From THE DAILY COLONIST, July 11.

THE CITY.

A LAD named Francis Blake while working in a brick yard on the Saanich road on Monday had his arm badly crushed in the rollers. He is now at the Jubilee hospital. Though his injuries are very severe there are hopes that the arm may be saved.

MR. W. S. Terry arrived home from Vancouver by the Charmer last evening, bringing with him a bride whose fortunes were linked with his by Rev. Coverdale Watson yesterday morning. The lady was Miss Ida Tufts, and the ceremony took place at the Homer street Methodist church.

DONATIONS to the Refuge Home, 108 Cormorant street, for the month of June are as follows: Rhubarb, Mr. Elford; rhubarb and lettuce, Mrs. Flett; strawberries, Mrs. McGregor; clothing for boys, Mrs. Wise; rhubarb, Mrs. Flett; mowing the lawn, Ah Lim; twenty-four boxes of strawberries, young man; mattresses, Mrs. (Judge) Walkem.

THE unsightly frame buildings which at present occupy the corner of Broad and View streets, opposite the Driard, are within the next few weeks to be replaced by a handsome three-story structure of brick and stone, which the owners of the property, the Douglas estate, have decided to erect at once. The contract has been awarded to Mr. A. J. Smith.

THE lecture at the Metropolitan Methodist church last evening, by Rev. Dr. Briggs, of Toronto, was well attended. The subject of "Lost Labor" was treated in a masterly way by the lecturer, and no doubt a much larger crowd would greet him were he to again lecture here. Madame Laird sang a serenade before and "Nearer My God to Thee" after the lecture, in a very acceptable manner.

TWO cases came up before the Divisional court yesterday, Justices Drake, Walkem and McCreight presiding. Gesner v. Westminster was an appeal on behalf of plaintiff from an order of Judge Bole directing security for costs to be given, plaintiff being out of the jurisdiction. Brydone-Jack v. Westminster was of the same nature. Appeal dismissed in both cases. Mr. Brydone-Jack for appellants; Mr. McColl, Q.C., for respondents.

JUDGING by the attendance at the Calvary Baptist church social last night the choir fund, in aid of which the entertainment was given, will benefit quite materially. Ice cream, strawberries and a very creditable programme made up the evening's enjoyment. There were songs by Mr. Firth and Mr. Watson, a trio by Messrs. Watson, Firth and Howell, club swinging Miss Murray and Miss Cessch, instrumental duet, Miss Munsie and Miss Van Volkenburg, and instrumental music by Messrs. Curtis and Carter.

OFFICERS of the Royal Templars of Temperance were installed last evening as follows: Bro. Ellis, S. C.; Sis. V. A. McLennan, V. C.; W. A. Gleson, P. C; Sis. McGregor Chap.; H. S. Knott, Rec. Sec; Sis. Blackwood, Fin. Sec.; J. Yoe, Treas.; H. O'Neill, Herald; Sis. McKinley, Guard; J. Spears, Sent.; Dr. E. Hall, Com. Physician. The newly-installed officers subsequently entertained the other members present in a social way, rendering a programme of music, etc., and providing a plentiful supply of seasonable refreshments.

SEGHERS' COUNCIL No. 85, Y.M.I., held their quarterly meeting on Monday evening, when their regular quarterly reports were presented, showing the society to be in an excellent condition. New officers for the ensuing three months were also installed by D. McDougall, the installing officer, the result being: John Leonard, president; Harry O'Leary, vice-president; G. Schrader, second vice-president; Thos. Sehl, recording secretary; J. J. McKenna, corresponding secretary; Rev. J. A. Van Nevel, financial secretary, and Frank Sehl, treasurer. The newly elected executive committee is made up of F. Lang, L. Gray, D. Maddan, W. H. Harris and W. Stewart.

THE centre of attraction in Victoria West yesterday afternoon was the schoolroom of St. Saviour's church, where a big sale of work was in progress until 8 o'clock in the evening. Until that hour business was brisk and the stocks good, both in supply and variety. From then until a late hour in the evening business assumed even greater proportions than in the afternoon. Mr. George Bushy and his assistant auctioneers had a large collection of fancy and plain goods, live poultry and pet stock, including young kittens—which sold at from 85 cents up—when he started his sale, but his ability in the profession soon stimulated competition and business turned out highly profitable. During the evening the programme of music, etc., published in yesterday's COLONIST was rendered and was thoroughly enjoyed. The Ladies' Sewing Society, in whose aid the affair took place, have been substantially benefited by its success, and they are very grateful to Mr. Kosche for rendering them assistance in supplying wigs, etc., for the different performers.

MR. MAYNARD FITZROY TYTLER and Mrs. Tytler, nee Miss Van Marter, of Tacoma, arrived in the city on their honeymoon trip by the Kingston yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Tytler as Miss Van Marter has been a resident of Tacoma but a comparatively short time. She has always been considered the reigning society belle there ever since she and her brother, Dr. Van Marter, came to the Coast to reside. The wealth of the Van Marters is well known. As soon as they were established in Tacoma they inaugurated a series of brilliant entertainments, to which all the local four hundred were invited, among the number Mr. Tytler, who is a clerk in the branch of the Bank of British Columbia in that city. It was announced on her arrival in the City of Destiny that Miss Van Marter was to become the wife of one of the wealthiest of New York's millionaires, but it was not long before her engagement to Mr. Tytler was announced. Dr. Van Marter, it may be remembered, had his name somewhat prominently brought before the public by his declaration that he intended suing the United States government for $50,000, the result of damage done to some valuable Italian paintings which were stored in the custom house at Portland during the recent floods.

THE trial of the action of the steamer Vancouver against the steamer Yosemite was begun in the Admiralty court yesterday, Mr. Justice Crease presiding, assisted by two assessors, Commander Blair, R.N., and Lieut. Moggridge. Mr. A. L. Belyea, of Belyea & Gregory, appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. P. Æ. Irving, of Bodwell & Irving, for the defendant. The whole of the morning session was taken up in discussing legal points, chief of which were those as to the right of the mortgagees of the Vancouver to bring the action for damages caused by the collision and the question as to which ship was *prima facie* responsible. The court after hearing the argument decided that the mortgagees (W. C. Ward and F. B. Pemberton, executors of J. D. Pemberton, deceased) were right in bringing the action, and also that the defendant must begin the case, it being the law that when a ship under steam comes into collision with a ship at anchor, the *onus probandi* is on the ship under steam to show that there was no negligence on her part. After luncheon the first evidence was called. Captain T. W. Roberts, who was in command of the Yosemite at the time of the collision (the 15th of May, last year), related the circumstances of the accident, the blame being put upon the Vancouver, which it is alleged did not have a proper light hoisted and was anchored directly in the road of steamers going to the wharf. W. Clarke and J. Mair, the two men who were at the wheel when the boat came into collision, were called, and also two residents of Mayne island, who said they had observed the condition of the Vancouver before the accident. The case for the defence was closed at 6 o'clock and the court adjourned until Thursday at 10 a.m., Mr. Justice Crease being to-day engaged in the Full court.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

The American Yacht Suffers a Fourth Defeat by the "Britannia"—The "Petrel" Wrecked.

HUNTER QUAY, GLASGOW, July 10.—The Britannia to-day won her fourth race against the Vigilant. The Britannia rounded the first buoy in 2 hours 30 minutes and 44 seconds, and the Vigilant in 2 hours 31 minutes and 40 seconds. The race was 50 miles over the Clyde course for the Clyde Corinthian Yacht Club's cup. The wind was light from the south. The Britannia got over the starting line two minutes ahead of the Vigilant, but before half the course was sailed the Vigilant overhauled and passed her. The Vigilant led for about two miles, when the Britannia ran past her under a freshening breeze, overhauled and passed her, retaining the lead thus gained to the finish.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

The American schooner yacht Josephine, Capt. Kelly, of Everett, owner and commander, arrived in port early yesterday morning with a family party on board who are enjoying a pleasure cruise. They will spend a few days here before continuing their travels. The Josephine is a San Diego built yacht of 20 tons, which only a few days ago swept up all the most coveted prizes at the New Whatcom regatta, thereby establishing her right to the championship of Puget Sound. The Victoria yacht Petrel, Captain Scroggs owner and skipper, while running in to Victoria in the Josephine's company early yesterday morning had the misfortune to go ashore near Ross bay, where it is expected she will prove a total loss. She was a five-ton sloop, built in Victoria and valued at about $1,000. Just how the accident occurred no one is quite able to explain.

THE WHEEL.

MARSHALL WELLS COMING WEST.

WINNIPEG, July 10.—A letter was received this morning by J. K. McCulloch, stating that Marshall Wells of Toronto, champion of Canada, would be willing to come up here this season. In all probability he will be here for the combined bicycle meet in September.

LIEUTENANT LUCAS.

The local cyclists at their regular meeting last evening elected Mr. Oscar Lucas first lieutenant, and also decided upon a club emblem in the form of a winged wheel encircled by a wreath on a field of blue.

CANOEING.

AN EVENING CRUISE ARRANGED.

At an executive meeting of the Victoria Canoe Club, held at the clubhouse last evening, considerable business was transacted. Messrs. D Murphy, R. H. Wyseman, Walter Borns and O. T. Page were elected to membership. The club will hold an evening cruise on Tuesday evening the 17th inst., leaving the clubhouse at 7 o'clock. Ladies and gentlemen are requested to bring along their banjos, guitars or other musical instruments, and also Japanese lanterns to illuminate the scene. An afternoon cruise will be held on the following Saturday, leaving the club at 2:30 p.m., the rendezvous being the head of the Arm.

ATHLETICS.

THE CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

Mr. W. L. Hayward, of Vancouver, has sent the following reply to the challenge of Mr. Harrison, of Victoria:

"In reply to Mr. E. L. Harrison's challenge of the 8th inst. to compete with me in the following events, viz., 100 yard race; 290 yard race; 220 hurdle; 330 yard race; 440 yards; running long and high jump, for $100 a side, I hereby accept the same, to take place either at Vancouver or Victoria, time, etc., to be agreed upon, forfeit to be put up when articles of agreement are signed."

THE RIFLE.

CANADIANS AT BISLEY.

LONDON, July 10.—The annual prize meeting of the National Rifle Association, at Bisley, opened to-day, several minor contests, mainly in the extra series, constituting the first day's events. In the Jeffery match, at 500 yards, seven shots with the Martini-Henry rifle, two of the Canadians made the full score of 35, these being Capt. W. P. Milligan, Durham Field Battery, and Pte. J. H. Heyhurst, 13th Battalion; while Staff-Sergt. J. Rolston, 20th Battalion and Pte. T. Kambery, 5th Royal Scots, had only one point less to their credit. In the Marsden match, seven shots at 600 yards, Staff Sergt. W. C. King, 45th Battalion, scored 34. In the Appsley-Pellatt, seven shots at 300 yards, any position, Staff Sergt. John Ogg, 1st B.F.A., scored 34 out of 35.

HERE AND THERE.

Messrs. W. A. Cornwall and A. W. O'Brien have been elected members of the J.B.A.A.

Owing to the strike, the Tacoma races have been indefinitely postponed.

George Partridge, captain of the V.A.C. baseball team, has received a communication from J. J. Clark, captain of the Nanaimo baseball team, challenging for a match in the Black Diamond City, on Saturday, the 14th inst. The invitation was accepted at a meeting of the V.A.C.'s called for its consideration. The team will consist of: W. Lenfesty, pitcher; Geo. Smith, catcher; Geo. Partridge, first base; S. Kohler, second base; W. Wriglesworth, third base; J. Huxtable, short stop; E. Wriglesworth, left field; F. Gouge, centre field; and W. Bucket, right field.

Stanford beat Seattle at baseball Saturday, on a score of 18 to 4.

The annual picnic of the Hunters' club was held at Colwood on Sunday. There was an excellent programme of sports provided and the day proved as usual enjoyable.

McCulloch, the Manitoba cycling champion, is going east to race.

The secretary of the Toronto Rowing Club has received a cable from Ryan and Wright announcing that they have entered for the Bradford regatta and hope to win.

HAWAII'S FINANCE MINISTER

Hon. S. M. Damon Arrives in Victoria on His Way to San Francisco.

The New Constitution Looked Upon as a Stepping Stone to Annexation.

The Hawaiian minister of finance, Hon. S. M. Damon, arrived in Victoria yesterday by the Warrimoo on his way to San Francisco. Mr. Damon is a native-born Hawaiian of American parentage; his manner is genial and unassuming, and he was quite prepared to chat pleasantly about the situation in the islands.

"I came over," he said, "simply to attend to some private business at San Francisco in connection with my own firm (Bishop & Co. bankers) in Honolulu, and have no intention of going to Washington, nor has my visit any political aspect whatever. I simply transact my business in San Francisco and go home by the Monowai. Leaving as I did on the night of the 2nd July, and just before the constitution was promulgated on July 4, I cannot speak personally of the ceremony, but I am perfectly positive that everything went off pleasantly and smoothly. There were to be no grand ceremonies in connection with the announcement of the change from a provisional to a permanent constitution. The President was to take the oath on the steps in front of the executive building and after the promulgation of the constitution, the usual Fourth of July holiday celebration would go on. We shall of course feel more secure under the new constitution, for it seems certain that the opponents of the government will under the new order of things accept the inevitable, and their chances of ever making trouble will be slim. Yes, there is still among many natives a desire for the return of the monarchy, but among the other nationalities it is wonderful how the feeling has grown in favor of the present government. The Queen is living in retirement at her own house.

"Does she think she will be restored? Well, yes, strange as it may seem, she believes that as surely as that to-morrow is coming she will be seated on the throne again. As to her future, speaking for my colleagues and myself, I may say that as soon as she is prepared to accept the inevitable and recognize the government we are prepared to deal liberally with her and allow her a suitable allowance ample for all her needs. Of course as long as she maintains her hostile attitude what can be done?"

Asked if the hopes of ultimate annexation to the United States were as strong as ever, Mr. Damon smiled and answered, "Certainly. Our new constitution is looked upon as simply a stepping stone on the way to annexation. It gives us a status on which to treat with the United States. As long as we were only a provisional government the objection was raised to our overtures for annexation. Now as an independent nation, under a stable constitution, we can without doubt enter into negotiations for annexation with the States. All our interests and most of our trade lie in that direction, and even the European residents see that our true policy is to join with the United States. However, should that country still refuse to receive us we should keep right along as an independent country.

"I think the new constitution will act remarkably well. It is to a certain extent modelled on that of the United States, modified to suit the peculiar condition of a country with so large a population of aborigines."

Mr. Damon, in regard to the Hawaiian government refusing leave to the British to land and drill sailors and marines from H. M. S. Champion, while permitting other nations to land troops, said his government was not actuated by any feeling of animosity against the British.

"Mr. Wodehouse, the British minister," he explained, "has maintained what he called a simple state of neutrality. This could only mean that while dealing with our government he must recognize some other side as well, or how could it be a case of neutrality? When he asked permission to land troops Mr. Hatch, the minister of foreign affairs, wrote asking him to define his position, as unless our government were recognized we could not let troops be landed. That was our only reason for refusing to allow the Champion's sailors to land.

"The elections under the new constitution are expected to come off some time about the beginning of September," Mr. Damon says. "Until then the present officers will retain their positions and everything will go on as usual. A special session of the legislature will likely be held in September."

Turning from politics to matters of trade, Mr. Damon remarked that the new connection with Canada by means of the Canadian-Australian line was looked upon with great favor in the islands, the Hawaiian people regarding it as opening a most valuable addition to their trade and already it has expanded most satisfactorily.

"The proposed cable project is also hailed with pleasure in Hawaii," he remarked. "You must know that for years the government there had a standing offer of $25,000 a year for a cable connection with America, and though our present condition has been somewhat uncertain, now that we have settled upon a permanent basis, my colleagues and myself are quite ready to do what we can to favor a cable, either by way of Victoria or San Francisco. You Canadians no doubt prefer to have it laid here, in sympathy with your Imperial interests, and I must say that it appears that the cable seems more likely to come this way than by way of San Francisco."

Mr. Damon is delighted with his trip across by the Warrimoo, and says the accommodation and attention shown to passengers will make the Canadian route a great favorite with tourists and the travelling public generally. He leaves this morning for Seattle on his way to San Francisco. He is accompanied by Mr. E. W. Jordan, a prominent merchant of Honolulu, who is also on a business trip.

The United Press correspondent at Honolulu, writing under date of the 2nd instant for dispatch by the Warrimoo, says:

"The convention completed the third reading of the constitution on the 30th. A number of verbal emendations were made and the order of several sections changed. They will meet on the morning of the third to make the final enactment.

"The constitution is to be promulgated at 8 a.m. on July 4, and President Dole is to take the oath of office at that hour in front of the executive building. Dole will then appoint and swear in his cabinet. The councils will meet on the 3rd, and by resolution turn over the government and all its property to the new republic of Hawaii.

"Admiral Walker went to Waianae on the 29th with Parker and Wideman, on a steamer provided by the latter, returning the following evening. Wideman owns a large plantation at Waianae. The object of the excursion was said to be fishing.

"An attempt is being made by royalists to win over by bribes the heads of the American League and the Schuetzen Club, Tim Murray and H. Klemme, who were offered last week $5,000 each. The Queen was to proclaim a satisfactory constitution if she might be restored. Murray and Klemme informed the government, and were instructed to encourage the negotiations to the point of getting some of the money handed over. This has not yet been done, although the sum offered has been doubled. While there has been much kicking and growling in those associations, they are thoroughly loyal to the revolution, and it is childish to suppose that they could be turned over by their leader to the Queen. Billy Cornwell, late minister of finance, offers the bribe, although it is not learned where the money comes from. He is believed to have it in hand, but Carson Kenyon is the go-between.

"The royalists are greatly agitated and extremely anxious to prevent the establishment of the republic. As a prominent citizen expressed it, they can only bark, but dare not bite. The government do not believe that they will make any attempt whatever at resistance any more than they have done for eighteen months past. They will, however, take no chances. Every precaution will be used. The constitution continues to the advisory council all the powers of the legislature until the latter is elected and meets.

"The citizens held a mass meeting this evening at the drill shed for the purpose of supporting the new constitution. The royalists also held one on Palace square at 8 p.m. for the purpose of making a protest against it. The royalist mass meeting was a dismal failure. There was scarcely an attempt to cheer the speakers. About four hundred natives and one hundred whites were present, the latter mostly from curiosity. The natives looked stolid. J. O. Carter read the English version of the resolutions. The government have doubled the guards around the executive building. The Schuetzen Club have passed rousing resolutions in favor of the new constitution."

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.

Incomplete Returns Indicate the Re-Election of the Provincial Secretary and Mr. Stoddart.

Corrected Figures From Cariboo—Details of Voting in Several Constituencies.

The elections throughout the Province continue to monopolize public attention, and the latest returns from the upper country are eagerly asked for. Unfortunately these are very difficult to obtain, owing to the distance of the greater number of polling divisions from telegraph stations.

The vote in East Lillooet is still incomplete, Big Bar, Dog Creek and Bowes (Alkali Lake) not yet having been heard from. The other four polling places of the district—Clinton, Bonaparte, Wright's (127-Mile House), and Abel's (111-Mile House)—give Stoddart 69 and Prentice 59, the government candidate leading by ten votes with every prospect of success.

In East Kootenay, where the election was held yesterday, Col. Baker is likewise sure of re-election, the latest returns giving him 154 to his opponent's (Schou's) 126, with Windermere, Wasa, Fort Steele, and St. Eugene Mission still to be heard from.

The complete returns from Comox give Hunter 244 to Scharschmidt's 133.

To-day sees the polling in West Lillooet, West Yale and North Yale, the 18th being election day in East Yale. The candidates who to-day will achieve victory or suffer defeat at the polls are:

	Gov't.	Opp'n.
West Lillooet	Smith	Keatley.
West Yale	Wardell	Semlin.
North Yale	Martin	McCutcheon.

It is now certain that Rogers and Adams, both government supporters, will be Cariboo's representatives in the new house. A mistake was made in telegraphing the figures from Barkerville, where Watt polled 42 instead of 102 votes as erroneously announced. The final announcement of the vote is therefore as below:

Rogers, (G)	154
Adams, (G)	145
McLeese, (O)	143
Watt, (G)	135
Kinchant, (O)	95

Details of the vote in East Kootenay received up to midnight yesterday were:

	Baker.	Schou.
Donald	34	37
Roger's Pass	26	5
Beaver	10	18
Golden	65	54
Pallister	4	5
Field	15	7
Total	154	126

With four polling divisions still to be heard from.

VANCOUVER, July 10.—(Special)—In analysing the vote in the recent election it transpires that Tatlow obtained 67 "plumpers," Anderson 33, Green 24, Cotton 15, Williams 13, McPherson 12, and Odlum 4. There were 52 other combinations in voting. In the straight combination of Tatlow, Anderson and Williams there were 1357 polled, and Anderson, Odlum and Tatlow 483. To the very last before the polling the sectional feeling was stimulated—"Mainland against the Island." There was no politics in the contest. As soon as the result was known, a noisy procession was started, but in the majority of cases, as soon as the results from outside began to come in, the shouts of joy stopped and were replaced by gloomy silence.

FRENCH CREEK, July 10.—(Special)—The large majority for Mr. Bryden and the government in this district, Saturday last, not only shows the trust the people have in their candidate, but also the confidence they place in Hon. Theo. Davie, who so loyally commands the allegiance of his party.

AN EX-PREACHER STABS A COMMONWEALER.

MOUNT VERNON, July 10.—B. M. Howell and A. H. Baker, workmen at Moore's shingle mill near this city, became involved in a discussion over the strike. Their arguments finally came to blows, and Baker took a big club and made a pass at Howell, who parried it and a moment later stuck his pocket knife into Baker's abdomen. Baker was brought to town and is now in a critical condition. He is regarded as crazy on the Commonweal and industrial question, while Howell is an ex-preacher and ex-deputy county auditor. Baker has a large family. Howell has given himself up.

"Be sure you get Ayer's" is an important caution to all in search of a thoroughly reliable blood purifier. Ayer's Sarsaparilla being the one on which there can be no manner of doubt. It has stood the test of nearly half a century, and has long been considered the standard.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Fraser River Canneries Ready For the Sockeye Pack—A Big Catch Expected.

Building Improvements In Vancouver—Y. M. C. A. Reorganization—Relief to Flood Sufferers.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, July 11.—The following large buildings are under construction in Vancouver: The Dunn block, Granville street; the Inns of Court, Hastings street; the Rogers block, the Arcade, corner of Hastings and Cambie streets; the Hudson Bay warehouse, Water street, and the Vermilyea block, Granville street.

That the Y.M.C.A. is to be reorganized was decided upon at a large meeting held at the Hastings street building yesterday.

Alfred John Hollyer, of the Bank of Montreal in this city, was married to Miss Francis Castle, of Toronto, at the latter city on July 3rd.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 11.—The Fraser River by-law passed the city council last night.

The council has decided to economize by cutting off several employes in various departments.

The canneries are all ready to begin the sockeye pack and on the first appearance of the run over 1,200 boats will be sent out. If the fish are plentiful, the pack should be the largest on record, though very few canners expect to see as many cases put up as last year. The number of licenses issued so far by Inspector of Fisheries McNab is between 1,250 and 1,300. This is over 200 more than last year and double the number of four or five years ago. Twenty-eight canneries have taken out between them 560 licenses, which is somewhat in excess of last year. The greatest increase, however, is in the number of free fishermen.

Detailed reports of the relief supplied to the flood sufferers by the Government are being prepared by W. B. Townsend. The name of every recipient of relief and the value of the goods given each person will be set down in full.

Salmon shipments to the East have been resumed and a good many small lots are now being rushed forward. The interruption to C. P. R. traffic proved a great loss to the fish exporters.

FRENCH CREEK.

FRENCH CREEK, July 10.—A large scow-load of lumber and church furniture, from the Nanaimo sawmills, arrived on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble left on Friday for their place in Ireland.

THE CITY MARKETS.

The depression recently caused by the washouts on the local markets has been to a certain extent revived by the American railroad strikes. Scarcely had the freight begun to move over the C.P.R. than it began to accumulate here and there throughout the United States. Several business men have on this account been very seriously inconvenienced, though it is hoped that the effects will only be temporary. The receipts of Australian, Hawaiian and Fiji fruits during the past few days have considerably increased the supply, also affording excellent variety. Raspberries and red and black currants are quite plentiful, and apples are beginning to come in freely. Canadian cheese is in the meantime a much desired article, the supply having been exhausted some time ago. Vegetables of all kinds are plentiful, but no field produce except new hay will probably come into market for a short time.

Current retail quotations are as follows:

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$ 5.50
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	5.50
Premier	5.50
Three Star	5 25
Victoria	5.25
Lion	5.25
Royal	5.25
Portland roller	5.00
Snow Flake	5.00
Salem	5.00
Wheat, per ton	35.00@40.00
Oats, per ton	35.00@40.00
Barley, per ton	32.00@35.00
Middlings, per ton	32.00@35.00
Bran, per ton	25.00@27.50
Ground Feed, per ton	30.00@35.00
Corn, whole "	45.00
" cracked "	50.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	.40
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	.50
Rolled Oats, per lb	6
Potatoes (new), per lb	2
Cabbage, per lb	3@4
Cauliflower, per doz	1 00
Rhubarb, per lb	.04
Hay, baled, per ton	17@18.00
Straw, per bale	1.00
Onions, per lb	.05
" Silver, per lb	.06
Eggs, Island, per dozen	25@30
" imported	20
Butter, fresh	25@35
" Creamery, per 3 lbs	1 00
Hams, American, per lb	20
" Canadian "	18
" Boneless "	20
Bacon, American, per lb	18@20
" Rolled "	14
" Long clear "	15
" Canadian "	15
Shoulders, per lb	14
Lard "	18@25
Golden Cottolene, per lb	20
Meats—Beef per lb	8@15
Sides "	8@10
Mutton, per lb	8@12½
" Frozen, per lb	8@11
Pork, fresh, per lb	10@15
Chickens, per pair	1.00@2.00
Turkey per lb	18@25
Geese per lb	16@25
Pigeons, each	25@35
Fish—Salmon (Spring), per lb	10@12
" (Smoked), "	8@10
Halibut "	8@10
Cod, per lb	6@8
Small fish	5@6
Smelts, per lb	8@10
Fruits—Apples per lb	5@6
(Australian) per lb	.10
Oranges (Australian) per doz	25@30
do. (Naval) "	40@50
do. (Mexican) "	25@30
do. (Fiji) "	25
Limes, "	.10
Lemons (California) "	35@40
" (Australian) "	25@40
" (Sicily) "	40@50
New Orleans Bananas, per doz	45
Pine Apples, apiece	25@50
Honolulu Bananas, per doz	25@35
Tomatoes, per lb	10@12
Cherries, "	10@12
Apricots, "	10@12
Peaches, "	10@12
Plums, "	10@12½
Gooseberries, per lb	8@10
Strawberries, "	8@12
Black Currants, "	8@10
Red "	8@10
Raspberries, "	8@10

Wheat in Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 9.—There was the usual anti-government report to-day. It said that the spring wheat average would be much lower this month than last, probably not higher than 70 per cent. There was no question but that this acted as the principal sustainer to prices to-day. There were other reasons for higher prices, principal among them being a decrease of 968,000 bushels on the amount on passage, and higher Liverpool and continental cables, excepting Antwerp, where lower prices were quoted, and extremely large withdrawals from store, 301,492 bushels.

Saved Her Life.

Mrs. C. J. WOOLDRIDGE, of Wortham, Texas, saved the life of her child by the use of **Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.**

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AYER'S Cherry Pectoral

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ROYAL COMMISSION.

The following report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into certain matters concerning the Nakusp & Slocan Railway is published for general information.

By Command.

A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Dep. Provincial Secretary.

REPORT.

To the Honourable Edgar Dewdney, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia:

We, the undersigned Commissioners appointed by the Commission of the twentieth day of April, 1894, to inquire into certain matters therein mentioned, concerning the Nakusp & Slocan Railway Company, have the honour to report that the manner in which that inquiry has been made, and the evidence taken therein will appear by the record of the proceedings of the Commission, which we have the honour to submit herewith.

It will be seen from the notes of evidence, that, though full notice was given of the time and place of sitting, and also, in our opinion, a sufficient intimation that the reasonable expenses of witnesses would be recouped to them through the Commissioners, no one has thought fit to appear in support of the accusations.

The only person from whom we have received any assistance in this direction has been the Hon. Robert Beaven, M.P.P., who, though not responsible for making the charges, brought forward some facts upon which he suggested the absentee accusers might have relied.

These were first: irregularity in acting upon the Statute of 1893 before it had actually been brought into force, which could only be done by an Order-in-Council.

But this seems, though an irregularity, to be quite inadequate to support the charge of corruption against the Minister. The Statute of 1893 was brought into operation by an Order-in-Council almost immediately afterwards. The whole transaction has been confirmed and ratified by the Statute of 1894, and the irregularity, so far from demonstrating that the Minister was then the agent of the Company, points distinctly in the opposite direction, since it would have been the first care and duty of such an agent to see that everything was in order.

And secondly: Mr. Beaven pointed out that in the opinion of many persons, the undertaking which the Statute of 1894 imposed upon the Government, in lieu of that under the Statute of the former year, was so manifestly disadvantageous, that it was to be inferred that it could only have been introduced and supported through corrupt motives; though it must be added that he did not make such a charge.

It does not follow, of course, that a bad bargain must be a corrupt bargain. An honest Minister, with no motive or desire except to serve his Province, might make a mistake. We do not wish to suggest for a moment that any such mistake has occurred in the matter into which we have been inquiring. On the contrary we think that under the evidence adduced, and the arguments addressed to us, only one conclusion is open to us, and that is that the arrangement for the construction of the Nakusp & Slocan Railway which was ratified by the Act of 1894, is more advantageous to the Province than the arrangement contemplated by the Act of 1893, and we have had no difficulty in arriving at that conclusion. But, however that may be, on the issues more directly submitted to us by the Commission, there we think no room for doubt, and we find as follows, that is to say:—

Firstly: That the Honourable the Premier of the Province, in advising the guarantees mentioned in the said Commission, did not work for the Company, but worked for the Province;

Secondly: That the statement made by the Honourable Member for Nanaimo District, in his place in the Legislative Assembly, that it appeared that the Honourable the Leader of the Government had been working for the Company and not for the Province, is not true;

Thirdly: That no corrupt motives of any kind existed with or influenced Your Honour's Ministers in the advice tendered by them to Your Honour in relation to the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company;

Fourthly: That no one of Your Honour's Ministers has had, or has, any interest, directly or indirectly, in

(a.) The Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company; or

(b.) In the Construction Company by which such railway is being built; or

(c.) In any contract by or with either of the said Companies, either in furnishing materials or supplies, or in any way whatsoever.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated the 16th day of May, A.D. 1894.

MATT. B. BEGBIE,
GEO. W. BURBIDGE,
Commissioners.

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