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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

With Thanks.

Mr. J. Hutchison, treasurer of the Protestant Orphans Home, on behalf of the committee of the home, thankfully acknowledges the receipt from Prof. Adderley of $180, the net proceeds of the production of Pygmalion and Galatea.

Coming to Victoria.

The managing director and one of his colleagues on the Board of the Bank of British Columbia are expected to arrive here about Sunday. They have come to this side for the purpose of visiting all the branches and agencies of the bank in Canada and the United States.

He WILL Stand Fire.

In view of the effort being made by the Opposition to compel Mr. R. H. Hall, of the Hudson's Bay Co. at Fort Simpson, not to contest Cassiar in the Government interest, that gentleman informed a COLONIST man yesterday afternoon that, come what might, he would stand firm. Neither pressure nor persuasion will induce him to withdraw his candidature.

A Singular Case.

The Port Townsend Call reports that a young girl named Clara Walton, aged 17 years, had died on Tuesday evening, but the body has not yet been interred, as there appears to be evidence of life. Her flesh contains warmth and the body is limp, totally unlike the rigidity of a corpse. Her lips have a life-like appearance and the case is puzzling and extraordinary. Electricity has been applied, but without result.

Heard From.

Several weeks ago a letter, addressed to a Victoria detective, was published in THE COLONIST, in which a young lady residing in Western Ontario, asked for information in regard to the whereabouts of her long lost father, with whose disappearance from his home a tinge of mystery mingled. It is now announced that the published letter reached the eye of the father in San Francisco, and he is now on his way home to join the family from whom he has been so long separated.

Affairs in Quebec.

Bover of Hon. Mr. Mercier, premier of Quebec, to the pamphlet of the Equal Rights Association against the Jesuits' Estates Act, by the inhabitants of the province of Quebec, has been published in book form. It contains "the correspondence exchanged between Hon. Mr. Mercier and Mr. Joseph Caven, president of the Equal Rights Association, the letter having as its title—Disabilities of Protestants in the province of Quebec, by Mr. Sellar, editor of the Huntingdon Gleaner, and the answer to that letter by Hon Mr. Mercier."

He Pleads "Not Guilty."

In the Provincial Court yesterday, Mr. Albert Ward, J. P., presiding, William Shanahan was, upon the information of William Tills of the Swan Lake hotel, charged with obtaining the sum of $5 under pretenses. The case was that of the check for $2,500 bearing the name of J. C. Ward, which was given in security for a loan. The prisoner pleaded "Not Guilty," and, by the request of Sergeant Gray, the hearing was adjourned until Friday, William was also anxious to obtain legal advice. His story is that he bought the check from still another party.

Steamers in Collision.

On Monday evening, at Tacoma, the steamers Fairhaven and Multnomah came into collision near the Northern Pacific wharf, to the sorrow of the latter vessel. The Fairhaven was just leaving the wharf as the Multnomah was putting in after her return from Olympia. The Multnomah ran into the Fairhaven, striking her bow with half force. The Fairhaven was overhauled only last week, and a new stern put in. The blow, therefore, did not harm her perceptibly and she continued on her trip down the Sound. The Multnomah fared much worse. Her stern was badly stove in, and after landing her cargo and passengers, she went to Old Town for repairs.

Provincial Improvements.

The time for receiving tenders for the construction of a Howe truss bridge over the Somas river, Alberni, expires to-day. It is expected that the successful contractor will be announced early next week.

Every winter since the Central school of Victoria was established has seen some days when it was so cold that the scholars were rendered miserable and unfit for work. It has now been decided to heat the building throughout by steam, and the contract for the supply of the necessary apparatus will be let in a few days.

Tenders have been invited by the lands and works department for the continuation of the Beecher Bay and Sooke road.

Inspector Young Explains.

Port Inspector Young, of H. M. Customs—who was the acting Collector during Mr. Milne's recent absence from the city—was interviewed by a COLONIST man yesterday in reference to the published dispatch from Washington, D. C., in which it was stated that he had rendered assistance to the United States Customs authorities in a quoted case of smuggling Chinese out of Victoria. Mr. Young wishes it to be stated that there has evidently been some error in the transmission of the report from Washington, as any action he may take, or may have taken, would be solely for the purpose of protecting Canadian revenue or enforcing Canadian revenue laws. He could have no possible authority for the enforcement of United States laws of any kind.

That Mission Bridge.

A correspondent writing from the Mission bridge emphatically contradicts the report that the new structure had come to grief. Says he: "In the first place the work already completed is as solid as the day it was done; not a stick or stone was moved by the water or anything else." At present only about thirty men are working on the bridge, and besides having all the foundation piles driven and cribs sunk they have two spans up from the north side. The approaches from both sides are also about completed. A large framing gang is at work in the framing yard, and they will have the remaining spans ready before the water is low enough to allow the men to work again. The bridge will be finished and trains running over it by November.

Foraging.

Jennie, the black and pioneer occupant of the bear pen at Beacon Hill Park, distinguished herself on Wednesday night by organising and carrying out in a manner thoroughly satisfactory to herself, a moonlight foraging expedition. In some manner best known to herself she succeeded in slipping her chain off during the evening, and started on a tour of investigation. A chicken coop happened to be upon the line of march and five of the occupants fell victims to Jennie's appetite and her single tax principles, as applied to the poultry yard. Not content with feasting upon spring chicken on the foraging ground, she carried two prim birds back with her to the park, possibly to sooth the grief of her captive companion, "Lol." When found yesterday morning, safe in her pen but unconfined, Jennie was surrounded by the ruins of her late supper.

"C" BATTERY.

Preparations for Removal—Prospects for this Summer.

Already preparations are going on for the proposed change in the quarters of "C" battery, the present barracks being required for the purposes of the coming exhibition. A considerable expense the building has been laid out and fitted for its present objects, the ground floor being occupied by the men and the gallery by the officers. The arrangements for the latter have made at considerable individual expense, and there is a possibility that after the exhibitions, etc., have been torn down, they require to be renewed later on, when the new quarters at Macaulay Point are sufficient to accommodate the battery, which will, [illegible]

less reduced by the expiration of the term of enlistment of a number of the men. Nevertheless the morale and effectiveness have been well maintained. It is reported that some new men will be sent out from the East, while, at times, recruits are being added from this province. One of these was at the time of the visit of the writer doing "the sentry go" at the direction of a "non com." and the way he pulled himself together at the word of command was in itself a study.

There is, it is true, some difficulty in obtaining recruits in the province, the battery pay being much below that which it is possible for laboring men and artizans to earn.

IN SMOKE AND ASHES.

The Wilson G. Hunt Feeds a Big Bonfire—Mr. Cohn's Plans for Wrecking the Old Beaver.

By six o'clock this morning the entire skeleton of the old pioneer steamer Wilson G. Hunt will have been consumed by fire, and her fast diminishing remnant will have been reduced to the bare hull below the water line. Mr. Cohn and his men, having removed about 40 tons of old iron, a couple of tons of copper and brass, and a quantity of lead from the ruined steamer, yesterday decided that they could do no more until the greater part of the useless frame was out of the way. Fire was thought to be the best agent to put the Wilson G. Hunt out of existence and so, the consent of the authorities having been attained, four o'clock was set for the conflagration. It is thought that about 20 tons more of old metal can still be obtained when the hull is in a position to be beached. The whole cost of wrecking the Hunt has been between $500 and $600, and Mr. Cohn in the work has given employment to about ten men.

Mr. Cohn's next project will be to wreck the veteran steamer Beaver, now lying on the rocks near Vancouver, of which Mr. Henry Saunders, of this city, is the owner. His plan is to form a company with a capital stock of about $2,500—which amount would be required to do the work—divided into shares of $100 each. He would take five shares himself, Mr. Saunders would probably take as many, and Capt. Rudlin and another prominent sea captain here would also "go in." It was suggested to carefully remove the machinery, and place it on exhibition at the capital, Victoria, as an example of what the engines of the first steamer on the Pacific were like. Such an exhibition would, no doubt, draw well, while the woodwork could be converted into canes and other souvenirs which would, no doubt, find a ready sale. Another plan would be to raise and repair the old steamer, and keep her at anchor in the harbor of Victoria to be visited by every tourist on excursions to come. As soon as he is sure of enough support in the work, Mr. Cohn is ready to commence operations.

THE ISLANDS CONSTITUENCY.

An elector of the Islands constituency sends the following answers to Capt. Robertson's questions, which have been freely distributed throughout the district:

1. Has the Government, during eight years of office, studied the welfare of farmers, etc.? I will only answer for our own district.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT EXPENDITURE—PUBLIC WORKS.

Contrasting Beaven's government with Smithe-Robson administration:

Beaven from		*Cowichan Dis.*
July 1 to June 30, 1879,	rds., s's., bdgs	$ 114
July 1879 to June 1880,	" " "	2 213
July 1880 to June 1881,	" " "	1,499
July 1881 to June 1882,	" " "	2,098
Total		$5,924
Smithe & Years from		*Cowichan Dis.*
July 1882 to Dec. 1885		$ 2,278
" " "		8,840
" " "		9,757
" " "		13,688
Total		$34,563

Public works and education for four years, July, 1886, to June, 1890, Smithe-Robson administration in Cowichan, $76,079.

They have spent over $10,000 in roads and wharves, etc., on our island alone during that term, as against a few hundreds spent by opposition when in power from '79 to '82—one of the government's last actions being a wharf for Pender Island, where Mr. Robertson owns property.

2. Have they not squandered the people's money? If, by such good work, as is briefly mentioned above, money can be squandered—then I answer, yes!! If anyone objects to the word squander, then I answer, No!! 3. Have they not run the province into debt? Mr. Robertson has repeatedly said—Mr. Beaven would not be leader again, if he advocated such a mean policy as that of running the country, on its yearly income. While money was cheap (3 per cent.) it was the mean not to borrow. Conundrum—How would the gallant captain propose to borrow without going into debt?

The rest of his questions being pure claptrap, I do not consider them worth answering, and conclude by pointing out that it is easier to find fault with the tangible actions of good government than to show how he, Mr. Robertson, can support the present opposition, while vetoing all that they do.

Instead of supplying us with this windy verbiage, it would be better for his canvas if he told us some of the good things done by the opposition when in power.

One word in reference to this gentleman's platform, as Cicero said:

"In laboring to be brief, I become obscure."

The words of Tennyson also apply (with variations):

"The opposition to slander us, who know what
the opposition have been,
"But soiling another captain, will never make
your party clean."

ARCADES AMBO.

FINEST IN THE LAND.

No Hotel in the Land to Surpass the Canada Western in Beauty or Convenience.

Yesterday morning the complete plans for the Canada Western hotel, excavations for which will be completed within the next fortnight, were received from San Francisco. They have not yet been laid before the shareholders, and consequently were jealously guarded by their custodian when a COLONIST reporter endeavored to obtain a peep at them yesterday.

While unable to give complete particulars of the plans for a few days, one of the gentlemen interested in the new hotel-palace says that the completed edifice will have no equal in the Dominion of Canada. It will be five stories in height, of artistic as well as most convenient design. The main tower in the centre of the hotel will be furnished with a graceful balcony, 107 feet above the sidewalk, commanding an unsurpassed view of sea and mountains; while the ground floor is to be upon a scale of magnificence equal to the Palace of San Francisco, or any other hotel in America.

A POLICY WANTED.

TO THE EDITOR:—It has struck me as being very strange that Messrs. Grant and Beaven have, so far, refrained from stating definitely their platform. They have endeavored to follow the practice of being "all things to all men" in their conversation and addresses at public meetings, and, perhaps, it is their desire to be free lances in the new legislature, should they be elected. However, I think it but just that they should outline their policy in an address over their own signatures. Then the electorate would understand precisely where they stood on the Redistribution, Single Tax and other questions. Let them have the manliness to commit to paper exactly what policy they will endorse, and then it will be known where they really are. Until they do so, I and many others can only believe that they are desirous of keeping from the electors their real intentions. VOTER.

What it Will Do.

1 to 2 bottles of B.B.B. will cure Headache.
1 to 2 bottles of B.B.B. will cure Biliousness.
1 to 4 bottles of B.B.B. will cure Constipation.
1 to 4 bottles of B.B.B. will cure Dyspepsia.
1 to 6 bottles of B.B.B. will cure Bad Blood.
1 to 6 bottles of B.B.B. will cure Scrofula.
In any case relief will be had from the first few doses. wfs

A Swede, whose name was not obtained, was horribly crushed by a falling tree near Port Crescent on Friday. At last accounts he was still alive, but death was expected

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Sealing Off the Cape.

Tug Pilot, which returned to port Thursday night, reports the fur seals thick just outside the Cape. The American schooner Teaser was spoken, in good luck. She had all her boats out, in good weather, and was making a big catch.

Obituary.

Mrs. R. H. Alexander died at Vancouver on Thursday afternoon. The deceased was one of our most popular and beloved young ladies. As Miss McWhinny she was known to many in Vancouver. It is less than a year since she was married to Mr. Alexander at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. D. B. Charleson.

Dominion Day at Duncan's.

The Cowichan and Salt Spring Island Agricultural Society have issued their prize list for a horticultural, dog and poultry show to be held on the society's grounds at Duncan's on Dominion Day. The attractions offered are very creditable, and the E. & N. Railway company have agreed to issue return tickets to Duncan's at single fare on the day of the show.

The Alberni Contest.

The Nanaimo Free Press states that election matters in Alberni are waxing warm, two candidates, both staunch government supporters, being nominated, Mr. J. C. Mollett, late government agent, and Mr. Thomas Fletcher being the candidates. The contest—a purely personal one—will be a very close one, it being estimated that the winner will not have five of a majority.

A Nanaimo Elopement.

THE COLONIST's Nanaimo correspondent wires that a young couple of that city are absent since noon on Thursday, and are believed to have eloped. The lady in the case is only 17 years of age, and her parents refused their consent to the marriage. The clopers are believed to have crossed the Straits in a steam yacht owned by the would-be bridegroom. A party has started in pursuit, promising the parents' consent to the union if the fleeing couple will return.

A Novel Arrangement.

Mr. James Mortimer, of Victoria, has secured the Canadian patent for an improved lemon squeezer, and is also applying for the United States patent. The invention consists of a wooden toothed wheel, revolving in a porcelain lined mahogany case, with an opening at the top for the insertion of the lemon. The case narrows as the wheel rotates, taking the lemon with it and expelling the juice into a receptacle, when the lemon is thrown out. The whole is an attractive arrangement.

A Scene of Strange Beauty.

Promptly, according to the programme laid down, the match was applied to the old steamer Wilson G. Hunt at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, and a few minutes later she was enveloped in flames. The sight was a grand one—every line of the steamer showed against the background of dark green in brilliant distinctness; the waves of fire swept down and up and over the wreck, holding the spectators of the scene magnetized until the last bright fragment of the ruined steamer had sunk into the old hold, from which a pillar of smoke rose like a monument during the remainder of the day.

Entertainment at Esquimalt.

The entertainment at Esquimalt Blue Ribbon hall, given by the Juvenile Templars on Thursday evening, was a pronounced success in every respect. The attendance was good and the programme presented was excellent, each number being well given and received. A sketch from "Little Lord Fauntleroy" was the feature of the evening, the acting of the young people being highly creditable. Master Keeler took the part of the little Lord, and the Misses Berry, Bunting, Keeler and M. Muir assumed the other characters.

The Rush Sails for Behring's Sea.

A San Francisco despatch says "the United States steamer Rush on Thursday sailed on a long cruise. She is in command of Captain Coulson. Her campaign has not been fully mapped out, but her sailing orders require her to proceed to Behring's Sea, where she will probably perform patrol duty. One of her officers said that he expected that very few seizures would be made this season. The government has assumed a positive attitude that could not be misinterpreted, and that very few carpet-bagging sealers and fishers would attempt to risk seizure by following up their illegal fishing."

Hudson's Bay Co. Changes.

Mr. Andrew J. Simpson, for many years connected with the Hudson's Bay Co.'s Montreal office, has arrived here with his family to assume the duties of chief accountant of the Western Department of the Hudson's Bay Co., a position for the past 45 years filled by Mr. Alex. Munro. Mr. Thomas R. Smith, the assistant commissioner, with the retirement of Mr. Munro, has taken charge of the land department, a very greatly increased burden thereby being added to the responsibilities and hard work of his position. Mr. John A. Andrew, cashier, and Mr. R. Cocoin, custom house clerk, both old and faithful servants of the company here, have also very recently severed their connection therewith.

Royalties on R. R. Lands.

The Mining Review, of Ottawa, has a short article on the subject, "Royalties on railway lands in British Columbia." It takes the News-Advertiser as its mentor, and reiterates the objections that were raised by the News-Advertiser, but which were successfully met and refuted by the premier in the House, and, among others, by THE COLONIST. It, however, agrees that it is of the greatest importance to the development of the province that railways should be built to make its rich mineral areas accessible, and, if it is necessary in order to effect this, to offer some inducements to companies or individuals, the government must do its best to further and promote so desirable an end. This was done at the last session of the Provincial Legislature.

Methodist Missions.

Rev. Mr. Crosby, Methodist missionary in the North, has returned to town, after attending the Vancouver conference, and is a guest at the Angel hotel. It is said to be by no means improbable that either he or a well-known and eloquent native Indian minister, or perhaps both, may visit the East, at the time of the general conference in September next, to advocate the claims of Methodist missions in British Columbia, with which it is impossible to keep up under existing conditions. It is contended that operations ought to be carried on with much increased vigor, they being fully equal in importance to, if not more important than the present Canadian effort in Japan. There are many people here, supporters of the work, who demand an entire re-organization of existing conditions, and the appointment of a special superintendent of missions for British Columbia.

The Penelope Case.

Mr. Morris Moss, managing owner of the sealing schooner Penelope, was in the provincial court yesterday morning, charged by a Japanese sailor named Horata, with refusing to pay wages amounting to $120. Mr. S. P. Walls appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. S. P. Mills for the defence. The case, briefly cited, was, that when the prosecutor and his companions were committed to jail for assaulting the mate, the ship sailed for Behring's Sea, leaving the men behind. As the ship had full liberty to take the men from jail, counsel for the prosecution claimed that wages to date were due the imprisoned men. New articles were signed when the schooner sailed, the old being surrendered at the Custom House, and Mr. Walls urged that the men were entitled to their money either until the schooner returned from Behring's Sea or until the old articles were surrendered. The defence claimed that, as the articles distinctly specified that the men would be held responsible for any detention of the schooner caused by them, no money was due them after their attack on the mate compelled them to exchange a life on shipboard for a life behind prison walls. Judgment on the legal point involved will be given to-day.

Delinquent Taxes.

It is stated that the publication of the list of delinquent taxes on Victoria city property has had the desired effect of making those in arrears come forward and settle all claims rather than see their property disposed of by auction. It is now thought that before the day of sale the greater part of the indebtedness to the city will be wiped out.

A Smuggled Chinaman.

Ah Teo, a Chinaman, smuggled into the United States from British Columbia three weeks ago, was arrested on Thursday at Seattle in a wash-house near Lake Washington by Deputy United States Marshal J. H. Woolery, for being unlawfully in the United States. Teo will be given a hearing before United States Commissioner Emery, and probably returned to Victoria.

He Was Intoxicated.

Hiram West, a sailor who was last employed on the collier Costa Rica, attempted to jump in a passing wagon on the Esquimalt road last evening, missed his grip on the tail board, and was thrown with such force to the ground that a couple of his ribs were broken. He was taken to the marine hospital for treatment. The mishap arose from the fact that he was intoxicated.

Seattle's Great Fire.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer and Morning Journal yesterday issued extra large papers commemorative of the great fire of June 6th, last year. The papers contain much information of Seattle's wonderful progress since the fire, but perhaps the most interesting feature of both the newspapers is a fac simile, on the first page of each, of the small issues published the day following the conflagration.

Port Townsend Customs Cases.

Quincy A. Brooks and Herbert F. Beecher, defendants in the celebrated Port Townsend custom house cases, were arraigned before Judge Hanford on Thursday in the United States district court. Mr. Brooks was given until yesterday to plead. Mr. Beecher entered a plea of not guilty. The trial of these cases was set for trial June 23. Wm. M. Harned is now absent in Washington, D. C. His trial was set for June 23 and the defendant allowed to appear for arraignment five days previous.

The Sunbury Murder Case.

At the Westminster assizes on Thursday, Mr. Mills, for the defence in the Sunbury murder, made an application to have the trial of the prisoners, Sam, Jim, Annie and Crazy Annie, postponed for six weeks or until the next assizes, and read the affidavit of Stephen Spencer, of Alert Bay, which was to the effect that the father and mother of Sam could give material evidence in his behalf. After considerable argument the case was postponed until the 8th of July next.

Found Guilty.

The trial of I. P. Coombs, the agent and ex-secretary of the Seattle relief committee, for forgery, which has been in progress before Judge Hunter in that city since Tuesday afternoon, resulted in a verdict of guilty by the jury within twenty minutes after retiring with the case. The jury retired at 5:10. At 5:30 they announced that they had agreed upon a verdict. The first ballot stood ten to two in favor of conviction. The next ballot stood twelve for the verdict of "guilty." The sentence has not yet been announced.

A New Townsite.

A syndicate, whose organization has just been completed, have purchased some three hundred acres of land fronting on Royal bay, beyond Esquimalt, which they intend to plat into a townsite and place on the market at once. The beach is a long and sandy one, and the land may be termed one of nature's beauty spots. Having induced investment by those in search of suburban homes, the syndicate propose to establish a ferry service between the property and Victoria. The shareholders meet at 8 o'clock this evening in the office of Bourchier, Croft & Mallette, to elect trustees and dispose of other preliminaries. They will also give the new town its name, which will probably be "Brooklyn."

"Like Sardines in a Box."

Anyone who might have been strolling along the water front at about midnight might have noticed a diminutive steam craft, sans lights or name, glide silently out from one of the slips above the railway bridge and as silently leave the harbor. She was bound for American soil, and her cargo consisted of twenty-eight wrecked specimens of the Chinese race, packed like sardines in a box,—for five or six persons are all that the little steamer can carry comfortably. It is said that the craft in question has almost as regular a route as the John Cotton of Kingston, and in proportion to her size makes ten times as much money as either of the boats mentioned. Her plan is to land Chinese passengers on or near American shore, with one white man, who takes the celestials one at a time into Port Townsend or Seattle. Twenty-five dollars each is the fare generally charged, and the business appears to be paying well. Having landed the "exports," the steamer is brought back to Victoria by one man generally before the peaceful citizen has left his bed.

Evidently Very Crooked.

In the Provincial Court yesterday morning, Mr. Edwin Johnson, P. M., presiding, William Buchanan appeared for trial on the charge of obtaining $5 from William Tills, of the Swan Lake hotel, under false pretences. The accused admitted that he was guilty, but said that he had been drinking, and at the time he negotiated the loan, was scarcely responsible for his actions. He intended to return the money the next day. His explanation of how he became possessed of the bogus check was that he loaned another man $10, receiving the check as security. Urging that he had never been in trouble before, Buchanan plead with the magistrate to let him go home to his mother in Glasgow, saying that he would send the $5 back as soon as he reached Scotland. His honor summarized the facts of the case, in which he was unable to see much to plead in his behalf. After considerable argument the case was postponed until the 8th of July next, in order that the evidence of Stephen Spencer, of Alert Bay, which was to the effect that the father and mother of Sam could give material evidence in his behalf. After considerable argument the case was postponed until the 8th of July next.

NORTHERN PACIFIC PROSPERITY.

Two Through Trains a Day Between Chicago and Portland—The Port Crescent Branch.

Mr. A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, arrived over by the Kingston last evening with Mrs. Charlton. He is here simply on a general business visit. Speaking of the increased through traffic from Chicago, Mr. Charlton said the company, in order to meet it, had decided to put on an extra through train per day. This addition will go into force on the 15th inst. There will then be three trains between Portland and Tacoma. The through trains will be vestibuled, consisting of Pullman tour sleepers, free tour sleepers, and through dining cars. This is one of the best recommendations of the Northern Pacific; in addition to the luxury and comfort of its trains, its patrons never entertain any fear or think of where they are going to have the next meal. To meet the increased traffic the company has just completed building twelve new dining cars, furnished richly and fitted with the latest conveniences. Time has been scheduled sixteen hours shorter. Mr. Charlton had nothing to say about the Port Crescent branch connection, but when it is considered that the company has been incorporated and that the incorporators are mostly high officials of the Northern Pacific, the inference is pretty obvious, and the assurance that the scheme will not fail for lack of backing is thoroughly reliable.

The Yellowstone park is open, and visitors keep pouring in; the promise of traffic for this year being forty per cent. more than last.

FRASER RIVER GOLD.

Mr. Andrew C. Lawson's scientific report upon the claims of the Lillooet Hydraulic Mining company, which are situated on the west bank of the Fraser river, about one mile above the town of Lillooet, well known as the old Dickey Ranche, and consisting of about 320 acres of bench land at an altitude of 250 feet above river level, will be found very interesting in mining circles. The eastern boundary of the old ranche fronts on the Fraser. Steps are being taken by this company to control a water frontage one mile in extent on the Fraser, and of an average width of over half a mile. It is this block of land which it is proposed to subject to hydraulic mining to recover the gold contained in the gravel of which both the upper and lower benches are composed. Mr. Lawson has carefully examined the location with the object of proving first, to what extent gold is contained in the gravel composing the benches, and second, to what extent it is adapted to hydraulic methods of mining. In the early days of placer mining in British Columbia, the ground was occupied by numbers of miners who, by the crude methods at their disposal, were taking out gold from the surface layers of gravel at the rate of $16 per man per day, according to information furnished by Mr. Smith, M.P.P., who resided there at the time, and who has lived there ever since. At the time of the Cariboo excitement, in 1862, this ground was suddenly abandoned by the miners, who went north, and white men never returned to the district in any force, but the ground has been mined in a desultory way by Chinese, who, not having complied with the regulations of the Mining Act, lost their claims. The difficulty of obtaining a supply of water has been a hindrance to more vigorous work. The past history of this location has gone to show that it contains gold in sufficient quantities to repay work of the crudest sort. Mr. Lawson received the assurance of an experienced placer miner, who had carefully prospected the locality, that there was "color" in every pan of gravel he had washed. The present company have made two trial pits on the lower bench, one of which represents the removal of about 3,500 cubic yards of gravel, yielding $700—equal to an average of twenty cents per cubic yard. There seems to be no doubt as to the auriferous properties of the gravel in paying quantities. It is estimated that this bench contains 60,000 cubic yards of gold bearing gravel. This quantity, at only ten cents per yard, represents $6,000,000. All the conditions of the ground appear, from the experts' report to be well adapted for hydraulic mining, the gravel composing the benches being stream-bedded and easily washed down and quite free from cemented conglomerate. And the mine being situated on a powerful stream like the Fraser, assists development. The company control six hundred inches of water and any pressure can be obtained up to 600 feet. The above records of the mining expert bear out the testimony of Mr. A. McNaughton, of Quesnelle, Cariboo, who has been for 36 years in the mines, as to the richness of the undeveloped gold creeks in the Lillooet District, which, he predicts, will yet eclipse the past record of the great Cariboo country. The public will await with interest the result of the operations of the Hydraulic Mining Company on the Fraser.

THE S. L. S. & E. RR.

The Line Acquired by the Northern Pacific—Extensive Railway Construction in Washington.

It is announced that the Northern Pacific railway have secured the control of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railway, and also of the line being built from Anacortes eastward through the Skagit country. This is a clever stroke on the part of the Northern, for it effectually checkmates the Canadian Pacific from gaining an easy entrance to Seattle, and also delays the Great Northern from reaching the coast, and the Union Pacific from entering the territory so long exclusively enjoyed by the Northern. It will enable the Northern to control the trade of Washington to the boundary line, and also to secure control of the Skagit Pass, the shortest route to the east, and the pass through which the Great Northern hoped to reach the coast. The Northern Pacific have this year displayed great activity, shown by their extension to Gray's Harbor, their agreement to build the Victoria, Port Crescent & Chehalis railway, and now their acquisition of the S. L. S. & E., and the line of railway, with land privileges, running east from Ship Harbor. The lines being constructed by the N. P. and U. P. in Western Washington will have a very beneficial effect on trade, and will aid greatly in building up the Sound cities.

BEHRING SEA.

TO THE EDITOR:—In conversation yesterday with Mr. Tupper, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, I was much impressed with the keen interest he takes in the Behring sea question, and how thoroughly he understands, not only the habits of our sealers, but the habits of the seals, from the time they leave the Southern coast in early spring until their return in the autumn. One would think he had "a seal attached" to him all his life time in the execution of his duty.

British Columbia could not have a more tenacious or intelligent advocate of her rights.

I only hope the Imperial government will display equal tenacity, and less indifference than it is wont to do in questions affecting colonial territorial rights. Should such be the case—right and justice being on our side—an advantageous settlement could be looked for with confidence. This question is still entangled in the meshes of diplomacy.

W. J. MACDONALD.

Ottawa, 31st May.

P. S.—I may mention that there is every chance of the new government steamer being built in the province, if the cost is within reasonable bounds and the facilities are available to build a 900 ton ship. W. J. M.

Chronic Coughs and Colds

And all Diseases of the Throat and Lungs can be cured by the use of Scott's Emulsion. It contains the healing virtues of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites in their fullest form. See what W. S. Muer, M. D., L. R. C. P., etc. Truro, N.S., says: "After three years' experience I consider Scott's Emulsion one of the very best in the market. Very excellent in Throat affections." Sold by all Druggists, 50c. and $1.00.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Nearly Finished Now.

The final tests of the repairs to H. M. S. Amphion are now completed, and recoaling is being done. This finished and a full supply of coal taken in, she will be ready for sea. She will be floated probably Tuesday.

Naval Notes.

Rear Admiral Hathorn—"the new admiral"—took command of the North Pacific squadron at Coquimbo on the 29th of May. He is now proceeding north toward Acapulco.

H. M. S. Amphion is ordered to leave the dock on Saturday next.

An Interesting Point.

In the case of Bryce, commercial traveller, in the appeal from the police magistrate's ruling, before the chief justice yesterday, the charge was dismissed, his lordship holding that the tax on commercial travellers was ultra vires of the provincial legislature. This raises an interesting point of law, as it will be remembered Bryce was charged with evading the payment of $10 imposed on all commercial travellers before they are entitled to do business in this city.

The Modern Day of Rest.

On Saturday afternoon the business portion of Victoria is almost deserted, and a stranger unacquainted with the pleasant peculiarities of the city might easily imagine that he has entered the metropolis of the land of Nod. Yesterday was the dullest of dull days, from a news gatherer's standpoint, although to the pleasure seekers it was fruitful enough to satisfy all. The Gorge, the Hill, the Driving Park and Esquimalt, each drew its crowd of citizens, and the town was left to look after itself.

Tacoma and Its Future.

The New York Maritime Register devotes an article to "Tacoma and its Future," with special reference to the recent endeavors of George Francis Train to call attention to it. That it has great claims to this is admitted, its natural facilities and advantages being very great. But, when one comes to think of it, Victoria has even more to recommend it than George Francis Train's protegee, provided all advantages are given to trade, and shipping is made as free as possible of all charges, restrictions and annoyances.

Not a Potlach

The Indians who returned from Sechelt to attend the funeral of the late Bishop d'Herbomez have been referred to as assisting at a potlach at that place. This statement is altogether erroneous, and has caused considerable annoyance to the numerous natives who were present at the funeral. The assemblage of Indians at Sechelt was of a purely religious character, having nothing in connection with the potlach, which is merely a barbarous relic of pre-Christian times.—Westminster Truth.

Contributions.

The following are thanked for contributions to the Provincial Museum during the month of May:

Victoria—O. Harbell, Dr. Hasell, Fred. Neeves, Mrs. J. Hunter, Mr. Skinner, J. Merrill, Master Wilson, W. J. Hammond and King & Dyer.

Shawnigan—R. B. Halhead.

Auilerly Park—G. H. Wilson Brown.

Hastings—George Black.

Chilliwhack—Alex. C. Brooks.

Ashcroft—Jas. E. Cornwall.

Bloomington, Ills.—G. W. Lichtenthaler.

To Build a Logging Railway.

The Port Townsend Call says: Judge Wickersham has been heard at work. It is understood that he and other interested parties have purchased the rails, locomotive, etc., which lately formed the construction line of Messrs McDougall & Terry, the contractors. It is the intention of the Wickersham syndicate to build a line of railway from Port Angeles to extend three miles back into the timber where a large sawmill will be constructed and a town built. Good coal has been discovered near Angeles and a shaft will be sunk and a mine opened.

Political Notes.

A Comox correspondent writes: The candidates have been hard at work. Mr. Hunter, the government candidate, is meeting with more success than his most ardent supporters expected. He will have a complete walk over. His opponent, Mr. McIntosh, the independent candidate, tells the opposition men that he is going to buck against the present government, and then he tells the supporters of the government that he will support the government. But we have heard that Carnegie, Cariboo, who has been for 36 years in the mines, as to the richness of the undeveloped gold creeks in the Lillooet District, which, he predicts, will yet eclipse the past record of the great Cariboo country. The public will await with interest the result of the operations of the Hydraulic Mining Company on the Fraser.

Prominent Chicagoans.

Among the arrivals by the Islander last night were a number of prominent Chicagoans, who came over the C.P.R. in a special car. The party comprises M. M. Kirkman, vice-president of the Chicago & North Western Railroad; T. C. Hammond of Walter Ripley & Co.; A. N. Young, of Young, Nicholas & Co.; M. W. Kirk, of J. S. Kirk & Co.; Wm. Blanchard, lumber dealer; Dr. J. Henrotin, and Bruce Kirkman. The party are quartered at the Driard, and will leave to-night by the Princess Louise for Westminster, and will depart from Vancouver for the east on Tuesday's train. They were highly delighted with the trip between Vancouver and Victoria.

The Contest in Esquimalt.

Messrs. Pooley and Higgins addressed a crowded meeting at Sooke school house on Friday evening, and were most favorably received. Mr. Robert Muir, J.P., occupied the chair, and Mr. John Aitkin Murray acted as secretary. Mr. Helgesen, the opposition candidate, also addressed the meeting. Last evening Messrs. Pooley and Higgins met their electors at Parson's Bridge. Mr. Arthur Peat presided, and Mr. H. Cogan was secretary. The meeting was highly favorable to the government candidates, although Mr. Helgesen also expressed his views. To-morrow evening at 5 o'clock, the electors at Metchosin will be addressed by the candidates; on Wednesday evening a meeting will be held at the Victoria West school house, and on Thursday even at Esquimalt. Mr. Helgesen is, on each occasion, invited to be present.

Our Shipping Industry.

Everywhere vessel property is in good demand, and since the best authorities contend that wooden sailing ships will always have a prominent position in the maritime world, there ought to be no reason why, with the development of Pacific coast and ocean trade, an impetus should not be given to ship building at Victoria, when there have been turned out, of late years, a number of craft that have given the best of satisfaction to their owners, and have been, indeed, a credit to those who constructed them. There appears to be something of a boom in this branch of industry in the Maritime provinces, whence not a few craft have been sent here. Besides, however, being just as cheaply built here, ships might be put together at this point in quite as short a time as it takes to bring them round the Horn.

Steamer Standard's Launch.

Steamer Standard, built on Turpel & Bennet's ways, under the superintendency of Joseph Clark, is now an almost accomplished fact; she will be, in a couple of weeks, when her machinery is in place and her fittings all up. If she sails as well then as she gave promise of when she took the water last evening she will be a nautical beauty of the most pronounced type. Her lines are remarkably well defined, adapted for speed as well as strength and durability. She might look a little prettier if she were ten feet longer, but nothing can add much to her appearance, her builders have been too careful over that point. She is 78 feet over all, 14 feet mould and 6½ feet depth; the engines, which will cause her to make the waters of the Fraser boil, will be triple expansion of the very latest pattern, running her screw at 200 revolutions per minute. She has eight feet of a pitch, giving her, as nearly as can be calculated, a speed of 16 knots. The construction is of first-class stock, copper fastened from keel to above the load line, and her entire worth will be about $15,000 when completed.

She took the water easily and gracefully, and as she sailed off the ways she looked a decided credit to her builders.

THEIR FIRST MEETING.

Business Transacted by the Directors of the Jubilee Hospital.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the new Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital was held yesterday afternoon, the proceedings commencing at 2:30 o'clock. There were present Messrs D. M. Eberts, Alexander Wilson, Thomas R. Smith, J. S. Yates, Charles Hayward, James Fell, Joshua Davies, Capt. A. W. Jones, E. A. McQuade and W. M. Chudley. Only four were wanting for a full board.

Mr. Chudley, the acting secretary, opened the business of the day by reading a letter from the government relative to the Act of Incorporation coming into force, and appointing their nominees.

It was then moved by Mr. D. M. Eberts, seconded by Mr. James Fell, and unanimously resolved, that Mr. Thomas R. Smith be president. On motion of Messrs. Chudley and McQuade, Mr. Joshua Davies was named as vice-president.

On motion of Mr. James Fell, seconded by Mr. Charles Hayward, it was resolved that Mr. W. C. Ward be appointed honorary treasurer subject to his acceptance of the office.

It was moved by Messrs. Hayward and Fell that Mr. W. M. Chudley be appointed secretary with power to engage whatever clerical assistance he might require.

Mr. Chudley thanked the Board for this mark of confidence, but owing to the fact that his business engagements would not allow him to accept, declined the position much to the regret of the