

### A Cry for Improvements

#### Victoria West Citizens Meet and Rejoice Over Their Legal Victory.

#### Board of Aldermen to be Petitioned for Better Streets.

Now that the roadway agitation in Victoria West has settled by the judgment rendered yesterday, the by-law passed to close Craigflower road, a cry goes up from the residents of that suburb for better means of communication with the business part of the city. A meeting was held in Semple's hall last evening, when Mr. Beaumont Boggs occupied the chair, and Mr. Thomas Gould, who has acted as secretary for all the meetings throughout the agitation, again filled that position opening the meeting at 8 o'clock with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. There were upwards of 90 in attendance, and Mr. Boggs, in setting the ball rolling, proclaimed that, as the Victoria Westers had won their case, it would be only fair and proper to ask the city to reimburse them for the legal expenses which they had been put to.

The secretary was then called on to read the judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Drake. This done, a general discussion followed of a congratulatory character, until a petition that had been prepared for presentation to the city council had been spoken of. Mr. L. Tait, Rev. Mr. MacRae, Mr. Charles Jenkins and others wanted warms at this juncture. Mr. Tait wanted to know what Victoria West residents thought of an alderman who declared that not another cent would be spent on that road this year, and that it had more expended on it already than it deserved. In regard to asking reimbursements from the city, he was in favor of a strong remonstrance being sent to the council, protesting against the ill-treatment of the citizens of the West End, and that a large committee be appointed to better streets from now until the end of the year, and long as necessary, should keep in mind when the elections come around who were and who were not their friends. In a local way, he stated that sooner than the district left for a good representative at the next municipal campaign, he would run himself. He concluded by saying that the means of communication with the city, and in this had the sympathy of all.

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### TO COMPLETE DETAILS

#### Final Meeting of the Societies Reunion Committee to be Held This Evening.

This evening there will be a final meeting of the committee, having in charge the arrangements for the Societies Reunion on Saturday, when the last details will be decided upon. Already visitors have commenced to arrive, 108 excursionists having come down from the Mainland by the Islander last evening. Another crowd is expected by the same steamer this evening, to-morrow the large Skymor will arrive from Seattle, the City of Nanaimo from Wellington, the Alice Gertrude from Port Angeles, and several carloads of society members from Nanaimo and points along the E. & N. Railway.

It is expected that to-day the city will commence to put on her gala attire. Yesterday workmen were engaged in getting stringers of evergreen and bunting ready, with which to decorate the Market hall and James Bay bridge, and it is hoped that citizens, particularly those of the societies, will be ready to help to beautify the city.

The societies taking part will meet at their respective halls on Saturday next, to join the big procession.

### Fortunes in The Fisheries.

#### Labor Scarce on Fraser and Prices Higher—Glut of Small Fish.

#### Cattle in Great Demand—Missing Prospector—A Banker's Promotion.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Aug. 17.—Owing to the scarcity of labor in the salmon fishing industry, the fishermen are able to secure better terms, and were successful today in getting an advance of 5 cents on the lowest price paid for fish, making the minimum now 20 cents. The salmon are slackening off, and the canneries are utilizing all fish caught.

W. W. Stumbles, fishery overseer, has addressed a circular letter to all the canneries, forbidding the use of refuse into the Fraser, and stating that the Fraser river oily would take the better streets from now until the end of the year, and long as necessary, should keep in mind when the elections come around who were and who were not their friends. In a local way, he stated that sooner than the district left for a good representative at the next municipal campaign, he would run himself. He concluded by saying that the means of communication with the city, and in this had the sympathy of all.

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### A Day's Gossip Of the Hotels.

#### First Excursionists Arrive for the Societies Re-Union on Saturday.

#### Sound Capitalists Look for Investments in Vancouver Is'd Mining Districts.

Men who know the conditions prevailing in the north and are not blinded by prejudice, continue to come to Victoria and purchase their outfits, and although there is much to be done over the Victoria merchants have their hands full at present filling orders. At all the hotels are a number of members, who are here to outfit, among the latest arrivals being Robert Keenaghan, of Seattle, a guest at the Queen's, who is placing an order for five tops with Stinson Lister & Co.

Capitalists in the Sound cities are at present taking a deep interest in the mining affairs of Vancouver Island and are securing a number of desirable properties. E. Molander, of Port Townsend, who owns several claims at Mount Sicker, is here with E. H. McManis, of Tacoma, who contemplates investing in Mount Sicker properties. He spent yesterday at the Queen's.

The arrival of the first excursionists for the big demonstration to-morrow led to fill the registers at the city hotels last evening. The Dawson headed the list with 53 arrivals, while the Dryden, Victoria, and Queen's were not far behind.

Mayor James T. Garden, of Vancouver, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. J. T. Garden, of Woodstock, Ont., and E. G. Garden, of Atlin, registered at the Strand last evening.

W. E. Drake, Thos. E. Atkins, W. G. Harvey, G. F. Baldwin, Frank Taggart and Mrs. E. H. McManis, all of Vancouver, are guests at the Strand.

Rev. J. C. M. Wade, of Annapolis Royal, N.B., who has been touring the coast, is a guest at the Dominion.

W. E. H. Henry, ex-elderman of New Westminster, is a guest at the New England.

John R. Brown, of Vancouver, registered at the New England last evening.

John Kennedy, of the Columbia, New Westminster, is at the Victoria.

### FIGHTING AT CLOSE RANGE.

#### Insurgents in Trenches Pour Volley Into Advancing Boer-Now Supplies of Ammunition.

Manila, Aug. 17.—The Twelfth infantry left Calicut at sunrise to-day and advanced up the railway. Capt. Evans' battery deployed to the right of the track and Capt. Wood's to the left. Two companies remained on the track with artillery. The insurgents were found well entrenched in front of the town, their trenches having been dug within a few days since the occupation of Calicut. At a distance of 100 yards the Filipinos opened fire. Their loss was estimated by Col. Smith at 1,500, although residents afterwards said it exceeded those figures by a thousand. The enemy sent heavy volleys against the whole United States line. Most of their shooting, as usual, was high, but they concentrated their fire on the batteries, and the artillery. Col. Smith kept the whole line moving rapidly with frequent rushes. The insurgents attempted to break through the lines, but were repulsed. Men were sent to the right and drove them back. Unable to stand the continued fire, the Filipinos abandoned the trenches and retreated through the town northward. It appears they had only received their new supplies of ammunition this morning, and that they had been attacked sooner they could have made little resistance.

They had been suffering much among the United States troops. A reporter of the Manila Times, who was accompanying Col. Smith, was shot in the head by a bullet from the United States officer received a slight wound in the face.

Gen. Howland, of Gen. Wheaton's company who knows the country thoroughly as a result of reconnaissances, and who assisted in directing the movement, reports that the Filipinos had crossed the field to the trenches, but he escaped unharm.

Eight hundred insurgents attacked the camp this morning, but the Twelfth regiment drove them into the mountains. The insurgents' loss is unknown.

### New Commander In South Africa

#### War Office Transfers a General for Seeming to Applaud the Boers.

#### Transvaal Has Not Yet Sent Answer to Mr. Chamberlain's Proposals.

Capetown, Aug. 15.—Major-General Sir William Buller, in command of the British troops in South Africa, against whom there is so much feeling because of his alleged Boer sympathies, has been recalled, and he transferred, it is understood, to Egypt.

London, Aug. 15.—The Daily Chronicle, which regards General Buller's removal as "an indication that the country is being hurried into war," says: "His offence was that he spoke rough words of truth about that precious organization, the South African League. We are convinced that he acted for the honor and clear interests of the Empire."

On Thursday next General Walker will come to London to receive final instructions.

The Daily Mail says that General Lord Garnet Wolseley, the commander-in-chief, has sanctioned one hundred volunteers of the London Scottish Rifles going to South Africa, in the event of war.

Pretoria, Aug. 15.—The reply of the government of the South African Republic to the proposal of the British secretary of state for the colonies, to refer to a joint commission the effect of the franchise reforms upon the status of the franchise holders, has not yet been sent to Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner. The various alarming rumors in circulation are, however, without foundation.

The Volksraad has amended the constitution of the South African Republic compelling persons who are not burghers to contribute to the maintenance of the national territory, and the suppression of rebellion.

The executive council concluded its session at 12:30 p. m., when orders were issued to the field cornets to give out Mauser rifles in exchange for Martini rifles. A great crowd gathered to receive arms. The possibility of war with Great Britain is about the only subject discussed, and it is generally felt that the burghers should be consulted before extreme measures are adopted.

The Transvaal government is purchasing arms in bulk possible, paying as high as \$100 for each animal.

### Finns Looking For Farms

#### Fifty or Sixty Thousand Would Move to Favorable Location.

#### Their Agents Turn From New Foundland and Will Now View This Province.

By Associated Press.

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 18.—The party of four Finlanders looking for farm lands have arrived back here. They have been through part of the interior of the island, under escort of Chief Engineer Massey. Their impressions of Newfoundland as a place for an agricultural settlement are unfavorable. While they saw some arable land in Bay Cuddy valley, the Bay Islands and other places, they saw that a party of large area to warrant them in recommending any considerable emigration of Finlanders to Newfoundland.

They will proceed forthwith through Canada to British Columbia, and may visit the United States before returning home.

VILLE MARIE'S BIG LOSS.

Three-Quarters of a Million Gone and Depositors Will Lose Half Their Funds—Molson's Robbery.

Montreal, Aug. 18.—(Special)—Mr. Kent, one of the principal liquidators of the Banque Ville Marie, reported to a committee of depositors that the bank's losses amount to \$726,000. It will likely require half a million to take care of the note, circulation, leaving \$200,000 for depositors, or about 53 per cent.

Winnipeg, Aug. 18.—(Special)—In the Molson's Bank preliminary trial of John W. Anderson, H. W. Whittall, counsel for Davis, the detective, described how \$200,000 was found in a trunk in the city, hidden in the bush near the railway track. He revealed the location of the money from Davis, who helped him in the theft, which lasted three hours. The money was handed to the bank authorities next day.

SAYS HE SHOT LABORER.

Man Arrested on His Own Statement But Believed to Be Crazy.

Rennes, Aug. 18.—A man claiming to be the intended assassin of M. Labori, counsel for the defense, has been arrested. His name is Glorot, and he is a native of the department of Cotes du Nord. Glorot was arrested here yesterday. He said he shot M. Labori.

He is situated in the department of Ile-de-France, 15 miles from Paris, east of St. Maurice. The latter place is 44 miles N. N. W. of Rennes.

Glorot was brought to Rennes this evening. He was accompanied by M. Gast and others, who saw the would-be assassin. He declared that he shot M. Labori, making an alleged confession and glorifying in the crime. The doctors say Glorot is mad.

VICTORIANS ON SERVICE.

Graduates of the Kingston Military College Attached to Imperial Army.

The August issue of the London Gazette contains notices of the appointment of several graduates of the Royal Military College, Kingston, to commissions in the Imperial army. The ex-acts from the college are as follows: Royal Garrison Artillery—Gentlemen Charles Henry Reynolds Poole and Julian Yorks Hyster Ridout, from the Military College, Kingston, to be second lieutenants.

Royal Warwickshire Regiment—Gentleman Cadet Henry A. Kaubach, from the Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada, to be second lieutenant.

Royal Sussex Regiment—Gentleman Cadet Arthur B. Wilkie, from the Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada, to be second lieutenant.

Unattached List—Gentlemen Cadets James Peters and Roger C. L. Swenson, from the Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada, to be second lieutenants, with a view to their appointment to the Indian Staff Corps.

Gentleman Cadet Henry A. Kaubach, son of ex-Mayor Carey, Royal Engineers, son of ex-Mayor Carey, who is employed in the office of the Inspector General of Ordnance, and Captain R. J. Macdonald, Royal Garrison Artillery, son of Senator W. C. Macdonald, who is employed as a private in the 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Rifles, mentioned in the above extract, is a son of Lieutenant Colonel J. B. Ridout, Scottish Rifles, who was the first captain of cadets at the Royal Military College, Kingston.

An electric door-opener has been put to draw the latch and allow a caller to enter, a sliding bar being suspended in front of the door, so that a push on the button completes the circuit and pulls the bar out of connection with the latch.

Dr. Jacobus Nicolaus, Archbishop of Galtz, whom the Pope has elevated to a cardinalate, is of Slavic origin. He was born on June 30, 1858, in lower Silesia in the Austrian districts of which Slav and Slovene sentiments predominate. His theological education was obtained at the Collegium Germanico-Slovanicum, at Rome, where he was also ordained in 1883.

John Conquest, chief inspector of the statistical investigation department of the metropolitan police at New Scotland Yard, London, is to retire from the force. Mr. Conquest is known to the public as a manager, so that a post in England. He was the detective attached to Mr. Gladstone during the 1880-81 premiership. In that capacity he went everywhere with the prime minister.

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Rennes, Aug. 21.—Godefray's evidence of the evidence of upwardness may be all in a day's work. Dreyfus created a better day. He entered the courtroom bearing, and resented in a calm, cool, and collected manner, his own accusations. His manner was so calm and collected that he appeared to be in perfect command of himself. He stated that he had seen the general staff and that he had seen the general staff and that he had seen the general staff. He stated that he had seen the general staff and that he had seen the general staff. He stated that he had seen the general staff and that he had seen the general staff.

### Wellman's Polar Party

#### Accident to Leader Ends Brave Dash With Prospects Brightest.

#### Narrow Escape From Iceluque Crushing Many Dogs And Sledges.

From the Toronto Globe.

Tromsø, Norway, Aug. 17.—Dr. Wellman and the survivors of the polar expedition led by him arrived here this evening on the steamer Capella, having successfully completed their explorations in Franz Josef Land. Mr. Wellman has discovered important new lands and has returned with a large quantity of walrus hides and other valuable furs.

In the autumn of 1893 an outpost called Fort McKinley was established in latitude 81. It was a house built of rocks and roofed with walrus hides, and was occupied by two Norwegians, Paul Bjoevig and Bert Bentzen, the latter of whom was with Nansen on the Fram. The house was destroyed by a snow-covered crevasse which fell on it, and the men were killed.

About the middle of February, by the rise of the sun to its winter height, Mr. Wellman started on his expedition, and on the 15th of July, 1894, he and his party of 19 men and 25 sledges started north. It was the earliest sledge journey on record. On reaching Fort McKinley, Mr. Wellman found the house destroyed by a snow-covered crevasse which fell on it, and the men were killed.

Then began a succession of disasters. Mr. Wellman, while leading the party, fell into a snow-covered crevasse, and was unable to get up. He was rescued by his companions, but he was unable to walk, and will probably be permanently crippled.

After reaching headquarters, other members of the expedition explored regions hitherto unknown, and important scientific work was done by Lieut. Evelyn E. Baldwin, of the United States weather bureau; Dr. Edward Hornum, of Grand Haven, Mich.; and Mr. A. Baran of the United States coast survey.

The expedition killed 47 bears and many walrus. The 47 bears were skinned and the skins were packed for export. The expedition also collected a large amount of scientific material, and the results of their work will be published in a book to be published in the autumn.

### THE NEGRO PROBLEM.

From the Montreal Star.

The greatest problem that the American people have to face is the status of the negro population. Canadians get but a faint idea of the conditions prevailing in the South from the telegraphic reports of lynchings. The newspapers of the South and those of states bordering on the South contain accounts of the crimes of the negroes, and these are often lynchings by mobs of white men that are never telegraphed to the north. The papers of the north contain accounts of the crimes of the negroes, and these are often lynchings by mobs of white men that are never telegraphed to the north.

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### SAINT OF THE SOAKERS.

What Grounds There Are For the Rain Superstition Associated With St. Swithin.

From the London Times.

Popular beliefs and superstitions die hard; and those about the weather, that universal subject of interest, die hardest of all. The schoolmaster and the man of science are abroad; but which of us, educated or uneducated, does not feel some anxiety whether St. Swithin's Day, just as we are about to start, will be a day of rain or sun. The schoolmaster and the man of science are abroad; but which of us, educated or uneducated, does not feel some anxiety whether St. Swithin's Day, just as we are about to start, will be a day of rain or sun.

### ANOTHER BURGLAR CAUGHT.

Woke Up a Household and Was Caught in Possession of the Booty.

Owen Sound, Aug. 18.—(Special)—A daring burglary was attempted last night by one Robert Scott, (smith, of Chatsworth, who effected entrance into the house of John Lemon through a back window. Mrs. Baer, of Philadelphia, was visiting the house, and heard someone, apparently a stranger in the next room. She awakened Mr. and Mrs. Lemon. The burglar closed the door from the inside, when he found himself discovered, and he fled. He was captured after a short chase, and is now in custody of the police.

### A FAST ALLAN LINER.

Montreal, Aug. 18.—The new Allan steamship Bavarian finished a most successful trial trip yesterday, averaging 17 1/2 knots for a distance of 240 miles. This is 19.86 miles per hour. She sailed from Liverpool for Montreal August 24, and will sail regularly in the Montreal service.

### COMPLIMENT TO SIR HIBBERT.

Halifax, Aug. 18.—The Conservatives of Pictou conveyed their congratulations to Sir Hibbert Tupper and A. C. Bell for the House of Commons.

### CATTLE QUARANTINE.

Medicine Hat, Aug. 18.—Commissioner Herchmer, of the N. W. M. P., has placed Medicine Hat cattle district under quarantine, because of a disease reported on a number of ranges.

### CALLED FROM TRANSVAAL.

Montreal, Aug. 17.—St. Mathew's Presbyterian church at Pointe Ste. Charles has extended a call to Rev. Angus Graham, at present pastor of the Presbyterian church at Pretoria, Transvaal.

### PROFITS OF COURAGE.

#### Some of the Rewards of Feminine Bravery.

From London Tit-Bits.

Though even the brave deeds of women frequently go unwarded, it is gratifying to find that they are occasionally recognized in the current coin of the realm.

Some time ago a Manchester young lady was presented with a £5 note by the judge at the local assizes for the extremely plucky manner in which she tackled a burglar in her father's house. The knight of the jenny was hardly engaged in ransacking the premises, when she became aware of his presence, and, jumping out of bed, she seized him, and, despite his struggles, held him fast until masculine aid arrived.

The sum of £5 was also awarded by the judge at the Old Bailey, London, to a brave young Jewess who was instrumental in bringing a couple of burglars to justice.

The latter had raised some premises at Mile End, and but for the spirited recognition of this brave daughter of legal duty would undoubtedly have got clear away with their booty. On observing them as they departed from the scene of their operations, she was not content with raising an alarm, but chased and actually captured one of the rascals, and, taking a policeman who was endeavoring to arrest a couple of wrong-doers, resulted in a gain to her of a silver teapot and a purse of money. Several men who were standing by having refused their aid, she pluckily stepped forward, and, taking the constable's whistle from his belt, blew a shrill and authoritative air.

### Local Peaches.

—That peaches can be grown in and around Victoria has been known for some time, in fact quite a number are grown here, but seldom have any been exhibited which equal those which were this year picked in the fine, young orchard of Mr. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, on the Saanich road extension of Fourth street. The fruit is a beautiful color, and is as near perfect as possible. When the orchards planted in recent years around Victoria are ready to bear, the California article will have to take a back seat.

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Police on Mount George.—A special force of 11 men, through the kindness of an English (Ind.) clergyman refuses to be put on the ground that he is a church property. The property of the congregation as much as is the pastoral residence, and that, as such, he is exempt from taxation, the same as the parsonage.

### More Argument.

In Supreme court chambers there has been gradually framed on the motion made by Mr. Barnard to strike out the petition against the election of Mr. Kane, as an alderman of the City of Victoria, and after a long sitting the case was further adjourned until Monday. The petitioner is H. W. Bucke, who alleges that Mr. Kane is interested in a contract with the city, and is therefore disqualified to act as an alderman. Mr. Barnard asks that the property of the property of the congregation as much as is the pastoral residence, and that, as such, he is exempt from taxation, the same as the parsonage.

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Godefray at Omaha.—The largest crowd yet gathered together at the Omaha exposition, where Dan Godefray and the British Guards band is playing for six weeks, occurred on Monday, when the famous bandmaster put on Julian's army quadrilles. "The British Army Quadrilles" is a descriptive stamp in music which, when given by the band in the largest cities of America, created that excitement; the march of the infantry, the gallop of the artillery, the charge, the false alarm, the return to the fray, midnight in camp, the review, the din of battle, the repulse of the enemy, and the final triumph of the British army, is said to be inspiring to a degree.

Police on Mount George.—A special force of 11 men, through the kindness of an English (Ind.) clergyman refuses to be put on the ground that he is a church property. The property of the congregation as much as is the pastoral residence, and that, as such, he is exempt from taxation, the same as the parsonage.