restaurant one evening recently. Among the defeated candidates present were Messrs. McMaster, Barker, MacKintosh, Cameron (Victoria), Kinney, McMurrich, Paint and Allison. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Lieut. R. J. Symonds, of H. M. S. Conquest, left this morning for a brief visit to his old home and friends in New Brunswick. Mr. Symonds' family is of the oldest of his native province, and has always been distinguished for its ability and loyalty. He is himself a conspicuous officer of his noble profession, while his brother, Dr. Charters Symonds, of London, Eng., is fast taking a foremost place in his profession even in that great city, both as a practitioner and writer upon medical subjects. We trust that upon his return his many friends will have the pleasure of welcoming Commander Symonds.

MARINE.

(Specially compiled for THE COLONIST.)

Bark Alden Besse, O'Brien, has been laid up at Tacoma.

Brig Pioneer has arrived at Port Discovery from Astoria.

Steamship City of Chester sailed for San Francisco at 1 o'clock p. m. yesterday.

The Chester took on board about 200 tons of freight for San Francisco at Port Townsend.

Chilian bark Pacifico, Captain Wilson, has sailed from Chili for Puget Sound, consigned to R. W. DeLion & Co.

The bark D. C. Murray, Captain Kale, has finished loading 340,000 feet of lumber at Hadlock for Oakland wharf.

British bark Swansea Castle, Runciman, is in Townsend harbor with a cargo of 412,000 feet of lumber for Valparaiso.

It was rumored last night that the bark Riverside would go to Burrard Inlet today, where she will load lumber for Southern California.

The Pilot towed the Don Carlos to the Royal Roads last evening, lumber laden, for Sandwich islands. She will be towed to sea tonight.

The steam launch Cosmos left Townsend yesterday and arrived here, where she will remain until the United States government steamer Patterson arrives, when both will proceed to Departure bay and load coal as fuel, and thence to Southern Alaska.

For the week ending Saturday, April 23, there were 29 wrecks, an increase of 11 over previous week, and the loss of lives rose to 17. Of the United Kingdom five vessels went down, of which three (British), went down by collision. Total wrecks for present year, 504.

British bark Jesse Stow, Captain Hunter, which sailed from this port on October 26th for Liverpool, has arrived at its destination, making the following report: "Passed Cape Horn January 17; crossed equator March 6; had light northerly wind and fine weather off Cape Horn. In South Atlantic had southeast trades far to the northward, and had to tack off coast of Brasil. Spoke Knight of St. Michael, from San Francisco for Cork, Dec. 1, 2° 13' W., 121° 20' W. Port Jackson, Sydney for London, April 19, 49° 18' N., 15° 2' W."

A SONG OF DISASTER.

(*By the Comox Bustle.*)

Can this indeed be May?
The month so green and fair?
Surely November, at its worst,
Could scarce with this compare.

For clouds of blackest hue
In dense battalions form,
And trees uprroot, and fences fly
Before the warring storm.

The shivering cows rush home
To shun the fierce down-pour;
Old yellow straw, or musty hay,
They eagerly devour.

The brimming river foams,
With current brown and strong;
And over ploughed and seeded lands
The wild duck sails along.

Mere trifles these—but ah!
What real trouble springs
Where Death's Dark Angel hovers low,
With close and sifting wings.

Woe for the stricken town!
Woe for the homes of gloom,
Which husband's son, or father's face
Shall nevermore illume!

O, month of cloud and wrath!
Long, long, through future years,
Kanakas will remember thee
With sighing and with tears.

God bind the broken hearts;
God comfort those who mourn
For what can human aid avail,
In such a time forlorn

That a sort of Freemasonry, it is said, exists among Chinese that finds expression on goods sent to their laundry. Certain signs mean "bad pay," "no good," "heap slippery," etc.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

B. C. Members Ask for Protection to Rice Mills.

The Request Partially Complied With—Senator (Port Moody) McInnes Wants to Know Why the Iron Piles were Moved From the Official Terminus.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Ont. May 16.—Bush fires are raging in the Ottawa valley. The Pacific wires are burned down.

The British Columbia members interviewed the government to-day to increase the duty on clean rice or take off the duty on the raw material or paddy. The object is to compel the Chinese to use Canadian prepared rice. Tupper said the latter request was impossible, but the case would be met by increasing the duty on clean articles.

Senator McInnes complained that the Canadian Pacific railway moved the iron piles from the wharves at Port Moody to Vancouver without permission. The government will enquire.

B. C. DEFENSES.

The Senate Agreed that Every Protection Should be Afforded.

Hon. Mr. Foster Not Favorable to Reciprocity.—The British Columbia-Australia Cable.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

OTTAWA, May 14.—The senate discussed British Columbia defenses, and were agreed that the utmost protection should be given Victoria and other British Columbia ports.

In an interview, Hon. Mr. Foster, minister of marine and fisheries, stated he was strongly opposed to reciprocity with the United States.

It is reported that the Canada Pacific controls the projected cable between British Columbia and Australia.

ANOTHER PIONEER GONE.

Last evening at 6 o'clock, William Lohse, proprietor of the Bank Exchange, Yates street, died in the 52nd year of his age. Deceased has been suffering for some time from aneurism of the heart, from which complaint he died and for the past year has suffered great agony. He came to the province in July, 1858, during the Fraser river excitement, and mined on several creeks with various success, some one or more of which he was the actual discoverer. He was one of the settlers of the Cariboo pioneers and mined with those hardy adventurers, many of whom have reached that bourne from which no traveller returns many years before himself. Returning to Victoria about 1806 he went into business on Johnson street, after which he started up in the old Washington market on Government street. He remained in business until the White Pine excitement, when he started for that locality and remained about two years ere he returned to Victoria.

Upon the organization of the Victoria volunteer fire department he became an active member, and upon his return he resumed his fire duties to the approbation of his fellow firemen, who elected him to every office in their power, from assistant foreman to chief engineer, and then as delegate from the Deluge company and president of the board of delegates for many years and until the day of the disorganization for a paid department. As a member of the seventh ward company, Deluge No. 1, presented him with a valuable gold headed walking cane and the department tendered him an illuminated address in recognition of his valuable services.

Deceased was also a charter member in the organization of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in this city, and held a responsible position in that order until ill-health compelled his resignation. He was presented with a valuable token in recognition of his impartiality and integrity in the service of that order.

Only a year ago last month he imported a number of carp and placed them in the Little Langford lake, hoping to acclimate them in these waters. It is to be hoped they will live to perpetuate his memory.

The deceased was an enterprising citizen and generous to all who ever made their wants known to him. His death will be regretted by many who will always hold his memory dear.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon next and will be conducted under the auspices of the A. O. U. W. and attended by the volunteer fire department, and the Pioneer Society.

A LIVELY EXPERIENCE.

The Little Steam Launch Cosmos, 32 Tons, Rides the Frightful Gale, that Causes the Ocean King to Sink.

Yesterday morning the steam launch Cosmos, belonging to the U.S. steamer C. P. Patterson, arrived from Port Townsend. She is the vessel that brought the crew of the ill-fated ship Ocean King from Cape Flattery to the Sound. A reporter of THE COLONIST interviewed Mr. Beecher, ensign in the navy, who related the startling experience of the crew of the little steamer:—We left San Francisco in tow of the Patterson, all ready for any emergency, the fires being banked, and had not proceeded many miles when it was observed that we were going to have a spell of nasty weather, which in a short time came upon us in full force. We had got up a good head of steam in case anything happened, when the tow-line snapped. A signal was given to start the engines, but as the engineer was going to start, one of the men accidentally dropped a piece of wood into the crank hole, and in endeavoring to extract it his hand was caught, and but for the fact that the engines were not going it would have been crushed to a shapeless mass. However, the action of the waves on the propeller moved it backwards and forward and caused some delay in extracting him from his unfortunate position, and it was therefore some time before we were able to start ahead. The experience was not a pleasant one, I can assure you. The launch is one of the staunchest afloat, and the fact that she rode the storm that caused the sinking of the Ocean King is something to boast of.

The launch suffered little damage, with the exception that a few planks in her deck were loosened. The object of her visit to this port was for the purpose of procuring supplies. She returned to Port Townsend last evening.

CARS DITCHED

And Chinamen Injured. Two Perhaps Fatally.

Says the *Inland Sentinel*: An accident happened to a freight train going east on the C. P. R., two and a-half miles east from Kamloops, last Monday morning at a few minutes past 6 a. m. The train took a double-header, and was proceeding at the usual rate when a steer was observed on the track a short distance ahead by Engineer H. Currie, whose engine was leading. It was impossible to check the speed of the train in time, and a "boost" was sounded, but to no purpose. The steer did not move, and the two engines passed over him causing the tenders of both to be thrown off the track and the cars to be ditched. In one of the forward cars there were eleven Chinamen, along with bags of rice, etc., and the shaking up of this promiscuous load resulted in all the Celestial occupants being more or less injured—two of them being so seriously hurt that it is believed they cannot long survive. No white men were hurt; but McDonald, the head brakesman, was considerably shaken up by taking a leap from his car as it canted over. He was, however, able to return to town and report the accident. The wounded Celestials were brought to town and cared for—the two most seriously hurt being placed in the Kamloops hospital.

That Angel Darling—"Mamma, where did baby tome from?" Fond mother—"Papa bought him in the market." Angel Darling—"Why didn't him div ten cents more and det one wif hair on?"

ALKALI WATER.

TO THE EDITOR:—Some twenty-five years ago I resided at the Mission Dolores, near San Francisco, and kept poultry. Occasionally I had fine broods of chickens but after some ten days they all of them sickened and died. At the time it was imputed to the cold winds prevailing, and it never occurred to me until many years after that it was from the alkali water. The grown birds could endure it but it was fatal to the chickens. Calling some few years after at the house I asked the occupant about the water. "Oh," she said, "we do not use it. My little girl was suffering from her gums and teeth, and on calling in the doctor he said 'show me your tea kettle. That,' he said, 'is the cause of it; your water is alkali.'" Some few years since when on the east coast of Saanich, on partaking of a glass of water I remarked "Your water is alkali." At that time a daughter in this house in that healthy locality, with its pure air, was in consumption. Of course I do not mean to say it was caused by the use of alkali water, only that it was alkali.

W. K. B.

THE NANAIMO DISASTER.

Recovery of Bodies—Fourteen Yet Remain in the Mine—Business Resuming.

NANAIMO, May 14.—Yesterday evening the body of T. Gorman was recovered and to-day the bodies of Charles Drake, Caton Willis, W. Hague, James Lyons, John Thompson, Wm. Hoy, John Myles, Alex. McDonald, W. Morris and one unknown, were brought to the surface. Also found the bodies of Wm. Scales, Frank Tutley, W. H. Stephenson, John Johnson, and three Chinamen, which will all be brought up this evening. Six white and eleven Chinamen are yet to be found. The bodies were badly burned and recognizable only by the articles of apparel or their peculiarities.

Work at South Field is likely to be resumed on Monday and the public schools will re-open. At a public meeting held last night a relief committee was appointed. President, the mayor of Nanaimo; vice-presidents, mayors of Victoria, New Westminster and Vancouver; honorary treasurer, S. M. Robins; honorary secretary, Dr. Preger, and a committee of thirty-two, with power to add to their number.

LATER.

The air in the diagonal slope was so far improved this morning that a search party were successful in finding the bodies of thirteen white men and five Chinese. There are still fourteen to be recovered.

S. M. ROBINS.

THE RELIEF FUND.

Following are the latest returns for the relief of the Nanaimo sufferers:

COLLECTED AT CITY HALL

Teachers and pupils of two classes of high school	$38 25	Concordia benefit	$46 00
Richard Carr	20 00	James Bay Ward School	19 30
David Dale	5 00	McQuade & Co.	25 00
Win Hodge	1 00	Total	$129 55
H. P. Bell, C.E.	25 00		

SUBSCRIPTION BY TEACHER AND PUPILS OF JAMES BAY WARD SCHOOL.

M V Storey	$5 00	Stannard	25
Geo Warren	1 00	Chas Ball	25
Robt Laing	60	Beatrice Ball	25
Jane Laing	50	Edd Whyte	25
A Finlinson	50	A Patton	25
Anselin Finlinson	50	Marcus Bailey	25
Katie Finlinson	50	Beggy Anderson	25
Mary E Robinson	50	Hattie Walker	25
Lillie Russell	50	Willie Wilson	25
John Imbert	50	Jessie Spencer	25
Chas Kennedy	50	Charlotte Spencer	25
Agnes Petit	50	Robt Lorimer	25
May Franklin	25	Louis Roscamp	25
Willie Stephen	25	Willie Roscamp	25
Fred Dobbs	25	Walter Lorimer	25
Flor Robinson	25	Jessie Faucett	20
Geo Robinson	25	Geo Powell	15
Fred Renworth	25	Mable Pittock	10
Willie Northcote	25	Walter Pittock	10
Willie Redfern	25	Ralph Pittock	10
Nellie Worth	25	Cassie Morrison	10
Hattie Mackay	25	May Clark	10
Annie & Fr Moore	25	Agnes Clark	10
B & Jane Moore	25		
Wilson McConnell	25	Total	$19 30
Etta Stannard	25		

COLLECTED BY MRS. KENT.

Chas Kent	$10 00	Mrs Kurtz	2 00
Martin & Tilton	20 00	Mrs Clark	1 00
Louisa Emery	25	Mrs Templeman	1 00
Mrs Bignall	5 00	Mrs Redfern	1 00
H Rhodes	2 50	Master G Kurtz	50
Mrs Simins	25	Master Carl Kurtz	50
J King	1 00	Mr Roycraft	5 00
Miss Magiri	25	Mrs C Todd	1 00
Mrs Copeland	1 00	Mrs F. Fell	2 50
Miss Leech	1 00	Mrs Rudlin	5 00
Mrs Wardell	50	A Friend	1 00
Mrs Reynolds	3 00	Mrs Pope	2 50
Mrs Muller	10	Mrs H P Bell	5 00
Mrs Travers	25	Mrs Jay	50
Mrs Phillips	1 00	J Stockland	50
Miss Sears	2 50	Archie Brown	50
Mrs Farrell	25	T McWilliams	50
Mrs Wharton	25	G White	50
Mrs A Johnson	1 00	S Verdier	50
Mrs J Sommers	1 50	J Jardine	25
Mrs Walker	1 00	Mrs Steele	5 00
Mrs Bachelor	1 00	Mr Pierce	2 00
Mrs Duncan	1 50	R Dexter	5 00
Miss C Storey	1 00	B Golding	50
Mdme Bouchard	30	J M Read	2 50
Mrs H Moss	1 00	Geo Gascoche	1 00
Mrs McMillan	2 00	J A Coughlan	2 00
Mrs Cunningham	50	H R Ella	5 00
Mrs C Jeffree	2 50	Kwong China boy	25
Mrs Cathcart	50	Mrs Haughton	1 00
Mrs Stewart	50	A Friend	50
Mrs Booth	25		
Mrs Sherman	50	Total	$127 65

ALREADY REPORTED.

City Hall list	$1,854 05
Other Sources	1,261 50

LATEST CITY HALL RETURNS.

Rev. J. Reid	$5 00
Thornton Fell	5 00
W. Moss	2 50
A. Calder	5 00
McLennan & McFeely	5 00
F. Somers (Clinton)	30 00
Rev. Mr. Brenton	5 00
F. Barnard, jr	25 00
Stevens & Co.	50 00
R. Harvey	5 00
Total	$127 00

VANCOUVER.

News-Advertiser's relief fund $758 20

SEATTLE.

Post-Intelligencer's relief fund $3,076 00

This includes $146.50 from the Blakely mills and Hall Bros., and $64 from the inmates of Providence hospital—a touching gift.

PORTLAND.

General relief fund $3,522 15

The Portland branch of the Irish National League sent $65.50 through the Bank of British Columbia.

SAN FRANCISCO.

The following additional subscriptions to the Nanaimo fund are reported by John Rosenfeld:

W. W. Erskine	$ 10 00
George Fritch	50 00
Edward Cohn & Co.	50 00
Balfour, Guthrie & Co.	100 00
Allen & Young	50 00
Pacific Gas Improvement Co.	100 00
Jacob Stauss	10 00
California Sugar Refinery	250 00
J. D. Speckles & Brothers	100 00
M. Waterman & Co.	25 00
Preston & McKinnon	50 00
Thomas Magee	40 00
O. T. Sewall	10 00
Kruse & Euler	25 00
Cash, G.	50 00
Cash, Y.	5 00
Cash $10, $15	25 00
City	$ 950 00
Previously received	6,686 00
Total	$7,636 00

The following telegram has been received:

SIERRA CITY (Cal.), May 12.

John Rosenfeld, San Francisco:—On behalf of the employes of the Sierra Buttes mine I to-day send you check for $200 for Nanaimo relief fund. T. PRESTON.

A STEEL STEAMER

To Ply from Port Moody to Southern California Ports—Will Carry Fruit for Shipment Over the C. P. R.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

LOS ANGELOS, May 16.—Walter T. Maxwell will leave for Europe on June 10th to purchase a steel steamer with a capacity of 1800 tons. The coal trade of this section has become so enormous that it cannot be handled with the present facilities. The new steamer will ply from Port Moody, B.C., to Southern California ports. Huge coal bunkers will be erected at San Pedro, Port Ballona and San Diego. After discharging coal here she will carry cargoes of fruit and other Southern California products to Port Moody for shipment over the Canadian Pacific railway.

NANAIMO.

No New Developments at the Scene of the Disaster.

NANAIMO, May 16.—There is no change in the situation here. S. M. ROBINS.

TORONTO'S PROTEST

Against Editor O'Brien Coming to Incite Feeling

Against the Governor-General—Resolutions Carried in a Mass Meeting Protesting Against the Insult—Mayor Howland Telegraphs Lord Salisbury.

[Special to THE COLONIST.]

TORONTO, May 14.

A public meeting was held this afternoon in Queen's park to protest against Wm. O'Brien coming to this city for the purpose of speaking against the governor-general. The meeting was attended by between 10,000 and 14,000 people. The proceedings were characterized by the greatest enthusiasm and perfect order. Mayor Howland presided. After the mayor had read a proclamation calling the meeting, the bishop of Algoma moved the first resolution as follows: "That this meeting reprobate the action of Wm O'Brien visiting this city for the purpose of exciting hostile feeling against his excellency, the governor-general, on account of differences between his excellency and his tenants in Ireland and express its entire and unabated confidence in the character of his excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne, and in his fitness to represent her majesty in Canada." His lordship in moving the resolutions protested against the great wrong as unblushing, indecent and an audacious impertinence was about to be perpetrated by O'Brien coming to Toronto. He said this fair Dominion was not the home of rebels. O'Brien's coming was founded on falsehood and hypocrisy.

H. M. Clark, M. P., seconded the resolution, which was supported by the Bishop of Toronto, and carried amid tremendous cheering, and waving of hats. Only about 20 hands were held up against the resolution.

Prof. Goldwin Smith moved the second resolution, as follows: "That this meeting look with perfect confidence to the parliament of the united kingdom for a wise and just settlement of all questions in relation to Ireland."

After remarks by mover, Rev. Dr. Potts and Rev. G. M. Milligan, resolution carried amid tremendous cheering.

Resolutions are to be forwarded Lord Lansdowne and Lord Salisbury.

Three cheers were given for the governor-general amidst the greatest enthusiasm, and all uncovered and sang the national anthem.

Mayor Howland sent the following cablegram to Lord Salisbury:

"A great mass meeting in Queen's park, Toronto, reprobates O'Brien's mission and expressed confidence in Lord Lansdowne. We also look with confidence to the British parliament for a wise and just settlement of the Irish question."

CABLE NEWS.

The French Crown Jewels.

PARIS, May 14.—The proceeds from today's sales of the crown jewels amounted to 672,000 francs. The agent of the Duc d'Orleans bought a chain of brilliants for 181,250 francs. Gall, an American, bought a cincture of brilliants for 132,500 francs.

British Occupation of Egypt.

The *Journal des Debats* affirms the agreement between England and Turkey relative to Egypt includes the evacuation of Egypt by the British in three years.

Bicycle Tournament.

LONDON, May 14.—The first series of five international bicycle races took place between Howell, of Wolverhampton, and Woodside, of Philadelphia; distance 20 miles. Woodside at the beginning rushed to the front and led at the end of the first mile, which he made in 2 minutes and 48 seconds. At the end of the tenth mile Woodside was still in the lead, but toward close Howell gained and won by fifteen yards. Time, 1 hour and 4 seconds.

Universal Penny Post.

Hamilton Heaton, member of parliament, who is advocating the universal penny post, addressed a letter to the postmaster-general of Great Britain, from which it appears that a penny post could be established between Great Britain and America even without any increase in the volume of correspondence.

Horse Race.

The St. George's plate for two-year-olds, five furlongs, at Windsor to-day, was won by a head by E. Jones' colt, Admiral Benbow; Lord Calthorpe's colt, Tosiano, second, J. Porter's filly, Mon Droit, third. Eight starters.

Rich Treasures Sought For.

LONDON, May 16.—The financial secretary for India advised the government of the discovery of an immense amount of treasure estimated at over $25,000,000, which had been secreted in the Palace Civilior by the late Mahajarah. The treasures had been sunk in the pits under vaults beneath the Zeenana. The secret was intrusted to a few confidential servants. The secretary was present when the treasure was unearthed. After removing the earth to a depth of six feet the workmen found great flagstones and beneath these several pits filled to the brim with silver, chiefly freshly coined rupees. In each pit was a plate recording the amount of treasure and the names of the officials who assisted in secreting it. The Indian government has taken the hoard as a loan from Mahajarah. The native papers protest against this action. They say had the Mahajarah been an adult instead of under a regency controlled by the