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His Honor's Reminiscences—Who Were Present—Some of the Victoria Exhibitors.

[Special to the COLONIST.]

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 27.—At noon to-day His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dewdney stood on the balcony of the Exhibition Building at New Westminster close to the railing and lifted his hat. At a prearranged signal, Lieut. Cowper in command of 150 men of H.M.S. Garnet and Nymphe shouted "present arms" to his line of marines; the regulars moved like a machine and came to the present with a decisive combined jerk while the boom-boom of a mounted Nordenfelt in charge of the detachment seemed to give vent to the pent up desire of the citizens to demonstrate their enthusiasm on the successful opening of the third annual agricultural exhibition of the municipality of Westminster. The cannon does not cease to boom, ere the band plays the National anthem, and every head is uncovered. As the last strains die away, Mayor Curtis waves his hand and all noises cease but the Nordenfelt. The civic magistrate extends a greeting to the visitors, and in a felicitous speech, in which he refers romantically to the pioneer days of our Lieutenant-Governor on the banks of the Fraser, introduces His Honor to the assembled crowds, and on behalf of the citizens of New Westminster, many of whom were formerly fellow citizens of His Honor in old days, he bids the Queen's representative welcome to the Royal City.

His Honor said it was not the first time the citizens of Westminster had shown their appreciation for what they were good enough to term his valuable services in the past. Looking back, events had proved his course the right one. He had aspired to the honorable position he now held, as he believed the sentiments expressed to-day would be those expressed by his old friends in British Columbia. He was, indeed, an old pioneer, having the honor to have been the first settler on Sea Island, at the south bank of the Fraser.

"I first set foot," said His Honor, "in B. C., early in June, 1859. I camped upon the bank of the Fraser within the limits of Queensborough, then Capital of B.C. I accompanied Col. Moody, commander of H.M. forces in British Columbia, to the Mainland. We crossed from the Island on the old steamer Beaver, and I was appalled at the immensity of the forests as I gazed from the deck of the steamer."

It gave him peculiar pleasure, he said, to see the wonderful change so beautifully expressed in the address of the citizens of New Westminster. The Royal City had a noble history; its people had been energetic and cautious and have a beautiful, clean and healthy town adjoining the forest from which its site was hewn. He trusted he might be of use in the province owing to the knowledge he possessed of it—an experience and knowledge which was at the service of any one and every one who desired it.

His Honor, in conclusion, on behalf of Mrs. Dewdney and himself, thanked his old friends and everyone present for their most gratifying and enthusiastic reception. Some of the happiest days of their lives had been spent in Westminster, and they would always have for the Royal City a warm spot in their hearts.

The periods in His Honor's speech were punctuated by minute guns of marines still firing with periodical precision on the outskirts of the crowd.

President Trapp, in his turn, greets the people and invites the Lieut.-Governor to open the fair.

His Honor says: "I declare the Exhibition open." The crowd cheer, the cannon cease, and the people swarm into the buildings, the bright uniforms of H.M.S. officers lending color to the pretty scene.

Among the sightseers were: Mrs. Dewdney, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Corbould, His Hon. Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, President Trapp, Mayor Curtis, Mr. Corbould, ex-Mayor Townsend, Hon. C. E. Pooley, Hon. J. H. Turner, James Punch, M. P. P., J. W. Horn, M. P. P., D. Oppenheimer, Vancouver; Ald. Hackett, Vancouver; Ald. Sinclair; D. R. Ker, Victoria; John Hendry, Reeve Kelly, of Coquitlam; W. H. Ladner, the officers of H. M. S. Garnet and Nymphe, Capt. F. Hughes Hallett, Commander Huntingford, Lieuts. Cowper and Muntz in charge of the men; Lieut. Chambers, Chief Engineer R. G. S. Norgate, Assistant Engineer J. O. Jamieson.

The fine old city by the Fraser presented a beautiful sight in its holiday attire, its artificial decorations putting the finishing touches on nature's magnificent gifts of sublime scenery and charming situation. Conspicuous mottoes were "Agriculture, the pride of British Columbia," "The Royal City extends welcome to all," "Welcome to the Knights," "Greeting to all the Wheelmen of the Pacific Coast," etc. Knights of Pythias, Nanaimo; Sons of England, Foresters and Odd Fellows made an effective display, and the excellent music of the Indian band from Burrard's Inlet was favorably commented upon. The Westminster city band "Pride of the Province," also enlivened the proceedings. Inside the building everything went smoothly.

Even nature refrained from sprinkling the crowd of interested spectators around the football field. During the first half Vancouver had rather the best of it, scoring two goals. Senkler got a try; Woodward got a drop kick from the field. In the second half the Royal City team held down their visitors and did some very brilliant playing, but failed to score. The teams were evenly matched and the game was closely contested and interesting.

J. H. Falconer's Victoria Vinegar Works has a very fine display next to the COLONIST exhibit. It is well sprinkled with red tickets, Mr. Falconer carrying off first prizes in pickles, vinegar and cider.

Close to Mr. Falconer's creditable exhibit is Brackman & Ker's, Victoria. Red tickets decorate their magnificent sample of red oats, display of split peas, barley, oatmeal and flour, which are very fine.

M. R. Smith received a diploma for his magnificent exhibit of biscuits, crackers, etc.

Other Victoria exhibitors came high above the standard.

The schedule lacrosse match between Victoria and Westminster was played in the rain. Westminster won in four straight games from a hurriedly put-together team from the Capital in seventeen minutes.

THE Ladies' Aid Society, of the Presbyterian congregation at Cedar Hill, will give an At Home at the residence of Mr. Benjamin Marr, Cedar Hill road, on Tuesday evening next. A cordial welcome and a pleasant evening awaits all who may attend.

FROM ARGENTINE.

The Government Recaptures Tucuman—Fight With Torpedo Boats.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—A Buenos Ayres dispatch says: Gen. Pellegrini, at the head of the Government troops, has recaptured the city of Tucuman. Pellegrini and staff and 1,500 infantry marched to the building where the Junta was sitting. All the members were taken prisoner and locked up under strong military guard.

BUENOS AYRES, Sept. 27.—An exciting skirmish took place yesterday in the outer roads of this harbor between some torpedo boats which had joined the revolutionists and vessels of the Argentine fleet. The attack was made by the torpedo boats, but the loyal men-of-war were prepared for it, and not only beat off the insurgent vessels, but later took the offensive and captured the rebel boats and crews. The fighting between the two fleets was very sharp for a time and many men were killed, including several officers. The commanders of the two torpedo boats concerned in the attack on the Government fleet were instigated by Col. Espinas to attack the Government. The authorities have succeeded in arresting him, and he will probably be shot. The Government has asked Congress to take action against Senor Alem, a Senator, on a charge of suborning the army. The National Guards, who have been mobilized, are trooping to-day in large numbers to the various barracks. Gen. Roca is directing the operations against the rebels.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

Ecclesiastical Appointment—Opening of the Board of Trade Building.

MONTREAL, Sept. 27.—(Special)—Rev. L. N. Tucker, assistant at St. George's church, has accepted the position of rector of a church at Vancouver.

His Excellency the Governor-General formally opened the new building of the Montreal Board of Trade this afternoon. An immense crowd assembled, and by 2 o'clock the Exchange hall and the surrounding galleries were literally packed. A double line of Royal Scots was drawn up on each side of the main entrance. Shortly after 2 o'clock His Excellency and Lady Aberdeen, accompanied by Prof. Drummond, Lieut.-Gov. Chapleau, Hon. J. S. Hall and Solicitor-General Curran, arrived and were received in the council room by members of the council and board. They were conducted to the hall, where an address of welcome was read and presented by Senator Ogilvie. Lord Aberdeen replied briefly, thanking them for the reception, and at the conclusion of his remarks he formally declared the Board of Trade building open. Hon. J. Curran spoke shortly on trade in Canada, and was followed by J. D. Wright, president of the Chicago Board of Trade and others.

THE PREMIER AT STRATFORD.

The Government Have a Policy on the Temperance Question by Which They Will Stand or Fall.

STRATFORD, Sept. 27.—(Special)—Sir John Thompson and party reached this city from Clinton last evening, and were escorted by the twenty-eighth battalion band to the City Hall, where an address was presented to the Premier by the City Council. The procession then took its way to the skating rink, where a large crowd had assembled. Col. Campbell, of Listowell occupied the chair, and with him on the platform, besides the Ministerial party, were a number of prominent members of the Conservative party. Addresses were presented by the Conservative Association of North Perth and the Young Men's Conservative Association of Stratford. In the course of his reply, the Premier said, that having been requested to speak on the temperance question, he could say nothing definite pending the report of the Prohibition commission, but that at the proper time the Government would declare their policy in the matter, and stand or fall by it without having recourse to a plebiscite. He was followed by Hon. Messrs. Foster, Angers and others. The party left for Walkerton to-day.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Mysterious Opium Smuggling Causes the Discharge of the "Wellington's" Crew—The "Miowera's" Big Cargo.

The United States revenue cutters Grant and Perry are expected to leave New York for Puget Sound on October 15. Their duty will be to prevent the smuggling now believed to be carried on between British Columbia and the United States. The Grant was built on the Delaware river in 1871, of iron. The engines are combined and drive a single screw. Her speed is about eleven knots. Her dimensions are: Length, 163 feet; beam, 25 feet, and depth of hold 11 4 feet. She has three masts and is bark rigged. The Perry is a single screw revenue cutter, registered 282 tons gross, of much later design and fittings than the Grant. She was built of steel on Lake Erie in 1884, and has been doing duty on the great lakes. Having a record of fifteen knots, she could give any ordinary smuggling vessel a lively chase. The Perry is 165 feet long, 25 feet beam and 11 feet depth of hold.

SMUGGLING DISCOURAGED.

A discharge of all hands on the collier Wellington, plying between Nanaimo and San Francisco, was made at the latter port a few days ago, on account of the complaints of the operations of smugglers on board that vessel, on which 108 tins of opium were seized last week. The Call says: "It was a hard blow to the men and came upon them very unexpectedly. Only two of the vessel's crew were on board at the time of the trouble on Pacific street wharf and the remainder of the crew think it is rather unfair that they should have to stand the consequences of the misdoings of others. 'All firemen, oilers and others have been discharged,' said one of the Wellington's officers yesterday. 'We could not fasten the crime upon any particular man, in fact we could get no clew to the deed from any of them, so we thought it best to let them all go.'"

A HEAVY FREIGHT.

The City of Kingston's inward cargo Tuesday evening was an exceptionally large one. When she arrived at Seattle she had on board 800 sheep, three carloads of flour and numerous other goods, and Captain Roberts at first refused to take seventy-one Indians bound for Victoria on their way North, but as they were very anxious not to have to stay over another day the Captain at length took them on the upper deck.

AN interesting meeting is expected by the W.C.T.U., Thursday, as a gentleman from the "Ensor" Institute will be present to confer with the ladies.

SAILOR COMPLAINTS.

The Men of the U. S. Steamer "Ranger" Have a Whole Chapter of Grievances.

"Salt Horse"—Sodden Biscuits—Officers With Swelled Heads and Other Discomforts.

(San Francisco Call.)

On April 12 last the U. S. steamer Ranger left this harbor for Port Townsend in command of Captain Nichols and manned by a complement of men. On October 13 next the Ranger will probably return to San Francisco minus a number of the crew and bearing the reputation of having lost most of her men because of too rigid discipline.

From a private source of information it is learned that one of the principal complaints made by the men of the Ranger is that orders have been given by the vessel's commander that no seaman shall be allowed to put his hands in his pockets while on duty. It is not presumed that poor Jack is prohibited from reaching after his knife, or prevented from diving into his pockets for a chew of tobacco, but it is stated that under no circumstances is a Ranger seaman allowed to pose meditatively with his fists covered by trouser cloth and not ready for immediate action.

Again doth Jack complain and say that on board the Ranger the men are forced to do double duty. Watches have been changed so as to force every seaman, marine and apprentice to sleep with one eye on dreamland and the other on the ship's officers. No man is allowed to close both eyes at once, nor to lose consciousness altogether. Mess-table rules are still more offensive, declare these victims of the Ranger. Sea-biscuits have to be eaten in seven bites instead of three, and "salt horse" chewed thoroughly before being swallowed. All able seamen are expected to shave three times a week, and no man with an overgrowth of capillary substance is permitted to be on deck without a comb handy for constant use.

These are some of the minor complaints which the Ranger sailors hint of, but more seriously speaking there appear to be grounds for assertions that the ship's crew is only awaiting an opportunity to leave her at the first port touched at. At present the Ranger is supposed to be in Alaskan waters, and no news of a definite or wholly trustworthy character can be gained concerning her. Nevertheless there has been trouble with this ship concerning desertion before. While at Port Townsend, some months ago, a number of her crew left her; the complaint being that too severe discipline was enforced.

At naval headquarters the story of a probable general desertion from the ship is not credited. It is thought that the larger part of the vessel's crew will leave her when she arrives at this port, but this, it is claimed, is always the case with vessels returning from Behring Sea duty.

"The origin of the story is the desertion of a number of men while the Ranger was at Port Townsend," said an officer. "Trouble is always experienced with crews shipping on the Behring Sea patrol fleet. The men seem to have an aversion to shipping to the North. They get as far as Port Townsend, get full of liquor and are then sorry that they signed. I don't think that the rules and regulations of the Naval Department are any more strict on board of the Ranger than on any other Government ship."

The following letter was received yesterday from one of the crew of the Ranger by a local shipping agent. It gives a fair idea of the dissatisfaction among the men:

"We are not satisfied here at all. This is one of the hardest ships I ever was in. We have all been doing double time and getting no thanks for it. The grub is poor, and the officers seem to be suffering with the swell-head. Every man in my watch intends leaving the ship when we reach Frisco, and you bet we will not sign in her again."

The crew of the Mohican, it is also learned, are anxious to get back. They say that an overdose of discipline is their trouble, and declare that, like the Ranger's men, they will leave the Government service never to return.

Turbulent Tramps.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—General Superintendent Fillmore is informed that tramps, who came over the Atlantic and Pacific, recently seized a train at Mojave and defied the trainmen. Fifty of them took the train south and rode in spite of the conductor. The other 150 made free use of the train coming north and ran things to suit themselves. At Tulare fifty of them got off and were fed by the people there. The others came on to Merced and Modesto. Mr. Fillmore was informed that another detachment, 300 strong, is making its way over the Atlantic and Pacific to California. There is no way to prevent them riding, so they get on and off the trains at their pleasure. The railroad authorities say it is easier to let them ride than have trouble with them.

Odd Fellows in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Odd Fellows are pouring in to the World's Fair grounds in their thousands this morning. The sovereign grand lodge left by steamer for the grounds at 10 o'clock under escort of the United States vessels Blake, Michigan and Andrew Johnson. Commencing at noon special exercises were held in Festival hall and Music hall, while the ladies' branch of the order, the Daughters of Rebekah, held a festival of their own in Recital hall.

Attempt to Break Jail.

KINGSTON, Sept. 26.—A convict named Bennett, one of the Dalton gang, recently sentenced at Toronto to a fifteen year term in the penitentiary for bank robbery, was caught on Friday night attempting to dig his way out of his cell. He had been working at the hole for some time, and carried out the dirt in the morning in his pockets. It would have taken the convict some months to make the passage large enough to escape through. Bennett is now in the dark cell.

BIRTHS.

O'SULLIVAN—In Montreal, Que., on the 24th inst., the wife of E. J. O'Sullivan, C.E., of a son.

FLOYD—On September 25, at "Leixlip" cottage, Oak Bay, the wife of J. Sterling Floyd, of a daughter.

APPLEBY—On the 26th inst., the wife of M. J. Appleby, of a son.

KERR—On Wednesday, the 27th inst., the wife of J. R. Kerr, of a daughter.

DIED.

BAILEY—On the 24th instant, Mary Ann, relict of the late M. F. Bailey, a native of Richmond, Virginia, aged 85 years.

BRIGGS—In this city, on the 27th inst., Cynthia Ana, eldest daughter of A. P. and Minna Briggs, aged 2 years and 5 months.

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Having been a resident in the District for over twenty years, and having been engaged in farming and mining almost an equal length of time, I feel that I am fairly conversant with your needs. Of course, not having engaged in mining for the last ten years personally, circumstances may have altered somewhat, so that your requirements may not be just the same as they were then. Hoping to make a personal canvass—if time will permit—I shall be pleased to listen to any suggestions you may make.

As to the requirements of the farming portions of the District, I claim to be fully acquainted with them. I believe that the Land Act should be further amended so as to better suit those engaged in farming and stock raising. Considering a railway of paramount importance, any *bona fide* scheme to build one to benefit the District will, should I be elected, receive my fullest support.

There are other subjects which I would wish to touch upon, but as I intend to hold public meetings at all the principal places in the District I hope then to more fully and clearly explain my views.

In the meantime,

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Faithfully yours,

WM. ADAMS.

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