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## BRIEF LOCALS.

### Cleanings of City and Provincial News in Condensed Form.

The heads of a plunger and wolf shot at Gordon Meadows, Esquimalt, were brought to the city yesterday.

J. A. Lawrence has purchased the Jones property at Fort and Quadra streets. The price paid is said to have been \$8000.

The customs have seized a small American ship that landed with a lot of produce from the islands without entering at the customs house.

At Friday harbor a large cannery has been built, with a capacity of about thirty thousand cases, by John A. Devlin, quite a wealthy man of Astoria.

A dispatch was received this morning from Hakodate stating that the sealing schooner Mary Ellen was at that port on the 27th instant with 1900 skins.

Victoria lodge, No. 17, K. of P., has been incorporated under the benevolent societies act. The trustees are George H. Russell, H. A. Mann and T. W. Roberts.

Tenders for the provincial jail supplies for the year ending June 30, 1895, have been awarded as follows: Bread, McMillan Bros; beef, John Peck; groceries, H. Saunders; clothing, Gilmore & McCandless; coal, Rattray & Hall.

The council of public instruction has created the new school districts of Nakusp, Otter lake, South Lillooet, Deep Creek, and has altered the boundaries of the districts of Enderby, Spallumcheen, Haney and Maple Ridge.

Thomas Catterall has been awarded the contract for alterations to the Masonic Temple. Another story is to be placed on the present building and a three story addition is to be erected on Fisgard street. The whole will cost \$20,000.

Word has been received announcing that the sealing schooners belonging to Thomas Earle and A. Magnusen, the Fawn, Oscar and Hattie and Walter A. Earle, have shipped their combined catches of 4100 sealskins on the schooner Vira for Yokohama.

A private letter from London, which made a very speedy passage, was received in the city by a gentleman last night. It was mailed in London on the morning of June 13 and came by way of New York and was only 14 days on the way. Such quick delivery is very rarely made.

Dr. A. R. Baker and Dr. H. B. Finley, the well known dentists, have formed a co-partnership for the practice of their profession. The former will remove his office to that of the latter on Government street. They are both competent dentists and very popular young men.

The firm of Tai Yune & Co. will build a two story brick tenement in the rear of their Government street store. It will have one hundred feet frontage on Cormorant and Pandora streets. The plans are being prepared by John Teague and work will begin in a few days.

Thomas Rowan, summoned for vagrancy, failed to appear in the police court this morning and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Charles Ward, convicted of being found drunk, was ordered by Magistrate Macrae to pay a fine of \$10 and \$2.50 costs or go to jail for one month.

W. Fellow Harvey, F. C. S., formerly of Golden B.C., has opened a very completely equipped laboratory in Vancouver. In connection with his office there will be an experimental plant for treating various ores by the cyanide process, where parcels of 100 to 2000 lbs. can be treated by arrangement.

A Douglas street car jumped the track at the bottom of the grade near Pembroke street, last evening. The car jumped across the sidewalk into a vacant lot six feet below. Motorer Gordon and Conductor Allnutt remained on the car and attempted to stop it without success. Mr. J. Russell, a passenger, was thrown down and sustained serious bruises. D. M. Eberts and S. Sea jumped from the car and escaped without injury.

There was a very pleasant social in St. James' hall last evening, given by the Ladies' Aid of St. James' church. The attendance, despite the weather, was very satisfactory. During the evening refreshments, including strawberries, were served. The following programme was rendered: Piano solo, Miss White; song, The Little Hero, Mr. Jay; duet, The Parting Hour, Mrs. Goepel and Mr. Russell; song, Creole Love Song, Miss Arrowsmith; piano solo, Miss White; song, Only a Memory, Mrs. Goepel; song, Mr. Jay; reading, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven; song, Mrs. Jay.

Charles Freedman, Charles Westcott and Jeff Howeth were in the police court this morning on a summons charging them with vagrancy. They were represented by George B. Powell, and the case of Freedman was taken up first. The police swore that he was an idle person and had no visible means of support, but it came out in the cross-examination of Sergeant Levin that he had seen him tending bar in the Delmonico.

The sergeant also believed that he paid his debts. The defence claimed that he was a bartender and bookkeeper in the Delmonico. Mr. Jackson and defendant swore that he had been engaged in such capacity for fifteen months. The court reserved judgment until July 6th, to which date the other cases were adjourned.

Old timers, says the Columbian, protest against the change in the spelling of the name of the landing where passengers by the C. P. R. now take the steamers for the coast. "Cat's Landing" is its proper name, they say, not "Kaiz," as it has been spelled lately. Cat's Landing received its name from the following incident: In the early days, when the steamers took freight and passengers as far as Yale, a cat domiciled on old Captain Irving's steamer went ashore at that point (an Indian reserve) and had a litter of kittens in the bush. A few weeks later, when the steamer made another stop there, the old cat and her kittens walked on board. The stopping place was christened "Cat's Landing" then and there, and has been known by that name ever since.

The concert given in Institute hall last evening by Madame Laird and her pupils was largely attended. The audience fully appreciated the excellent programme presented. Miss Agnes Dawson, L. R. A. M., opened with a prelude by Chopin, the audience calling for an encore.

She also sang Polacca Brilliante (Weber) with delicate. Ernest Wolfe's violin solos were as usual well received. He was accompanied by Miss Leach. Almost the best thing heard at a Victoria concert for some time were the double quartettes by male voices under the leadership of Mr. Greig. They sang the "Night" and "Poculum." The singing of "Robert toi que j'aime" by Madame Laird received well merited applause, as did also her rendition of "Valse" (Gregh). Mrs. Burton and Miss L. Hartnagle sang the vocal duet, "Guard a che Bianca Luna," and Miss Hartnagle was also heard in a solo, "Seville" (Dessauer). Both were sung with much taste. Miss Lizzie Harvey sang "Where'er You Go" (Lord Sommerset).

From Saturday's Daily.  
—John Doran was to-day elected a school trustee for Esquimalt.  
—The annual reunion of the choir of First Presbyterian church was held last night at the home of Leader J. G. Brown. It was a very pleasant affair.  
—His Lordship Bishop Perrin administered confirmation at St. James' church last evening. There were ten in the class and they were presented by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven.

The Glasgow Mail of June 9 says: "William Fenwick, of 73 Barlock street, Possilpark, Glasgow, desires the address of Alexander Fenwick, boilermaker, last in Victoria, B.C."  
—The many friends of the Rev. Mr. Arden in Victoria will be pleased to hear that he has been offered and has accepted a chaplaincy under the British government in Malta.

At the high school examination yesterday Miss Cameron and Mr. McNeill, the teachers who are to take other positions after the holidays, were presented with presents from their pupils.  
—Charles Ward, remanded from yesterday, was convicted in police court this morning of having been found drunk. He was fined \$10 with the option of 14 days in jail. Wm. Atkins was convicted of drunkenness and discharged. Jennie Chickens looked lonesome without Timmy. She was convicted, fined \$5 with 14 days added and the option of 14 days in jail. The charge was of being found drunk.

The funeral of Joseph Colquhoun took place this afternoon and was quite largely attended. It was held from the hall of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society on Blanchard street, which place the funeral procession left at 2 o'clock. Services for the dead were held at the reformed Episcopal church, commencing at 3.30 o'clock. They were conducted by Rev. Clement King. A large number of members of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society and Yacht club were present. The inquest held at provincial police headquarters last night resulted in a verdict of accidental drowning.

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Among the tests used by dealers and jewelers to ascertain not only the reality, but the quality of a stone, is that of resistance or hardness. Few professionals are without a case of proved diamonds, graded according to their degree of hardness. All phantasies are tested by this means, and the quality ascertained. A specially constructed microscope is used to distinguish colors in stones. It has been stated that diamonds are seldom bought by the trade after they are mounted. They are generally taken out of the setting for inspection. This is more generally the case if the stones are mounted so that the under portion is hidden. One of the best in which the stone is so colored that the hue of the stone can be changed the hue of the gem. For instance, a ruby will glow with a deeper and more intense fire if the bottom and sides of the setting wherein it is fixed be colored red. The shade of a stone can be altered or a flaw concealed by the skilful use of colors in this way. Naturally the device does not deceive the initiated. A perfect stone is invariably mounted "a four," or so that every part of it is visible.

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How the Stones are Prepared So As to Increase Their Seeming Value.

The value of diamonds and other gems depending mainly upon their bulk, the efforts of the falsifiers have been chiefly directed to increasing their proportions. The principal mode of doing so is known as "doubling." It was in use in the seventeenth century, and a case before the law courts in reference to a so-called rule shows that it is still flourishing. It consists in joining together with cement a portion of a real stone and an imitation so as to make the combination appear one and indivisible. This can be done so deftly that the initiated are sometimes deceived, as the case referred to above shows. So long as a combination of this kind remains unseen the expert discovers it usually by a close examination of the edges, when it is mounted in a ring, bracelet, or other setting, recognition is practically impossible. This is the most common form of deceit in the jewel trade. If some of the jewels priced by retail and wholesale houses were taken to pieces and carefully examined by an expert the result might astonish the owners. Some surprising discoveries of this kind have been made when family jewels were being remounted.

It is to guard against deceptions of this kind that jewelers and dealers in precious stones decline to buy gems in their settings, says the Pall Mall Gazette. When the gem is unset it can easily be subjected to a ready and infallible test. A stone about which there may be suspicion is dropped into a dish of very hot water. If it is a doublet the cement quickly dissolves and the component parts fall apart. But doubters are also made in which the real diamond finds no place.

The art of glass manufacture has made many advances in recent years, and experience has taught those who make it their business to fabricate spurious gems that a better result and a closer imitation of the genuine article can be obtained by joining two pieces of glass of diverse shades. It is managed in this way: The top portion of the false brilliant is made from glass in which there is a pale yellow or straw colored tinge. In the under side of this a socket is drilled, into this socket is fitted