From THE DAILY COLONIST, August 8.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

LeClaire Committed.

LeClaire was brought before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday and tried, in accordance with the summary trials act. He pleaded guilty and was committed to the penitentiary for one year and six months with hard labor.

A Big County Court.

There was a very long docket at the county court sittings yesterday, his lordship the Chief Justice having been kept on the bench both fore and afternoon. A large number of cases were heard and judgment granted, but on the other hand a great many were settled out of court.

Lewis vs. Hotz.

In the Divisional court yesterday, before Justices McCreight and Walkem, this appeal was heard. It was taken from an order of the Chief Justice on the 11th July, refusing the application of the plaintiffs to strike out certain paragraphs as embarrassing, and to settle certain issues upon the termination of which judgment could be entered. Their lordships allowed the appeal. Messrs. Charles Wilson and H. D. Helmcken appeared for the appellant, and Mr. Yates for the respondent.

Fuller's Alleged Escape.

Arthur Perry, warden of McNeil's Island penitentiary, Washington, writes as follows to THE COLONIST:—In your issue of July 25th, 1890, you chronicle the escape of Frank Fuller, the murderer of the late Archbishop Seghers, from the penitentiary at McNeil's Island, Wash. I wish you would kindly correct the statement. Fuller has never escaped, nor has he made any attempt. He is at work every day, and is earning the punishment he richly deserves. His sentence expires May 10th, 1896, and if vigilance will retain him he will never leave until his time fully expires.

A New Plague.

A nuisance has appeared in the shape of a worm which eats the leaves off the trees, particularly oak trees. The insect has seemingly been imported, as it has never been seen in this vicinity before. They are commonly known as the inch or surveyor worm, from the manner in which they measure their way as they go along. There is something in their appearance resembling the caterpillar. It is thought that they are the same worm, to exterminate which the English sparrow was imported into America.

A New Townsite.

The good people of Clover Valley have been greatly stirred up by railway construction, and nothing short of a fine little town in the heart of their rich and thriving settlement will suit them. On the line of the Southern Railway near the centre of Clover Valley a number of well-to-do farmers have laid out 160 acres as a townsite, which have been surveyed into town lots and these will be put on the market in three weeks time. Twelve acres have been decided free to the railway company for station purposes, the conditions being that 2,600 feet of sidewalk be laid, and a turn table, engine house and station built. In the vicinity of the station a nice little village is expected to spring up.—Columbian.

An Important Transfer.

A very important business transaction has been effected in the purchase by Messrs. Flummerfelt and Norris of the plant of Heathorn's Bay and Rock Bay Tannery. The price is said to be in the neighborhood of $8,000. It is the intention to transfer the machinery and branch out on a large scale in the tannery business, the purchasers feeling confident that there is every prospect of a flourishing business. At present large quantities of skins are exported which might be retained and cured here. This will be obviated by the presence of a tannery which is very necessary.

Shooting Panthers.

A certain member of the Amphion crew was in town the other evening, and, while enjoying a convivial glass with some friends, the conversation turned on the shooting of panthers. The Englishman was told some tall tales indeed, which the generous liquid softened into actual truth. One told one story and another told a story of still greater adventure, till finally it was darkly hinted that there were panthers walking about on the Esquimalt road at night in bands of two's and three's. The time came for parting, and a last warm glass was drunk. Most of the party were then in a state of magnified and duplicated vision. The landsmen started homewards and the sailor bent his steps shipwards, thinking all the time of panthers. Panthers were in his thoughts and sight; they were large and small, fat and lean, hungry and well fed. Still he went along till at last one stubborn fellow crouched in his path. Fearing the animal might spring at his throat, the sailor pulled out his revolver and commenced to blaze away at his feline foe. There was no muffled growl at the first shot, and the sailor was not knocked to the ground by the stroke of a powerful paw; he did not feel the sharp fangs in his flesh, nor the animal's hot breath in his face. He fired again with a like result, and feeling sure he had shot the beast through the heart, he approached the black mass and found it to be a—log.

Appointments.

The following appointments are gazetted in the B. C. Gazette of the 7th inst.:

Lewis Jones Edwards, of Donald, to be a notary public within and for the county of Kootenay, in the province of British Columbia.

Joseph W. Burr, of Ashcroft, to be a deputy registrar of the County court of Cariboo.

Charles A. R. Lambly, of Rock Creek, to be a notary public within and for the county of Yale, in the province of British Columbia.

Leonard Norris, of Okanagan, to be a collector of provincial revenue tax.

E. J. Offerhaus, of Spallumcheen, to be resident physician at Okanagan.

John J. Cambridge to be deputy registrar of the County court of New Westminster.

B. H. John to be chief clerk, T. Kains to be daughtsman, O. Fletcher to be assistant draughtsman, T. E. Wooldridge to be clerk in the Lands and Works department.

S. Phipps to be clerk of the records in the Lands and Works department.

Cornelius Booth, of the city of Victoria, J. P., to be gold commissioner for Cassiar district.

T. H. Giffin, of Nelson, to be a deputy registrar of the County court of Kootenay.

In Aid of the Jubilee Hospital.

A concert in aid of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital will be given in The Victoria about the 26th instant, several gentlemen having taken advantage of the fact that there has been lately added to Victoria's musical circle a lady of real artistic ability. Miss Sophia Chambers, of San Francisco, daughter of the late respected Coote M. Chambers, is at present visiting friends in the city. The young lady has for several months been undergoing a course of voice culture, under a noted teacher, at the Bay City, with the idea of adopting the operatic profession. Miss Chambers has a voice remarkable for its sweetness and strength, and a gentleman who participated in a concert with her recently, says she is one of the most popular lady singers in California. She will be assisted by ladies and gentlemen of well-known ability here, and, without doubt, the house will be packed as a programme of unusual variety will be presented.

Improvements Going On.

The place for Mr. Anderson's new block on Johnson street is now cleared of the old building and excavations will be commenced in a day or two. There is talk of building right along that side of the street, and if this prove correct, Johnson street will be the handsomest thoroughfare in the city. At present it is in the transition stage with large heaps of debris and building material.

Thoroughly Overhauled.

H.M.S. Espiegle will leave dock in a day or two thoroughly overhauled and repaired where necessary. She is now the oldest ship in commission on this station, it being now two and a half years since she was commissioned. Ten absentees were reported the other evening, and it was first thought that there was a big desertion, but seven of the boys turned up wearily the next morning. The remaining three are elsewhere than on the ship.

I. O. G. T. Installations.

At the regular meeting of the Victoria West Lodge, No. 29, I. O. G. T., held on Wednesday, the following officers were installed by Lodge Deputy Bro. R. Semple: C. T., Bro. Stamer; V. T., Sis. J. Campbell; S. J. T., Sis. J. Semple; Secy., Bro. Stone; A. S., Bro. Clarke; F. S., Bro. Campbell; T., Sis. A. Campbell; M., Bro. Findlay; D. M., Sis. Clarke; Chap., Bro. Virtue; G., Sis. Gibson; S., Bro. Tyson; P. C. T., Bro. A. Semple. Bros. Semple, Gibson and Stone were elected representatives to the Grand Lodge, and Bro. R. Semple was recommended as Lodge Deputy.

Last evening the officers of Triumph Lodge, No. 16, of Esquimalt, and Ocean Pearl, No. 30, of H.M.S. Amphion were installed. On account of the illness of Bros. Dyer and Brain, the Lodge Deputies of the lodges, the installation was performed by Bro. R. J. Plummer, Lodge Deputy of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, of Victoria.

The officers of Triumph lodge are: C. T., Sis. Jenkins; V. T., Bro. Johnson; S. T. T., Sis. Berry; Sec., Bro. Stephens; A. S., Bro. Clayhards; F. S., Bro. Merryman; T., Sis. Muir; Chap., Sis. Berry; M., Bro. Bryant; D. M., Sis. James; G., Bro. Presshall; S., Bro. Cutting; P. C. T., Bro. Causway. Sisters Berry and Jenkins were elected Grand Lodge representatives, and Bro. Dyer recommended as lodge deputy.

In Ocean Pearl lodge the officers are: C. T., Bro. Burgoyne; V. T., Bro. Charlton; S., Bro. Rhymes; A. S., Bro. Turner; F. S. and Treas., Bro. McMillan; Chap., Bro. Hicks; M., Bro. Nevard; D. M., Bro. Collier; G., Bro. Carpenter; P. C. T., Bro. Seal. Bro. Brain was recommended as lodge deputy. Owing to the probable departure of H.M.S. Amphion before the session of the Grand Lodge, no delegates were elected. At the close of the ceremonies an enjoyable time was spent discussing tea and cakes.

In Symental Bonds.

A quiet wedding is about the coolest ceremony in life, and a remarkably quiet wedding was consummated at St. John's church last evening by Rev. Percival Jenns. Let the approach of such a ceremony be kept ever so secret, the usual curious gathering will some how manage to be present, waiting in interested expectancy for "the bride." It was so last evening; a large number of people gathered in and about St. John's, some where near eight o'clock, to witness the marriage of Mr. C. H. Gibbons, of THE COLONIST staff, to Miss Agnes S. Coleman, daughter of Mrs. G. Coleman, of this city. The carriage containing the centre of interest eventually arrived, and she was handed out and into the church by Mr. Benj. Evans, who subsequently took the responsibility of giving her away. She was attired in a veritable dream of a dress, made up of creme cashmere trimmed with silk lace to match, the delicately pure combination made still softer by the addition of white jessamine blossoms. The skirt was very tastefully designed, carrying a half-length court train, and the whole was surmounted by a full-sized tulle veil covering a sweetly pretty wreath of lilies of the valley. Miss Georgina C. Coleman, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and looked charming in a costume of delicate pink, which contrasted softly with that of the bride. Mr. Roderick Regg stood on the right of the bridegroom and supported him throughout the ceremony. After the service, the newly created and happy husband and wife returned to the residence of the bride's mother, where the wedding supper was partaken of by a quiet circle of friends and relations. The young people had not been forgotten in the matter of presents, for a handsome and valuable collection of souvenirs awaited them on their return from church. They left by this morning's Islander on a trip to the East.

COAL MINING.

Preliminary Investigations and Borings at Fort Rupert—Good Prospects.

Mr. Lyman Banks, who represents Eastern capitalists, has bonded 7,000 acres of coal lands, at Fort Rupert, Vancouver Island. He has also purchased in the States a diamond drill with a complete outfit of mining machinery. Part of this arrived last night and the remainder is expected to-day. Mr. Banks leaves this evening by steamer Boscowitz for Fort Rupert. He will be accompanied by a party of experts, and boring will be prosecuted at once with every prospect of success.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

A Child Saved.

MY little boy was taken very bad with diarrhœa, he was very delicate and got so low we had no hope of his life, but a lady friend recommended Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, and although he could only bear a few drops at a time he got well. It saved my child.
MRS. WM. STEWART, Campbellville, Ont.

A Cure for Toothache.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum is guaranteed to cure toothache instantly. Prepared by J. A. Gibbons & Co., Toronto, and sold by druggists. Price, 15 cents.

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Quick Service.

Newspapers and letters from England bearing date Wednesday 23rd were received here on Wednesday, the 14th day out, via Cunard steamer to New York and thence by way of Montreal via C.P.R.

Judgment Reserved.

The case of Harper vs. Harper, arising out of a legacy bequeathed by Thaddeus Harper, deceased, was concluded in the Divisional court yesterday before Justices McCreight, Walkem and Drake, but judgment was reserved.

A Rich Coal Region.

A New York capitalist has just bonded about 7,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Fort Rupert for prospecting purposes, and experts have been sent up there with drills and implements for testing the land. It is known to be very rich in coal, and if the prospects prove what they are anticipated to be, mining operations will at once be commenced on a large scale. It is thought a great pity that this remarkablp rich land has not been worked.

Booked for Victoria.

The following passengers booked by the Walla Walla for Victoria yesterday morning: J. J. Marray and family, Mrs. G. W. Douglas and son, Miss R. Johnson, Miss L. Rice, Mrs. Moody and daughter, C. H. Stattuck, Miss Phillips, Miss Leslie, Mrs. Radford T. Deasy, J. M. Vetter, Rev. J. A. Van Nevell, Rev. E. Sobry, O. Semich, G. Beckingham, Mrs. Botterell, Mrs. J. Muirhead, W. Carter, W. Weisner.

Fire on the Umatilla.

Considerable excitement prevailed on the steamship Umatilla, Thursday morning, about 1:30 o'clock, as she was on her way to Seattle from Port Townsend. The cause of this was due to a fire in one of the cars for the West Seattle cable road, which was caused by phosphorous. The quartermaster who was on duty at the time noticed a large blaze in the car and at once gave an alarm. By the time the hose had been found the inside of the car was all ablaze, but in a moment the flames had been extinguished. The work was performed with such activity and cleverness that not a passenger on the steamer was aware of the fact that a fire had occurred. The phosphorous which caused the fire was placed in there for safety and in some way became dampened and ignited.

A Formal Visit.

U. S. Consul Myers, accompanied by his son, Mr. O. P. Myers, and Mr. Marvin, vice-consul, paid Admiral Hotham a formal visit yesterday on board the "Warspite." As the boat containing America's representative came off to the ship it was received with a salute of seven guns. Mr. Myers was cordially welcomed by Admiral Hotham, and the party conversed for some time on general topics. Mr. Myers took advantage of the occasion to compliment the Admiral on his courtesy on the occasion of the accident to the Elder, and the invaluable assistance given by England's representative to an American ship in distress. The matter had got abroad and had been mentioned favorably commented upon, serving, though small in itself, to cement the good feeling existing between the two nations. A very pleasant stay was made, during which every courtesy was shown to the visitors.

A Remarkable Tree.

Mr. Hector Ferguson, of Port Haney, has a freak of nature in his orchard which is attracting great attention. It is an apple tree in full bloom for the second time this season. At the usual time this enterprising plant blossomed forth in all the glory and beauty that could be expected of any apple tree, and then instead of fruit forming and growing the same as its neighbors, the whole of the blossoms fell off and the tree assumed an autumnal appearance. Last week Mr. Ferguson observed a new lot of buds coming on the tree, and a few days ago they burst into blossom and the tree is now more brilliantly adorned than it was in the spring. Whether or not fruit will form and mature at this late season are questions which are now agitating the public mind at Port Haney.—Columbian.

Pandora Avenue Methodist Church.

The statement of receipts and expenditures of the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church for the fiscal year ending May 31st shows the Sunday collections have been $3,365.75, and the expenditures $3,280.44. The trustee board account gives receipts $37,021.50, and expenditures $36,949.37. The general statement of assets and liabilities shows assets of $54,486.50, and liabilities $19,800. The following is a statement of the total moneys received from all sources during the year:

Envelope and plate collections	$ 3,365 75	
Church building fund	4,730 45	
Pew rents	1,002 60	
Interest and sale of houses	1,303 95	
Sundry receipts	84 50	$10,487 25
Poor fund	164 70	
Woman's Institute	329 00	
Sunday School	552 18	
Young People's Association	437 85	
Missionary contributions	369 50	
Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society	91 35	
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Total		$12,443 33

From the East.

Mr. George R. Joseph, of the well-known jewelry house of Louis Davis & Co., of Montreal, arrived in town last night. He expresses great satisfaction with his journey. He was much impressed with the marvelous work of engineering and construction displayed on the Canadian Pacific railway. The country all along was the finest and most promising he had ever travelled through, adding that he could not speak too highly of the railway service—both as regards accommodation and speed The Rocky Mountain section was indeed a remarkable piece of work, the situations in the mountains, through the gorges and passes, being such as he could never have expected, much as he had read of them and been led to expect. Mr. Joseph had only just arrived, and had therefore had no opportunity of satisfying himself as to the appearance of the city, but he had been much pleased with what he had seen. He is considerable of a musician and character singer, his performances on the coffee pot for the benefit of charitable institutions having been among the most attractive features of such concerts out east.

The Kootenay Lake Country.

There may be mines in the Kootenay Lake country more valuable than the Poorman, six miles south-west of Nelson, but certainly there is none proving it by actual work. Since starting up on the 7th of June last, the ten stamps of the mill have been dropping, crushing 10 to 15 tons of ore daily. This week work was commenced on a ditch to bring an additional supply of water to the mill. The water will be taken from Sandy Creek, at a point about three and a half miles from the mill. Some twenty odd men are employed in the mine and mill.

In the Kootenay Lake country are men who will make names for themselves—provided they do not die young. Joe Wilson is one of them. This month Wilson packed the heavy machinery for the Davys & Tolson sawmill from the steamboat landing at Nelson to the mill-site on Cottonwood-Smith Creek. Part of the material was sheet-iron piping in lengths of 27 feet. These pipes were mounted on two mules, and they required skillful handling in getting them around the sharp curves on the trail. One piece of machinery weighed 500 pounds. It was of irregular shape and made a bad "top pack," but an old gray mule managed to get it to the mill-site, after falling down the steep pitches and bucking it off on the level stretches several times on the way.—Nelson Miner.

A Commendable Step.

During the many months that the naval ships have been in Esquimalt, the conduct of the naval gentlemen and men towards citizens and visitors has been marked by unvarying courtesy and obliging attention. Visitors have poured in upon the ships and have been treated with the utmost kindness. It was therefore thought that some slight recognition of this kindness should be made by the city, and accordingly a number of gentlemen have called upon, and suggested to the Mayor the advisability of taking some step in this direction. Speaking to a press representative on the subject yesterday, His Worship said that he purposed calling a meeting on Monday evening to consider the question of taking steps to return, in some measure, the many kindnesses shown by the Admiral and fleet to the citizens. It is very desirable that something should be done before the fleet breaks up. The meeting will be held at the City Hall.

Methodist District Meeting.

The financial district meeting of the Westminster district was held in the Methodist church at Westminster on Tuesday, at which members of the district were present, Rev. C. Bryant, of Maple Ridge, presiding.

The chief business of the meeting was to consider the financial status of the domestic, Indian and Chinese missions of the field, Richmond, Delta, Maple Ridge, Langley, and Surrey, Cheam, and Indian tribes and the Chinese missions of Westminster and Vancouver were recommended to the Missionary society for grants to pay the salaries of missionaries.

A fine new church has been erected at Ladner's Landing and another is almost completed at Cheam.

At the evening session arrangements were made for holding missionary and educational services on each circuit and mission during the year.

The case of Rev. J. A. Wood, of Richmond, was taken up. Mr. Wood applied for leave of absence in order to recuperate his health. Rev. T. D. Pearson, of Westminster, was appointed a supply for two months. It is sincerely hoped that Mr. Wood's health will soon be restored by a journey in the interior. Much sympathy was expressed for him in the application. Rev. J. F. Betts, the new secretary, discharged his duties with great credit and ability. The session closed at 9:30 Tuesday evening.—Columbian.

THE I. O. O. F. CANTONMENT.

Awarding of Prizes—Suit Against Grand Sire Underwood.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—In the Oddfellows' cantonment to-night, the exemplification of the work in the Rebekah degree was continued by Ruth lodge, of Omaha, and Elite lodge, of Chicago.

The canton contests were resumed on the lake front this afternoon, the cantons of Indianapolis and Marion, Indiana, participating.

To-night a magnificent full dress ball took place, at which the Rebekah degree prizes were awarded. The results were as follows: Rebekah degree lodges—First prize, Naomi lodge, No. 6, Columbus, $400; second, Elite lodge, No. 2, Chicago, $300; third, American lodge, No. 1, Omaha, $200; fourth, Ruth lodge, No. 1, Omaha, $100. Ladies and jewels. Subordinate lodges—First prize, North Star lodge, No. 906, Minneapolis, $600; second, Wycker Park lodge, No. 281, Chicago, $300; third, Fort Dearborn lodge, No. 214, Chicago, $200.

A suit for $5,000 was begun this afternoon against General John C. Underwood, personally, and as grand sire of the I.O.O.F. The plaintiffs are William Thompson, a caterer, and W. F. Gallagher, a florist. The suit grows out of the management of the triennial cantonment. Thompson and Gallagher secured restaurant and refreshment privileges on the lake front for the week of the cantonment, paying therefor $1,000 cash. They claim that the representations made to them of the value of the privileges were very much bigger than the realization has been. The performance on the lake front, they say, has been less attractive than they were promised it would be, and they think the grand sire has damaged them by alleged misrepresentation $5,000 worth.

ANOTHER ROAD SOLD.

The Northern Closes the Seattle & Northern Deal—Old Plans Realized at Last.

The arrangement between the Northern Pacific and Seattle & Northern railroads was concluded at a conference between Elijah Smith, of the former, and Counsel James McNaught, of the latter company, yesterday. The contract gives the Northern Pacific the right to operate the Seattle & Northern road in perpetuity.

General Manager McNeil, of the Oregon Improvement company, said in regard to this arrangement yesterday: "This makes Anacortes the Sound terminus of the Northern Pacific by means of the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern, which crosses the Seattle & Woolley about twenty-five miles up the road. Thus the intentions of the builders of the Northern Pacific are carried out. Anacortes was selected for the terminus by Jay Cooke and his engineer, J. Milner Roberts, but the plan was defeated by the failure of Jay Cooke in 1873. Afterwards under the ascendency of Mr. Villard the plan was again endorsed by General Thielson, but was again defeated by the Tacoma land syndicate element in the Northern Pacific management. If either of these plans had been carried out there would have been no Tacoma. Seattle would have been the metropolis of the Sound seven or eight years ago, Bellingham bay would have been head of and Anacortes would have been the great city of the lower Sound—though probably under another name."

The Seattle & Northern road is completed to Hamilton, with the exception of five miles to Hamilton. This stretch is all graded and is only waiting for the rails, which are now on the way from the East.—Post-Intelligencer.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Sons of England Benefit Society.

Last night an important meeting of Alexandra Lodge of the Sons of England was held in the St. George's Hall. There was a large attendance and considerable discussion ensued as to the by-laws by which matters were to be governed.

The Coming Exhibition.

The committee have not perfected arrangements for the Agricultural show to be held here in October, but according to Mr. Renouf, the secretary, they will shortly meet to complete arrangements. Everything promises a most successful show.

From the Spallumcheen.

Mr. Henderson, of the firm of Langley & Co., arrived by the Rithet from Enderby, in the Spallumcheen district, where he has been staying for some time for the benefit of his health. He reports the crop and business outlook in the section where he has been as very satisfactory.

A School for Nurses.

The directors of the Jubilee Hospital have decided to establish in connection with the institution a school for training nurses. This very desirable branch of hospital work, which obtains in most large hospitals, has assumed definite proportions in that of Victoria, and any ladies who may be desirous of entering the hospital as nurses or probationary nurses, will obtain full information.

John Lovell & Son's Library.

The following works of the "Canadian Copyright of Choice Fiction" have come to hand from the well-known well-known firm: "The Smuggler's Secret," by Frank Barrett; "The Great Millstreet Mystery," by Adeline Sergeant; and "The Moment After," by Robert Buchanan. Price 30c., at all the bookstores.

An Eventful Voyage.

The ship Lucile, which arrived from China yesterday, had rather ill-luck on the trip across. Before she was very long out she sprung a leak, which gave her much trouble to keep in check. Then she lost her fore-top mast in a gale, and lost a man who was washed overboard. Later on she lost her second officer fell ill, and died five days from port. Added to this was the presence of a lunatic in the person of the steward. He has caused no small trouble to the captain for a considerable time, and will be sent back to his native land.

The "Etta White" to be Raised.

Captain Whitelaw has definitely undertaken to raise the Etta White and will leave for the scene of her foundering to-day, so as to get everything in readiness for commencing work at once. He thinks it will be a difficult task, but he is pretty sure he can accomplish it without injuring the vessel. Under favorable circumstances it may be done in five or six days. The necessary customs formalities have all been complied with.

From the North.

The steamer Louise arrived from the North yesterday afternoon bringing 4,000 cases and 75 barrels of salmon, besides a large quantity of furs. She reports having experienced fine weather both ways and in consequence made good time. She left the Mande at the Skeena, having transferred to her Captain Irving and the crew he was taking up with him to get the machinery out of the ill-fated Sardonyx.

Through a Mountain Trestle.

A passenger by the Islander last evening stated that the west bound train was seven hours late, and had not then arrived, when the boat left Vancouver. It appears that the cause of the delay was due to an accident to one of the C.P.R. big mountain locomotives. She went through the trestle work at some point with a sad result, viz., the death of the fireman and severe injury to the engineer. This of course caused a double delay. No definite particulars of the affair could be obtained.

150 Per Cent Profit!

"Things come high in this here country, and we must have them," drawls the visitor, "but when you come to charge a quarter for a bottle of ginger ale I reckon the price has about reached the limit, and we'll quit. I'm not of a parsimonious nature; on the contrary I'm noted for being extravagant. I entered a saloon in this town yesterday and asked for a bottle of ginger ale which I wanted to take away with me. The bar keeper blandly "tilled" the quarter I tendered in payment, and not any look of askance at him he explained that ginger ale cost him ten cents a bottle. Still 150 per cent profit on a bottle of ginger ale is rather steep. Whew! what are the inducements to be temperate; let's go and have a beer."

An Action Wrongly Taken.

The matter of the athletic club house at the foot of Menzies street was brought before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday, who dissolved the injunction restraining the club from proceeding with building operations. His Lordship, in pronouncing his decision, said that Mr. Gray was not in any way injured by the action taken in this matter, as he was not personally or specially injured by the presence of the building. It was the duty of the Attorney-General of the Dominion to take steps to restrain building operations in this case, as the question was one respecting foreshore rights. Mr. H. D. Helmcken appeared for the club, and Mr. Pooley, Q.C., for Mr Gray.

The boys can now go on with their building unless stopped in accordance with the learned judge's utterance.

Victoria's Attractiveness.

As pretty and dainty a little craft as one could wish to see steamed gracefully into the harbor yesterday morning and tied up at Jones' boat-house landing. She is the "Lilian," belonging to Mr. Paul Schulze, general land agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, and president of the Victoria, Port Crescent and Chehalis road. The trip was commenced on Friday morning from Tacoma, but owing to heavy seas she had to seek shelter along the coast, and get here yesterday morning. The sight of the little yacht flitting across the harbor suggested the question why in this garden of Canada, with one of the finest and best sheltered water courses to be seen, with wealthy men of leisure, there are not seen on the waters of the Arm more of these charming pleasure steam yachts. Mr. Schulze is a gem, and he has just realized the fact that it could not find any better setting than that afforded by the romantically beautiful Gorge. The Lilian was built in New York by the Gas Engine and Power Co., to run at an average speed of seven or eight miles an hour. She is said to be a good sea-goer, and she looks it from the determined "set" she has in the water. Her fittings are rich and comfortable, but in perfect taste. The value of this little sea nymph is placed at $4,000.

In this connection, perhaps, Victorians will take a hint from the statement that the same company who built the Lilian are opening a branch establishment in Tacoma for the building of these little gems on the Pacific coast. Perhaps by next season the arm will be dotted with steam yachts, and we shall hear more of yacht (steam and sail) races than is heard now. The Queen's birthday should not be sacred to the year for a regatta in Victoria where there are such ample facilities and opportunities for boating, competitive and pleasure. Mr. Mr. Schulze has brought over his horses and carriage in addition to his yacht. He evidently knows a place for a pleasant drive as well as sail.

THE SALMON PACK.

Latest Figures Brought Down by the Steamer Princess Louise from the Skeena and Naas Rivers.

The steamer Princess Louise, which arrived down last night gives the following as the figures of the pack up to the date of her leaving the north: Alert Bay, 7,500 cases; Victoria Packing Company, River's Inlet, 10,000 cases; River's Inlet Canning Company, 13,500 cases; Wannock Packing Company, River's Inlet, 9,000 cases; Low Inlet Canning Company, 6,000 cases; Balmoral Canning Company, 12,300 cases; R. Cunningham, Skeena River, 12,600 cases; British American Packing Company, 14,100 cases; Standard Co., Skeena River, 14,000 cases; North Pacific Skeena River, 14,000 cases; Inverness Canning Company, 14,000 cases; Findley, Durham & Brodie, Naas River, 3,000 cases; Cascade Packing Company, 5,000 cases; Total of these canneries 134,400 cases. Except on the Naas River, the fishing season is about over. On the Skeena the pack is ahead of last year, but it is not so good on the Naas; it is expected that the difference will be made up there.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Yesterday's Excursion to Trial Island, and What the Depths Were Made to Yield.

One of the most pleasurable and instructive excursions of the season was that made yesterday in the steamer Badger to Trial Island and Esquimalt. Favored by bright skies and a smooth sea, members of the Natural History society had a most favorable opportunity of learning something of the denizens of the deep, and were not called upon by Father Neptune to pay toll for doing so. All kinds of richly colored, wriggling and crawling beings emerged from the unknown regions, and great were expectations as to what the result of each haul would be.

Off the bell buoy is a locality rich in pink and white scallops (Pecten hastatus), strange, short armed star fishes, huge urchins and sea cucumbers, the latter fit for the highest mandarin in Celestial court circles. It is a wonder that our Chinamen neglect so luscious and profitable a dainty as this, the product of their well-known liking or Beche-de-Mer. Further east rich lands of lamp shells (Terebratula unguicula) and several hermit crabs of large size were made.

Off Trial Island the sea bottom is strewn with the shells of species of mollusca, not now known to inhabit the south-east coast of Vancouver Island, though plentiful in the raised beaches near Ross Bay, such as myahanis truncata, the gaper shell.

Off Esquimalt the explorers were rewarded for their severe exertions with several specimens of the sea pen. They had decided experience of the superior holding power of this favorite anchorage, and wondered more than once if they had not secured an anchor of a 100-ton gun rather than the yielding invertebrates they were in search of. Much of the success of the expedition was due to the careful arrangements of Mr. Hamlin, of the provincial museum, who provided all necessary dredging gear, and to the courtesy of the crew of the Badger. Though they will never look so brilliant as when freshly drawn from the waters of their home, the various specimens will be added to the collection of the provincial museum.

FROM THE EAST.

Visit of P. Couture, M. P. for Chicoutimi and Saguenay—His Impressions En Route.

As previously noted, Mr. P. Couture, Liberal M.P. for Chicoutimi and Saguenay, has been visiting Victoria, and left last night for the east. His object was to satisfy himself as the advantage offered by the western provinces to French Canadian agriculturists and others. He lives at Notre Dame de la Terriere, near St. Alphonse, on the Saguenay river, within a very short distance of the celebrated La Ha! Ha! Bay. Mr. Couture is one of the most progressive of his co-nationalists, and has an extensive butter factory on his homestead, conducted upon the most improved principles. He describes the Lake Superior section of the Dominion as being as barren and uninviting as he could possibly have expected, nevertheless he was well satisfied from what he had seen and read that its mineral productions were such as, when developed, prove to be a great source of national wealth. At Winnipeg he called upon his old friends, Archbishop Tache, Lieut.-Governor Royal and Mr. Larivière, M.P., who gave him every opportunity of acquainting himself with the prospects and condition of the resident French-Canadians and half-breeds in the province and adjoining territories. Victoria had very favorably impressed him, but he remarked that, although a few years ago, there had been a number of his own nationality on Vancouver Island, they were at the present very few and far between. He had been informed, however, that there were several small settlements on the mainland, and these he expected to visit before his return.

Close investigation had, he said, convinced him that for people of small means—such as many of his fellow countrymen—Manitoba and the Northwest offered the greatest advantages, there being no land to clear, and all the farmer had to do was to put in his back-setter and cultivator, sow his grain and reap his crop. Here not only had cleaning to be done, but immense pieces of rock had to be handled and got rid of. However, if the settler could afford the expense and the time involved in cleaning up here, he would be amply repaid, particularly did he establish himself near the cities and produce the fruits and vegetable products that now-a-days were almost exclusively grown by the Chinese. The French-Canadians were, in the east, successful growers of garden truck, and in following this line out in British Columbia he believed they could make considerable money. They were industrious and thrifty, and he was convinced would be as well appreciated here as elsewhere. He had been much gratified with his trip, and should always retain pleasant remembrances of it. Referring to provincial politics, he was quite sure that Hon. Mr. Mercier was the man for Quebec. He was possessed of all the qualities which had made Sir John Macdonald a successful politician, but he was sorry to discover that there were many people in the East who persisted in misunderstanding and misrepresenting him. To his mind Mr. Mercier had been extremely generous towards the English speaking people and, despite their bitter antagonism, had given them cabinet representation from a county which was almost exclusively inhabited by French Canadians. Speaking of the railway which had been spoken of as having been designed to run almost parallel to the Canadian Pacific, and to have an ocean terminus on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, he said he did not think that project would be carried out, at any rate for the present. However, the rivers Saguenay and St. Lawrence at Tadousac being open almost all the year round, it was proposed to have a connection made between St. Alphonse and the Lake St. John road, which ran into Quebec, and, this much accomplished, a line from St. Alphonse to Tadousac would afford all the facilities that were required for a St. Lawrence winter port, which could be established at the latter point.

THE NANAIMO MEETING.

Resolutions Passed Protesting Against the Sending of Troops to Wellington.

A mass meeting was held in Nanaimo on Friday evening to express the disapproval of the inhabitants of that part of the country of the calling out of the militia to maintain order at Wellington. The gathering took place in the Opera House, Mayor Hilbert presiding. Upon the platform were a number of prominent citizens. The object of the meeting was to express indignation at the sending of the artillery and militia to Wellington. A number of gentlemen addressed the meeting, and among whom were the chairman, D. W. Gordon, M.P.P., Mayor Brown, M.P.P., Westminster; C. C. McKenzie, M.P.P., J. Keith, M.P.P., P. Foster, M.P.P., G. Norris, G. Bevilockway, and T. Boyce, president of the Miner's and Mine Laborer's Protective Association. The following resolutions were moved and adopted.—

"That whereas a contingent of armed soldiers has been sent into this district without any local official request having been made for such action, thereby casting an insult upon the residents of Nanaimo district as law-abiding citizens, and holding this district up to the ridicule of the whole Dominion; be it resolved, that this meeting does hereby express its fullest disapproval of such actions, and does hereby urge upon the Government the immediate withdrawal of the troops as an act of justice to the district.

That the action of magistrates resident out of the district in calling out the militia when they had not, and could not, have any personal knowledge of the real state of affairs, was most unfair and injudicious, and calculated to bring contempt upon the law which they are sworn to uphold."

"That a committee be appointed to solicit personally the signatures of the citizens of the district to a protest against the sending of the military to this district, and that the committee shall distribute the district work to sub-committees."

"That Mayor Hilbert, C. C. McKenzie, T. Foster, and J. Keith, M.P.P., form a committee and appoint sub-committees."

When Mr. Gordon addressed the meeting, he produced the following telegrams:

NANAIMO, Aug. 5th, 1890.

Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, Ottawa:

On whose authority has detachment of "C" Battery been sent to Wellington?

Neither invasion, insurrection, nor imminent danger of either.

People have obeyed orders of court without a murmur; and sending militia is an insult to this district, calculated to provoke trouble.

Order their return to Victoria at once and leave civil authorities free to exercise their functions.

Answer promptly. D. W. GORDON.

MONTREAL, Aug. 7th, 1890.

D. W. Gordon, M. P., Nanaimo, B. C.:

Troops called out in aid of civil power. Authority comes from local magistrate, not from us. A. P. CARON.

COLLISION ON THE SOUND.

The Fairhaven and the North Pacific Crash Into Each Other.

On Friday morning the the steamer Fairhaven, of the Pacific Navigation company's line, while on her way to Tacoma, went into collision with the North Pacific, belonging to the Union Pacific company. The accident occurred about 9 o'clock and is thus described by a passenger on the Fairhaven:

"We left Seattle about 8 o'clock and soon encountered a heavy fog which rendered it impossible to see ahead any distance. When off New Point two sharp, short whistles were heard ahead, which the Fairhaven answered. Instead of, however, veering to port, as the signal required her to do, she kept on in her course, when suddenly the prow of a steamer, which subsequently turned out to be the Northern Pacific, loomed out of the fog almost upon us."

Both pilots observed the situation at the same instant and put their helms hard-a-port to avoid what seemed an inevitable collision. The North Pacific was headed right for our forward quarter but by the pilot's prompt action she struck us about amidship with only a glancing blow but one of sufficient severity to shake the Fairhaven from stem to stern. The steamers drew away from each other and proceeded to sum up damages. The North Pacific was not injured to any noticeable extent, but the Fairhaven was badly shattered and crushed at the point at which she received the blow. Both boats were able to proceed on their way, and the passengers were grateful for their narrow escape. "Both steamers were going at their usual rate of speed notwithstanding the fog, and had not the head-on collision been averted the Fairhaven would have been cut in two."—Seattle Journal.

LITTLE LOCALS.

A number of the warships will proceed up the straits this week for practice and general manœuvring.

Frank Campbell, Jr., has had a new launch specially built and decorated according to an original design.

Miss Christie, while out driving on Friday night with two ladies at Wellington, had an upset, her wrist and one rib being broken.

Jas. A. Thompson, formerly engineer of the steamer Rainbow, has successfully passed his examination as steamboat inspector at Ottawa.

The Victoria Trades Assembly contemplate holding a provincial convention of trades assemblies and labor councils early in October.

The Victoria elocution class met last evening as usual. The number has now reached the limit, and things look promising and encouraging.

The steamer Rustler, having been repaired, will continue to bring over lumber from Vancouver to the order of