THETIC APPEAL.

d Asks the Conservative Party to Stand Firm.

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EARNSCLIFFE,
Ottawa, June 17.

d read with proud satisfac- s you forwarded me from the members of both Houses of nveying in words that are fort and consolation to me, my loss and their own. o me the favor to say lemen, my husband's true riends, with what a swelling on their loving testimony to f him whose useful, kindly, it will ever be our to remember. I thank nds with tears, not those of h a life and such a death are ch of common sorrow, but ratitude and affection in ac- of their love for and faith- through many years and Will you tell them for me here all can hear that I, his roken-hearted in my loneli- ation, venture to ask from l lasting tribute to my hus- mory? I ask that that tri- firm and united support to principles that our great died to maintain and carry to them with all the power convey to do now and in ey and I know would be wish and desire could lent on earth for ever- in this or any other ntry's history. To stand oulder to shoulder, regard- n, self-interest, or seeming goal but Canada's welfare ocess, to follow in short the le left to us, and to carry sign of division or faltering urposes that lay so near Sir shall watch so long as my arnest anxiety the progress in this country as, for the years I have been proud to I have always prayed that uler of all men would of His dom, foresight and firmness l counsels of the great Con- Believe me your sincere AGNES MACDONALD.

N NEWS NOTES.

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KAMLOOPS.

l to THE COLONIST.)

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From THE DAILY COLONIST, June 23.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Sound as a Dollar.

Workmen employed in excavating near the Jubilee saloon, Johnson street, yesterday, unearthed a piece of Victoria's first water-main, laid down from Spring Ridge, 32 years ago. The wooden pipe, which has a hole five inches in diameter bored through it, was, when taken up, as sound as the day it was laid.

Coming and Going.

Rev. Dr. Reid, of the Reformed Episcopal church, has returned from a visit to New Westminster, and the Bishop and Mrs. Cridge, have left town to enjoy their holidays. Rev. C. E. Dobbs will also take his summer rest now, leaving for the Fraser, where he will spend two weeks, this morning.

The Firemen's Tournament.

Preparations for the approaching Firemen's Tournament are progressing satisfactorily, and, upon the whole, subscriptions towards it are being cheerfully given. A dozen teams are expected to be present and compete. The wet tests will come off in the city, and the speed trials in the Driving Park.

Glass Factory at Saanich.

An experienced glass manufacturer from the old country has arranged, it is said, to start a glass factory in Saanich. He has been offered good inducements by the residents, and the necessary materials and facilities are ready to hand. The interested party believes he has an excellent thing in the venture which he contemplates.

A First-Class Cargo.

The American schooner Ruby A. Cousins will complete discharging her cargo of California red wood at Spratt's wharf, this morning. It consists of 90,000 feet for Jacob Sehl, and the same quantity for Muirhead & Mann. The entire cargo is in fine shape, there not being a knot in the entire lot.

New District Churches.

The projectors of the new Episcopal church, at Oak Bay, are now only waiting for the completion of the deeds to commence construction. A meeting of those interested in the Tolmie church was held on Wednesday night, and it was decided to have plans prepared at once, so that the church may be built this summer.

The Census.

The census returns for Vancouver and Victoria were sent to Ottawa several days ago, but it is impossible to learn anything about the results, the commissioners being strictly prohibited from furnishing any information. A steamer has been or is being chartered to convey the enumerators to the islands and other distant points.

Lands and Works Department.

The British Columbia Gazette contains the following appointments to the staff of the Lands and Works Department: Eric Barclay McKay, to be draughtsman, vice Tom Kains, promoted; Cecil M. Roberts, to be first assistant draughtsman, vice Ormond Fletcher, resigned; Thomas Bamford, to be second assistant draughtsman; Henry Cathcart, to be clerk and typewriter.

More Wharf Accommodation.

The announcement is made that the construction of wharves and warehouses in the neighborhood of Laurel Point will be undertaken in the course of the next few weeks by a local company, behind which it is supposed one of the American trans-continental railway companies is working quietly. The new warves will be constructed and equipped in the very best manner possible.

McMartin-Durham.

On Wednesday evening, at Pandora Avenue Methodist Church, Mr. G. D. McMartin was married to Miss Maggie C., daughter of Mr. Thomas D. Durham. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Coverdale Watson, and being the first marriage in the new edifice, the happy couple were presented with a handsome Bible. The church choir gave the bride a handsome gong clock as token of their esteem for her.

A College at Cedar Hill.

There are prospects of the immediate establishment, either at Cedar Hill or Lake, probably the former, of at well equipped private boarding school and college for young gentlemen. The founder and master of the new school is an English gentleman, whose experience in teaching has been very extensive. Whichever site is decided on, the school will be established in the course of the next month.

Bound For Behring Sea.

The U.S.S. Alert, Capt. Hitchcock commanding, called at Victoria, yesterday, seven days from San Francisco, to secure coal enough to enable her to proceed to Behring Sea in obedience to orders. She reported a rough trip from the California seaport, and also that the Mohican was one day ahead of her, also bound north. This was no doubt the steamer reported by Capt. Thompson, on Wednesday.

Wheat Blockade this Year.

The operating department of the Northern Pacific railroad has arranged for 46 new locomotives to be used in the movement of this season's crop of wheat. The new locomotives are of a heavier and more powerful type than those now in use in the freight hauling business. The additional supply of 1,600 freight cars for wheat shipment are now ready to be put into service. With increased facilities the operating department is confident of moving the grain crop with celerity.

Popular Miss Jackson.

Miss Josie Jackson, of the staff of the Des Moines Leader, was a passenger by the Sound steamer, yesterday, and for a day or two will make the Oriental her headquarters. Miss Jackson was the winner of an editorial trip ticket from St. Paul to Tacoma and back, offered as first prize for the most popular teacher in Des Moines. The contest was a warm one, and Miss Jackson came out with flying colors. She will employ her time while touring in jotting down her impressions for publication in the Leader.

The Agricultural Association.

The British Columbia Agricultural Association held an important business meeting in the committee room of the council, at the City Hall last evening. President D. R. Ker occupied the chair. There were present Trustees Holland, McKillican and Munn, Secretary Bainbridge, Mayor Grant, Ald. Vowell, J. H. Todd, Wm. Templeman, D. Milne, Chas. Hayward, John Braden, Wm. Dalby, Thos. Carter, Michael Baker, R. Seabrooke and Architect Soule. Ground was purchased, yesterday, by the association from Mr. Bowker, adjoining the Driving Park. It embraces about four acres, and was obtained on very favorable terms. The contract for the erection of the buildings was awarded to William Lorimer. The buildings will cost about $18,000, and work upon them will be begun immediately. The association have received assurances from the Tramway company that its lines will be extended to the Driving Park and in operation before the opening of the exhibition.

The Home for the Aged.

At a special meeting of the city finance committee yesterday, it was decided to secure, for the present at all events, the French Benevolent Society grounds and buildings for a home for the aged and infirm poor. This desirable institution will be opened by Wednesday next, with about eight inmates, and donations of food, clothing, furniture, bedding, periodicals, etc., will be gladly received at any time, either at the Home or by any member of the Finance committee.

Vancouver Island Building Society.

A special general meeting of the members of the above was held in the Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street, at 8 p. m., yesterday, for the purpose of holding the 49th drawing for an appropriation, and also to elect a director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of R. Erskine, Esq. Mr. J. E. Crane was unanimously elected a director, and Messrs. R. Jones and M. Baker, the holders of shares 22 A. and B, respectively, were declared entitled to an appropriation of $1,000 each.

Gold in the U. S. Treasury.

A statement prepared at the U. S. Treasury department shows that the net gold in the treasury, coin and bullion, on the 20th inst., was $121,333,339, or $11,873,824 less than was held on the 1st inst., and $68,899,085 less than was in the tressury June 1st, 1890. The statement only goes back to January, 1888, at which time the net gold in the treasury amounted to $202,955,184, or $81,621,845 more than at present. The gold holding was greatest in March, 1888, when there was $213,818,253.

Friends' Farewell.

On Wednesday evening, a farewell supper and smoking concert was given to the petty officers and seamen of H. M. S. Nymphe and Pheasant, by Mr. and Mrs. Day, the host and hostess of the Esquimalt Inn. The supper was served in good old English style, and everyone present did justice to the spread. After supper singing was indulged in, and kept up till the small hours of the morning, when all present declared they had never spent a happier time. The former ship leaves to-day and the latter on Tuesday next, for Alaskian waters, and both will probably be away four or five months.

Two Important Matters.

In his charge to the clergy of the diocese, at the synod meeting on Wednesday, Bishop Hills vigorously opposed the consolidation of the Episcopal Church in Canada. Later in the day Rev. W. D. Barber introduced a resolution having just the contrary object; it was to endorse the resolution of the Winnipeg Conference, looking to a closer union of the churches throughout the Dominion. This resolution was subsequently withdrawn, a committee being appointed to look into the question opened up. Rev. Mr. Tovey and Mr. Praeger moved that parishes have power to apply for and secure incorporation, when they might deem it advisable. This matter was also referred to a committee.

Sheep Importations.

Several extensive ranchers, other than those who have already called upon the Government to allow sheep for breeding purposes to be brought in free, have made similar demands. They say that they are entitled to receive the same consideration as other parties, while such consideration on the part of the Ottawa authorities is only in keeping with the policy of bringing in sugar almost free of duty. Cheap meat, they say, is just as important as cheap sugar, and the concession that is now sought would be most important in opening up a new industry for which the conditions of this province are specially adapted.

Odd Fellowship in Esquimalt.

A preliminary meeting was held at Esquimalt, last night, which was attended by a number of city brethren belonging to the C.O.O.F., M.U., for the purpose of considering the advisability of instituting a lodge at that place. Those who now join the order will have the opportunity of doing so at opening rates, as well as have their names incribed as charter members. The new organization will be instituted and christened on Monday evening next. The retiring D. D. G. M., Brother W. E. Ottoway, proposes to visit Waverley Lodge, to-night, with a view to obtaining their co-operation in a reception to the newly-appointed D. D. G. M., who was formerly a resident of this city, on his arrival here.

The Correct Costume.

Bathers in the waters of the Arm are now required to wear shirts and drawers, or else seek some other location. The provincial police are giving the Arm their particular attention just now, and will make an example of anyone using bad language. This will greatly please the residents along the Gorge, who have been insulted by the foul talk heard on the water ever since the boating season opened.

If the provincial authorities would set apart some special portion of the shore of the Arm for bathers, the nuisance would be altogether done away with. That portion lying east and north of Lee's saw-mill is far enough removed from the track of boats, and is screened from the road and from houses. If this portion were set apart for bathers, everyone would be satisfied.

Homeward Bound.

Mr. George Laing, superintendent of agencies of the British Empire Mutual Life Assurance company, left by the Islander, this morning, for Vancouver. During his visit of some four weeks in this city he has passed the time with pleasure to himself and to those with whom he became acquainted, and has further, by working up a large amount of life assurance, increased the hold which the "British Empire" has in this city. Mr. Laing inspects the agencies of his company, from Montreal to the Pacific Coast, and is now working eastward. Messrs. A. B. Gray & Co. are the general agents for British Columbia here, and they, together with Mr. Laing's friends, hope to have many reunions with the genial and gifted insurance man. *Au revoir.*

New Buildings.

Mr. T. C. Hooper, architect, is advertisting for tenders for the construction of a row of six one-storey cottages on View street, near Vancouver. They will contain seven ordinary rooms, bath-room and pantry, and be fitted with every convenience so as to suit the most eligible class of tenants. They are for a gentleman across the Sound, who is convinced that this class of property in Victoria is a good investment.

Tenders are also asked for a three-storey and basement building of brick, with stone foundation, on Johnson street. It is for Gilmore & McCandless, and is in the modern Romanésque style. On the ground floor will be two stores, conveniently fitted, the two upper flats being designed to connect with the Colonial Hotel. The rooms will be all well lighted; those in the interior connecting with a well leading from an immense skylight in the roof. The new building will be 52 feet by 36 feet.

The Late D. H. McMahan.

The funeral of the late David H. McMahan, formerly a salesman with Mr. McNeely, at Ladner's Landing, took place in this city yesterday. The deceased had been brought here for medical treatment; but all efforts had proved unavailing. The principal mourners were Messrs. McNeely and A. C. Flumerfelt. The pall-bearers were Meters. W. H. Redmond, T. B. Pearson, W. J. Quinlan, J. B. Crimp, C. D. Mason and John Kirkland. The services were conducted by Rev. Coverdale Watson.

The Chief in Trouble.

Harry, one of the chiefs of the Saanich tribe, paid a visit to his friends on the Songhees reserve, yesterday, and to make the occasion joyful all round, took along a bottle full of Oh-be-joyful. This fact came to the knowledge of Thomas James, and Harry was seized with the intoxicant in his possession. In the Provincial Court, Mr. Robert Ward and Mr. E. Pierson fined him $50 and costs, which the tribe will pay. In sentencing, Mr. Ward remarked that it was bad enough for an Indian to get drunk at home, but it was even less excusable for him to take liquor to the home of his neighbors. He also asked Harry how he would like it to have another Indian bring whiskey to his reserve? There was no reply, but the prisoner looked as though he would not object very vigorously.

A Box of Bones.

John Wilson and George Bourne, while playing ball, near Fairall's brewery, Victoria West, yesterday, made a discovery that caused a shiver to run through them. The former "muffed" a catch thrown to him, and the ball bounded into a little clump of bushes, where both boys followed it. Under the shrubbery they found a rain-whitened wooden box, some thirty inches long by fifteen square, in which were the decaying skull and bones of a human being. The box was not under the ground, nor is it half as old as its contents evidently are. The bones were not disturbed, and the box was placed in the hands of the police. It is thought that the broken skeleton, evidently that of a white man, has been found near the Indian graveyard, and carelessly placed in the little box by the finder. A careful examination of the bones is to be made.

No Defence Possible.

Three rough-looking white men, two of whom gave the names of Thomas Wilson and Charles Lee, paid a visit to the Indian reserve, yesterday, and as they had whiskey in their pocket flasks, Sergt. Langley thought it would be well to follow them up. He did so, taking with him Officers McNeill and Hunter, Sergt. Walker, of the city force, also forming one of the party. The four separated before they reached the spot where they expected to find their men, and each walked toward it from a different direction. As they came together again, a sight met the eyes of each, which was as startling as it was unexpected. Two of the men were in the commission of a serious crime, from which they were disturbed by the click of the handcuffs. It is expected that they will not attempt any defence, recognizing its uselessness. Their companion, who was asleep some distance away, is held as a necessary witness.

A Swarm of Bees.

Although the sight might have been a pleasant one for an apiculturist, it was scarcely a reassuring one for an individual who had been taught that bees are possessed of stings, to see a swarm circling on Douglas street, near Fort street, close to the heads of passers by. They have been known to light on people's heads to their imminent danger, and no one knew but that he might have been selected as the destination of the honey gatherers. They buzzed and they flew about like mad things; but on the occasions of their annual exoduses they are not, as a rule, dangerous. Indeed, they will not sting, unless they are injured, so that those who know anything about their habits could readily satisfy themselves that they were not in an angry mood. It was, however, an interesting sight to see the busy workers holidaying, and, no doubt, many who saw them recalled the old lines:

"A swarm of bees in May
Is worth a load of hay;
A swarm of bees in June
Is worth a silver spoon;
A swarm of bees in July
Is not worth a fly."

The insects finally settled in Mr. Campbell's chimney, where they were ultimately hived and taken away.

Very Poorly Informed.

David W. Vaughn and Joseph Johnson are the owners, officers and crew of a small sail boat, with neither name nor number, which was placed under detention by Collector Milne, yesterday. It had been seen for several days past in the neighborhood of Clover Point and Ross Bay, and was supposed to be in the opium or Chinese trade. Yesterday, it sailed in to the Custom House slip, and the collector sent word to the owners that he would like to see them. They were examined at considerable length, but were absolutely ignorant on almost every subject touched upon. They did not know that it was necessary to enter and clear in the common manner; they did not know that the United States and British Columbia had different laws; or that there was any smuggling carried on between the two countries. While it is very refreshing to find two such innocent men, the collector will further detain their sloop till he learns more about them. They had nothing on board that would stamp them as other than what they claim to be—two fishermen looking for work.

Cowie Again.

Jim Cowie, the proprietor of the Bee Hive saloon, was drunk again yesterday, and, as usual, amused himself by driving through all the business streets, his horse under the whip and himself almost rolling out of the buggy. Pedestrians scattered before him, for when Cowie gets one of his wild fits on, he is dangerous to life and limb. On Government street, near Fort, a lady was struck, though fortunately not seriously hurt, and just then Officer Smith made his appearance. He called on Cowie to stop, but the latter only applied the whip to his horse; then Smith seized the animal's head, and Cowie redoubled the blows, endeavoring to make the horse throw off the policeman. He did not, though; and as soon as other hands took charge of the horse, Smith gave his attention to Cowie, who fought hard, and was only arrested after a lively tussel. The policeman manifested more patience than any man might be expected to; in dealing with a man of Cowie's stamp the use of the club is certainly excusable. He is regarded as one of the worst fighters in the province, and his performance of yesterday was but a repetition of his conduct on half-a-dozen other occasions.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, June 27.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

A Free-for-All.

About sixteen Siwashes enjoyed a free-for-all fight on the harbor, last evening, in the course of which one ear was considerably disfigured, and other serious injuries were inflicted. Summonses will follow.

Will Sail To-day.

H.M.S. Nymphe did not get away yesterday, and will sail for Behring's Sea at 9 o'clock this morning. The Pheasant follows her on Tuesday. By waiting over until this morning, the Nymphe was able to catch the last English mails.

A Fine New Bridge.

The rickety old structure known for years past as Parson's bridge has been replaced by a handsome new one, which is now open for traffic. It is well constructed, on scientific principles, of the best materials, and is guaranteed for 15 years.

Arrivals of Butter.

Latterly considerable shipments of butter have been arriving here from Otterburn and other points in the Northwest. It has arrived in very fine order, having been brought along in refrigerator cars. It comes in firkins of from ten to fifty pounds.

Busy Times at the Outer Wharf.

Yesterday was a very busy day at the Outer wharf. The steamers Batavia and Tai Chow, and the ship Thermopylæ, were all unloading at the same time. Between the three vessels over 2,000 tons of freight for the port of Victoria is being discharged.

The Customs Changes.

The recent additions to the Customs duties are equal to a further imposition of 20 cents per gallon on rye whiskey, and 12½ cents per gallon, or 25 cents per case on brandy and other imported spirits. The new duties have caused champaigne to go up $1 per case. Milwaukee beers have risen 50 cents per barrel, and ale and stout 12½ cents per dozen.

In Dock at Esquimalt.

The large steam collier Hounslow arrived from the South and entered Esquimalt dock for painting and overhauling yesterday. In view of his unpleasant experiences with the Union at San Diego, Capt. Norman requested the presence of police on board during his stay here, and his request was granted, although there is no sign of trouble. From here the Hounslow goes to Nanaimo to load coal for San Francisco.

The Difference.

Captain Lee, of the Empress of Japan, when asked by the pilot whether he would bring the steamship to the Outer wharf, replied that "this vessel will not go into that mud-hole." The water at that time was nearly high tide, or over thirty feet at the shallowest point. The steamship Batavia, drawing at the time 22 feet of water, one foot less than the Empress, came to the Outer wharf, yesterday morning, at the lowest stage of the tide. The public can draw their own conclusions. There is apparently little desire to have the Empresses call here, or else the water would be found to be quite deep enough to dock them, as has been found since the Batavia began sailing under new influences.

Home for the Aged.

The work of establishing a home for the aged is meeting with good success. Mayor Grant, who is enthusiastic in the matter, reports three contributions of $500 each, and promises of larger sums from others. One inmate has handed over his bank account of $800 to the fund. Capt. W. Power, of Moodyville, is a subscriber of $500 to the institution. The old French hospital will be used for the present. It is the intention to secure five or ten acres of land near the city, and build a place that will not only provide comfortable shelter and good food for the deserving indigent, but will also possess pleasant surroundings, and afford a means of employment to those who are able to work a little. The object should meet with generous aid.

A Hearty Reception.

A right hearty reception was given to the Rev. Donald Fraser, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, by the members of the congregation, last night, on the occasion of his return to his pastorate. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. G. Brown, gave an excellent programme of vocal music, after which an abundance of strawberries and cream was served. Rev. Mr. Reed ably filled the chair, and at the close of the first part of the programme delivered an address, in which he wished the pastor every success in his work, and also gave the choir great praise. Those who sang solos were Messrs. Moir, Brown, Erskine, Kinnaird, Grant, Watson and Gold, and Misses Russell, Stephen and Manson, Credit is also due Miss Stevens, who acted as pianist.

Another Trophy.

The Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company of Toronto, in answer to a letter from the secretary of the Tournament Committe, writes as follows:—

Dear Sir—Replying to your favor of the 13th instant, we have pleasure in advising you that we shall do what we can in the way of offering a trophy for competition at your coming tournament. We have a great many similar requests from all parts of the country. Whenever we can see our way clear to do so, we are glad to respond with a contribution, but often the prizes we offer are less in value than our wishes and disposition would suggest, but you will readily see that in the course of a year these prizes amount to a considerable sum. With regard to your tournament, we are especially glad to do what we can, and, therefore, write to ask how you would like a nice silver-plated trumpet? We think that would, perhaps, be an acceptable prize, but would be glad of a suggestion from you if this does not meet your wishes. Will you please advise us also the date of your tournament, and what particular event you would like our prize offered for, so that in case we sent a trumpet it may be so engraved. Awaiting your reply.

(Signed) CHARLES N. CANDEE.
The Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company of Toronto.

A Busy Day.

The two justices of the peace, who dispensed law in the city police court, yesterday, had their hands full of business. Below is given a brief memo. of the cases:—Thomas McCulloch, not sober yet, and unable to explain his black eye, $5; John McRae, suffering from a bad cut in the head and one over the left eye, right eye black, $5; Ginger, an Indian policeman, drunk, $5; Saint Joseph, also Siwash, in possession, $25 and costs. There was also the case of James Cowie, who was charged with being drunk, and with furious driving on two occasions, to all of which charges he pleaded guilty. A fine of $25 and costs was imposed, and Cowie was given a little sound advice from the bench. He was not charged with resisting arrest, as he might have been, but Supt. Sheppard promised that, if he does not mend his ways, influence will be brought to bear to take his license from him at the next meeting of the Board. Thomas Wilson and Charles Lee, charged by Sergt. Walker with the crime committed on the reserve, on Thursday, were remanded until next week. One case of fast driving over a bridge, two cases of assault, one of infraction of the revenue by-law, and one of refusal to answer the question put by a census enumerator filled up the programme.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Drake.)

Swarm vs. Byram—Motion to fix time for plaintiff to give security for costs. Ordered that security be given before Wednesday—C. Wilson for applicant; T. E. Corbould for respondent.

Jaynes vs. Rickard—Motion to set aside order of Chief Justice of 12th inst., etc. Decision reversed.—Eberts and Taylor for applicant; Drake, Jackson and Helmcken for respondent.

Turner vs. Prevost—Extension of time asked for in which to move for new trial. Time extended till the sitting of the Full court.—Drake, Jackson and Helmcken for applicants; G. Jay for respondent.

Moore vs. Sutton—Motion to fix date of trail. Left over till Monday.—Drake, Jackson and Helmcken for applicant; Walker, Pemberton and Dumbleton for respondent.

A. O. U. W.

Grand Lodge Meets in Victoria on July 15th, and will be in Session Three Days.

On the 15th July the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen meets in the Odd Fellows Hall in this city, its proceedings being expected to last over three days. The jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge covers Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, and over 250 delegates are expected, many of whom will bring friends with them. They will arrive on the evening of the 14th, and preparations have been made to give them a reception worthy of the city and of the Order which they represent. There are over 250,000 members already in the Order, which has been increasing at the rate of 1,000 per month. The public reception will come off in the Victoria Theatre, when a number of addresses will be delivered, and either on Thursday or Friday there will be a social entertainment. The local Lodges are Victoria, No. 19, and Vancouver, No. 77, whose members will take their brethren to Esquimalt and other points of interest, besides, in other ways making their visit an enjoyable one.

FROM THE OKANAGAN.

A Magnificent Agricultural and Fruit Growing Section—Rich Gold and Copper Ores.

Mr. Crane, of the firm of Crane, McGregor & Boggs, recently returned from the Okanagan county, whose productiveness he describes as being second to that of no other part of the province. Indeed, it is, in his opinion, equal, if not superior, to anything in California, and the railway, which is expected to run into Vernon by 1st July, will open up a very valuable section. It is expected the Canadian Pacific railway will take up the section between Sicamous and Enderby and give good facilities, which is most encouraging to the settlers. The late rains have been of very great assistance to the ranchers, and the crops are expected to be the largest ever gathered. It is much regretted, in the interest of the townsite of Vernon, that holders of property hesitate to cut it up, so as to allow settlers to establish themselves. He had been informed by people from California, whom he had met in this section, that for fruit growing it is unsurpassed—particularly for pears, apples, plums, cherries and strawberries, but it is not so good for grapes. He had visited one farm which had been planted out in fruit, and made the finest display he had ever seen. The Enderby Mill was working night and day and turned out a very large quantity of flour. At Boundary Creek he had been shown some very fine samples of free gold as well as some gray copper, both of which were very rich. It is a pity, Mr. Crane said, that the capitalists of Victoria are not acquainted with the magnificent natural resources of which this country is possessed.

THE BATAVIA IN PORT.

She Brought a Large Cargo and Docked at the Outer Wharf.

Loaded down with the biggest cargo that she ever carried to this port, and drawing exactly 21 feet 6 inches of water, the steamship Batavia, Capt. J. R. Hill, sailed up alongside the outer wharf at dead low tide yesterday morning, 14 days and 22 hours from Yokohama. The Batavia left Hong Kong May 26, Kobe, Japan, June 6, and Yokohama June 11. She is of 2,500 tons register, or about 4,000 tons gross measurement, and was formerly in the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway, plying between the Orient and the port of Vancouver. This trip is the first time that she ever docked at this port.

The trip was a very successful one for the owners, and the vessel brought in 2,600 tons (dead weight) of freight, which filled her hold and even encroached upon the passenger accommodations, the staterooms being filled with packages of tea and curios. Purser J. Donaldson stated that the Batavia obtained very quick dispatch from Yokohama, having secured all of the freight there that she could handle, in two days time.

There were only four first-class passengers who made the trip—Mr. G. H. Wymark, the manager of the line, and of Mr. Upton's business; and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Good and child. There were 39 Japanese in the steerage, who are destined for Portland, and 153 Chinese, who landed here. The entire voyage was one of the pleasantest ever made across the Pacific, the ocean being as smooth as a mill pond all the time, from leaving Yokohama until arriving in at the dock.

The manager, Mr. G. H. Whymark, accompanied the Batavia over this trip for the purpose of arranging for quicker dispatch at Portland, on the return voyage. He stated that the new line had established a monthly service, and the Sussex, the next of the line, is due to leave Hongkong today. The Sussex has a big quantity of freight awaiting her, and will probably bring the largest cargo from the Orient that has over been brought to British Columbia. Mr. Whymark stated that merchants are liberal in their patronage of the new line, which is making special efforts for the freight and Chinese trade, but is making no effort for passenger business. Mr. Whymark will go to Portland with the Batavia.

Vigilant Care.

VIGILANCE is necessary against unexpected attacks of summer complaints. No remedy is so well-known or so successful in this class of diseases as Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. Keep it in the house as a safeguard.

The dam on the Serpentine River in Surrey has burst, and the breach is gradually becoming wider. This dam is the piece of work which has caused so much trouble among the Surreyites.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

In Bright Array.

Vancouver Island Siwashes are great lovers of Diamond Dyes. One party of five yesterday made a purchase of two dozen full boxes, and they and their friends will for the next few months rival the rainbow and the peacock in the splendour of their apparel.

Lost Boats Recovered.

The sloop which D. McIntosh had stolen from him some time ago, has been located on one of the islands of the Gulf, and restored to the owner. Mr. Davidson has also regained possession of his lost boat, which was found on Seabird Island by Police Officer Hunter.

The Lucky Man.

Mr. Charles Holmes, employed in the COLONIST Office, won the first prize of one hundred dollars in Russell, McDonald & Co's drawing on Friday night last.

Lake District School.

This school had its closing exercises, yesterday. The room was filled to its utmost capacity by visitors and friends. The examination was a decided success. One of the pupils, Chas. B. Jones, passed into the High School, and no doubt the school reflects much credit on the master, Mr. Tomlinson, who is respected by both parents and pupils.

Sailing This Morning.

Steamer Walla Walla sails for San Francisco, at 11 o'clock this morning, the following passengers having booked on her:—Mrs. Thos. Easton, Daniel Easton, Mrs. Sandison, Miss Norton, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Barnes, Miss Gregson, Miss Chimmo, C. J. Martin, W. R. Lawrence and friends, T. W. Zurn and wife, W. W. W. R. Ruger and wife, F. Gummell.

Will Sail in Company.

H.M.S. Nymphe, Commander Turner, left Esquimalt harbor immediately after her mails were received, yesterday morning, and will go direct to Nanaimo. Here she will meet the U.S.S. Mohican, in whose company she will proceed to Behring's Sea. It is expected that H.M.S. Pheasant and the U.S.S. Alert will also sail in company, leaving here on Tuesday.

Seized Sloops.

A Vancouver sloop, carrying a crew of three, has been seized near Thurlow Island, by the provincial police officer at Comox. The charge laid against the captain and owner, of selling whiskey to Indians, will be investigated at Nanaimo. The fishermen's sloop detained by Collector Milne, a few days ago, has been released, the Collector believing the story the men told of their character and object in coming here.

The Hours Flew all too Quickly.

A farewell party was given, last evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Brickell, 48 Second street, in honor of Mr. J. Brickell, who leaves, to-night, for his new home over the Sound. Music and dancing were the principal features of the evening, and at 12 o'clock a delicious supper was served. Then the party broke up, each member well pleased with the manner in which the evening had been spent.

Lateness of the Season.

Complaint is made, both on the Island and Mainland, that the season is at least a month later than usual. Long before the present time last year, the hay crop was over ripe. However, it is believed that all descriptions of crops will be better and more abundant. This will be somewhat of a compensation.

Winning Numbers

In Russell McDonald & Co.'s half-yearly drawing.

1564	2416
819	301
709	982
1075	2832
2846	2630
375	2492
2612	2626
2204	1303
659	2753
1355	1692

Medal for the Firemen.

W. W. Farley, travelling representative of the Toronto Rubber Company, who was in town yesterday, called last evening at the COLONIST office and announced that his company would offer to the firemen of British Columbia a solid gold medal to be awarded at the coming tournament in this city, for the best hose coupling contest. Mr. Farley promises that the medal shall be an unusually fine one of choice design and appropriately engraved. He left this morning for the Mainland, but will return on Tuesday and remain for several days.

Sheriff's Sale.

The home of William Whyte was broken up yesterday, and the sale of his household goods was commenced, and disposed of for cash to the highest bidder. Sheriff McMillan and his assistant were the auctioneers. The home of the absent Mr. Whyte was on Richardson street, in a pretty cottage hidden in the midst of a beautiful flower garden. The sale lasted until nearly midnight, and the prices realized were unusually good, as everything in and about the house was comparatively new and of the best and costliest description. The sale will be continued on Monday, at 11 a.m.

A Chinese Joke.

Yesterday morning while a Chinaman was driving along Blanchard street, in a vegetable wagon, the horse took fright at a load of pipes, and ran but a few yards when the wagon cramped and then turned over on the Chinaman. A pedestrian seeing the whole performance immediately ran to his assistance, and had half succeeded in turning the wagon over, when to his great astonishment he saw the Chinaman sitting on the road uninjured and laughing. How he got there and what the joke was is still shrouded in mystery.

Arrival of the Olympian.

The steamer Olympian arrived in port, yesterday morning. She has been scraped and newly painted and in every respect is in first-class condition. On the way over she even surpassed herself, as regards speed, having arrived at Port Townsend an hour and a half ahead of time, on account of which she had to remain there until the regular hour. Captain C. H. Anderson is, as before, in command, and expects to show clean heels to anything in these waters. She will leave Victoria every morning, except Saturday, at seven o'clock, reaching Seattle at half-past one, and Tacoma at half-past three. She will leave at eight o'clock on the morning of Independence Day for Fairhaven, and take over the Amity baseball players and the Victoria lacrosse team, returning to Victoria the same evening, so as to be able to take her regular trip on Sunday morning, July 5th. This Fourth of July excursion will not only give the passengers an opportunity of visiting Fairhaven, but of seeing the flourishing towns of Whatcom and Schome. This will probably be the last excursion by the Olympian for the present, as, so soon as the Victorian begins regular service, she will be placed on the Whatcom route, and run against the City of Seattle. The Fairhaven excursionists will be accompanied by a full band.

All Right Again.

James Bay bridge has had another thousand dollars spent upon it, and is once more pronounced a safe and proper structure for the public to travel over. The repairs to the bridge just completed by Mr. R. McIntosh, consisted in the placing of a substantial truss of 28-inch timber along the centre of the structure.

Runaway.

A runaway on Johnston street caused considerable excitement, yesterday afternoon. A young mare, attached to a Phoenix brewery wagon, undertook to be alarmed at the tram-cars, and by sheer will carried away with her her more submissive mate. The result was almost a collision with the electric cars, and much general apprehension as to consequences. However, the vehicle was run into the gutter, and the refractory animal thrown down, which stopped its mad career, and after considerable soothing it was driven away in a tolerably quiet manner.

For Behring's Sea.

During the past week both the Mascot and the Otto have been quietly fitting out for sealing, and both have now sailed for the North. Their captains did not receive any official notice prohibiting them from going to Behring's Sea, and it is needless to say did not ask for it. They will take their chances of securing a few skins before meeting the warships with orders to return. Mr. King-Hall, of the New York Herald, will make the trip on the Otto, so will Mr. R. McManus, of this city—the old "town major."

Board of Examiners.

The gentlemen appointed by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, to act as a Board for the examination of candidates for admission as Provincial land surveyors, after having the oath of office administered to them by Hon. Mr. Justice Crease, held a preliminary meeting, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of organizing and dividing up the work of preparing papers for the examination of candidates, to be held at their first regular meeting on the first Wednesday in October. The Surveyor-General kindly consented to act as secretary *pro tem.*

Petrified Bark.

While excavating on his property on Benson street, New Westminster, a few days ago, Mr. R. W. McIntosh unearthed a portion of an ancient Douglas fir stump, almost completely petrified, bark and all. A piece of the petrified bark, about twelve inches long, five broad and three in thickness, was taken out in perfect condition, and is so natural in appearance that it might easily be mistaken at a short distance for the natural bark. Several pieces of the roots were also taken out in a fine state of preservation. It is no uncommon thing to find petrified wood on the townsite, but the finding of bark in this condition, either in British Columbia or any other country, is very unusual. It is likely Mr. McIntosh will present the specimen to the Provincial Museum.—Columbian.

A Great Day for Picnics.

Yesterday was a great day for picnics, although the wind did blow in a manner that made it difficult to keep picnic baskets on *ter