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From THE DAILY COLONIST, August 2.

THE CITY.

AUGUSTUS HEWITT of Vernon gives notice of application for a license to prospect for coal on the west side of Okanagan lake in the Osoyoos division of Yale district.

THE waterworks contractors have fifty men at work, and as soon as the coffer dam is finished the number will be considerably increased. The work is progressing satisfactorily.

A FURTHER postponement has been made of the date of enforcement of the provincial act to secure uniform conditions in policies of fire insurance, this being from August 1 to October 1, 1895.

MR. SPEAKER HIGGINS yesterday issued his warrant to the Registrar of the Supreme court, directing him to issue a writ forthwith for an election to fill the vacancy in the Cowichan-Alberni district.

THE St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society are making great preparations for their games and entertainment to take place on August 24. The choir are practising every Wednesday evening under Mr. J. G. Brown's leadership.

THE inland revenue returns for the port of Victoria during the month of July are as follows: Spirits, $7,743 82; malt, $2,357 65; tobacco, $3,598 87; cigars, $778 50; licenses, $1,295 00; inspection petroleum, $32 30; rent of land, $50.00. Total, $15,856.14.

THE honorary treasurer of the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a donation of $40 from Chang How, and of $204 from Mrs. Charles Vernon. The latter amount represents the profits of the recent very successful fete held on Mrs. Vernon's grounds.

THE Columbia Hydraulic Mining Company (Foreign) has been registered for business within this province. Its head office is at Chicago, and its capital $100,000. The Western Loan and Trust Company, Limited (Foreign), with headquarters at Winnipeg and capital of $2,000,000, has also been registered; its chief office in this province will be at Vancouver.

THERE was to have been a meeting yesterday of the citizens' committee who had in their charge the liquidation of the Aberdeen reception deficit; only the chairman, Mr. C. E. Renouf, and the secretary, Mr. J. B. Gordon, attended. The committee announce the receipts from the sale of tickets for the recent concert at $891 65; the expenditures totalled $848, the amount of the reception and ball committees' accounts being $727 65 and the expenses of the concert being $121. A surplus of $43 is thus left in the hands of the committee.

MISS LAURA AGNEW, who has been studying for the musical profession during the past year with W. Edgar Buck, and who made so favorable an appearance as Leonora in "Il Trovatore" last spring, left by the City of Puebla last evening for San Francisco, where she will follow her chosen profession. Mrs. Agnew accompanies her daughter. Mr. Aspland, whose appearance as Manrico in "Il Trovatore" won high encomiums, has recently been appointed solo tenor in Grace church, San Francisco. This young singer also studied with Mr. Buck.

MR. JAMES MITCHELL, of this city, received the sad intelligence by wire yesterday of the death by drowning at Ottawa of his son-in-law, Mr. Charles Cox, a popular and capable official of the marine and fisheries department. The accident occurred while Mr. Cox was bathing in the river, and by his death a loving wife and daughter are particularly bereaved. The deceased was in the prime of young manhood, but had already won for himself an enviable place in his profession as an engineer. He had many friends in Victoria who will learn with keenest regret of his untimely end.

PROVINCIAL appointments this week include those of James Abrams, of Union, to be a coroner and stipendiary magistrate for Comox electoral district; and of William Melville Newton, of Rossland, to be registrar for that town for the purposes of the marriage act. James Fergusson Armstrong, of Golden, has been appointed a stipendiary magistrate, gold commissionar, government agent, assistant commissioner of lands and works and judge of the court of revision and appeal for the East Kootenay electoral district, and also to act as official administrator for the county of Kootenay, vice A. P. Cummins.

THE appeals from the city assessment continued yesterday before Mr. Justice Crease. For the Williams estate Mr. Thornton Fell asked to have the following reductions made: Lot 261, blk. 2a, assessed at $2,400, to $1,600; lot 262, assessed at $1,400, to $800; lot 280, assessed at $4,800, to $2,600; lot 593 B North, assessed at $7,000, to $3,000; lot 182 B, assessed at $8,800, to $5,000; lots 723 4 5 and 6, assessed at $1,400, each to $800 each; lot 750, assessed at $1,300, to $600; part of acre lot 5, assessed at $4,300, to $3,000. Decision was reserved. The appeals will be continued to-day, Senator Macdonald's being taken up.

MESSRS M. AND L. YOUNG, proprietors of the New England, are treating their guests to the first consignment of butter put up by the Delta Creamery Co., of Ladner's that has reached Vancouver island. The output of the new creamery comes packed in neat and strong ice chests, the four tray boxes having a capacity of 100 pound "pats." The butter itself is of exceptionally fine color and quality and this being the main thing, the company should soon have all the orders on their hands that can be attended to. Fresh cream and all other items of creamery production will also be supplied, and this newest industry of the province promises to be a financial success from the very beginning, as it deserves to be.

MR. A. J. GALLETLY, manager of the Bank of Montreal, has been taking his holidays during the past month. Last week he visited the camp of McQuillan & Childs on China creek, and speaks in terms of pleasure of the outing there enjoyed. The scenery is beautiful beyond description and the air pure and bracing. During his stay Mr. Galletly had his first experience as a miner. He prospected with a pan several portions of the hydraulic claim held by McQuillan & Childs, and found gold from the creek side up to a bench a considerable height from the creek. Colors of gold can be found underneath the moss on the surface of the ground. So far as he could judge, the ground gives excellent prospect of proving a rich mine when developed. To all who are in search of a place where a holiday may be passed in a delightful and beneficial way Mr. Galletly recommends a trip to Alberni.

REV. J. F. BETTS on Thursday evening performed the ceremony that made Miss Williams, of Wellington, the bride of Mr. Robert Kilpatrick, of this city.

THERE were numerous thistle cases in the police court yesterday and fines of $2 50 in each were imposed. The police magistrate has come to the conclusion that sufficient warning has now been given and hereafter $5 fines will be the rule.

TENDERS have been invited by the British Columbia Agricultural Association, receivable up to August 15, for the exhibition week privileges for dining room and kitchen, lunch counter, ice cream and soda water booth, and cigar and tobacco stand.

A MEETING of the police commissioners is to be held this morning in connection with the selection of an additional police officer from among twenty or more well recommended applicants. By the suggestion of Chief Sheppard, and for economic reasons, there will be no appointment to the position of sergeant vacated by the death of Mr. H. A. Levin for several months.

THERE were 1,572 exchanges of books at the public library during July, 746 to ladies and 826 to men. The highest number in one day was 116; average number 61. Twenty-nine new members were enrolled, 17 of whom were ladies and 12 men. There were presented to the library during the month: "Journals Legislative Assembly of B. C., 1895," "Proceedings and Transactions Royal Society of Canada, 1894," vol. 12, from Ottawa, and 15 volumes of literature by Mr. Henderson of Belcher street.

THE concert in Institute hall last night must have been mutually disappointing to Mr. Josef Mueller, under whose auspices it was held, and to the audience. Mr. Mueller may be a good comedian, but as a singer he does not rise above the level of a medium amateur. The mandolin orchestra played a few simple pieces nicely, and Miss Reo Barrington sang and danced very cleverly. Local talent, consisting of the Big Four, Mr. C. Rowlands and Mr. F. Sehl, helped out the evening greatly, but before the last number in the programme was reached the audience, slim enough at the beginning, had dwindled down to a handful.

THE election of delegates to the provincial convention to be held at Nanaimo from the 17th to the 20th inst. and the preparations for the event occupied almost the entire attention of those in attendance at the W. C. T. U. meeting yesterday afternoon. The delegates chosen to represent Victoria were: Mrs. Teague, Mrs. Pendray, Mrs. Humber, Mrs. Flett, Mrs. Crowther, Mrs. (Dr.) Foot, Mrs. McDermid, Mrs. Clyde, Mrs. Pickard, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Burkholder, Mrs. (Capt.) Grant, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Chapman; with alternatives, Mrs. (Rev.) Talt, Mrs. (Senator) McInnes, Mrs. Siddall, Mrs. Cleaver, Mrs. (Dr.) Ernest Hall, Mrs. (Dr.) Lewis Hall, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Russell and Miss Smith. There will be a consecration meeting of the W.C.T.U. next week led by Mrs. Tait.

THE funeral of the late Samuel Gray took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his son, E. J. Gray, Douglas street, in the presence of a large number of sympathising friends. Rev. J. F. Betts, of the Centennial Methodist church, conducted the services there and at Ross Bay cemetery. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: N. Shakespeare, John Teague, David Spencer, M. Humber, John McConnell, and F. Ray. Mr. Gray was one of the Salvation Army's most liberal benefactors in Victoria, although he never joined the ranks here. According to the San Francisco papers he had become a member a short time previous to his death. "A few months ago," that paper says, "he came to Oakland for the benefit of his health, and was the guest of George Montgomery, the rich salvationist of Beulah. Gray saw the work that was being done and attended a number of meetings. A few days ago he made a visit to the Rescue Home and while there was suddenly taken ill. His death, however, was entirely unexpected. The funeral was held on the 25th inst., under the auspices of the Salvation Army at San Francisco. Six stalwart soldiers carried the bier into the old theatre building, where the services were conducted under the direction of Brigadier General Keppel, who spoke in glowing terms of the work that had been done by the deceased in Victoria. Then the soldiers sang songs and prayed for old 'Father Gray.'" Mr. Gray was the senior member of the Haddington Island Stone Quarry Co. He was born in Albrams, Hertfordshire, Eng., June 6, 1830 and in 1872 went to Chicago. Three years after he went to San Francisco coming to Victoria in 1879.

YESTERDAY Mr. F. C. Gamble, resident engineer of the Dominion public works department, was shown the editorial which appeared in Wednesday's Times. In this article it was said: "There is a report circulated freely to the effect that rock used in sinking mattrasses at the mouth of the Fraser river has been taken from a quarry which really belongs to the Dominion government, while private persons have been paid for it as ostensible owners of the quarry." Upon reading this "report" Mr. Gamble gave the whole thing an emphatic denial. "In the first place," he said, "the Dominion has never paid for any rock at all for this mattrass work." Mr. Gamble went on to explain that up to three or four years ago the mattrass work was done by contract, but even then the contractors were not paid one cent for rock. T. F. Sinclair, at one time contractor for the mattrasses, filed, through his Westminster agents, on a quarter section of land on Pitt Lake, intending to take up the quarry from which the rock for the mattrasses was taken. He filed on the wrong section, however. Mr. Gamble knowing the value of the quarry to the government for the river improvements, advised that the quarry should be retained, and it still belongs to the government. For the past few years the mattrasses have been laid by days' work under Mr. Gamble's supervision instead of by contract, and the rock has been taken from the government quarry. Consequently the "report" in the Times that "the country has been buying its own improvement material from speculative individuals who gained control of a quarry that is actually public property," is utterly false.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Second Mate E. S. Cook, of the "Thermopylae" Thought to Be Fatally Wounded.

Serious Fight Aboard the Vessel at Port Townsend—Mail Boat Movements.

Yesterday's Port Townsend Leader gives an account of a fight on board the well known Victoria bark Thermopylæ, of which the following is a summary:

"Early this morning as the anchor of the British bark Thermopylæ, lumber laden for the United Kingdom, was being weighed, a fight took place that will in all probability cause the death of the second mate of that vessel. Primed with bad whiskey, a sailor named Cunningham went on board his vessel and turned in to sleep off the effects of his drunk. When called at midnight, he turned out and started to help heave up anchor. The second mate ordered him to put more life in his work. Receiving a surly reply he called for help and the mate responded, and the two started toward the man to make him do as he was bid. A scuffle followed, and the second mate, E. S. Cook, was cut by the sailor, once in the shoulder and again in the abdomen. The first named wound is a slight one and will do no harm, but Dr. Willison, who attended the wounded man, is afraid that the wound in the abdomen may prove fatal. The man's condition at the time of the doctor's arrival was so serious that Dr. Willison would not order him to the hospital, but made him as comfortable as possible on board the ship to be subsequently taken to hospital. Cunningham was brought ashore by order of British Vice Consul Klocker who had him turned over to Marshal Baker. The usual warrant was not issued as the Thermopylæ is a British vessel and Consul Klocker's order is sufficient to detain the man. The bark will remain here until the proper proceedings are taken against Cunningham and a second mate procured. It is not expected that this will take long, as in all probability the witnesses will make the necessary depositions and then be released to proceed on their voyage.

THE 'FRISCO STEAMERS.

After discharging over 200 tons of freight the steamship Walla Walla left for the Sound yesterday morning. In the evening the City of Puebla sailed southward bound, carrying the following saloon passengers from Victoria: Miss M. Baker, Mrs Agnew and daughter, J. D. Watson, J. W. Powell, Mrs. Courtney, Miss Calders, Misses Dunn, Mrs. James Dunn, J. C. Dunn, Miss L. L. Smith, Miss Harrison, A. Williams and wife, Miss Edith Burtis, Miss A. Eames, Miss E. Williams, Miss L. Lister, Miss E. Meyer, Mrs. E. H. J. Daly, Mrs. W. H. Mears, Miss E. B. Mears, Miss M. A. Taylor, Miss S. Mears, James D. May, Henry Hefrich, G. H. Marx, and Robt. Kilpatrick and wife.

CARGOES FROM THE ORIENT.

The cargoes of the N. P. steamships reported in yesterday's COLONIST as having left Yokohama are as follows: Straits of Dover, 3,000 tons of overland cargo; 200 tons for Victoria, 1,300 for Portland and the Sound, 500 tons for San Francisco. Victoria—2,700 tons of overland cargo; 300 tons for Victoria, 700 tons for Portland and the Sound; 110 steerage passengers, 1,200 bales of silk.

MARINE NOTES.

Advices from Yokohama state that the seal catches of the schooners Mascot, Diana, Casco and Agnes Macdonald were shipped to Victoria. They are supposed to be on the N.P. steamship Victoria.

The steamship Danube carried comparatively few passengers when she sailed for the North last evening. Those ticketed from here were Mr. Robinson, D. McGill and wife, G. Lockerby, W. H. Dempster, H. M. Price and Miss Fanny Leech. The steamer will call at Vancouver en route North.

The Dominion steamer Quadra has gone to Comox to fill her bunkers with coal, preparatory to a trip North with Sir Mackenzie Bowell and party. The steamer is to meet the party at Vancouver on Sunday, but whether she will proceed North immediately or come down to Victoria first is not known. It is expected the steamer will go as far North as the Skeena river.

CAPTAIN BECK, who, as already mentioned, is in Victoria in the interest of a proposed institution for the adult blind, yesterday paid a visit to Esquimalt and was very kindly received by Admiral Stephenson and Captain Finnis, on board the flagship, as well as by other officers of the navy, who raised a substantial subscription in aid of the funds of this deserving enterprise.

A CORONER'S jury will to-day go through the formality of deciding how, when and in what manner A. J. Rowbotham, of this city, came to his death some time yesterday morning, although the facts of the case point strongly to suicide. Mr. Rowbotham has for many months been suffering keenly from melancholia. On the night of August 6 last it will be remembered that he was found in a room over his store on Yates street, a bullet wound behind his right ear—evidently self inflicted—seriously threatening his life. Recovery was slow and it was not until October that the unfortunate man was able to appear in the police court, where he was formally charged with attempting to commit suicide. The case went to the higher court but never came to trial, the Crown entering a nolle prosequi. On that occasion Dr. Frank W. Hall, who had attended the injured man, concluded his testimony with the statement: "I treated him professionally until two or three weeks ago, when I saw no further necessity of doing so. Mr. Rowbotham was then as well as he is now—as well as he can ever hope to be, for he will never recover." The knowledge of this, coupled with his business misfortunes, have since October weighed very heavily upon Mr. Rowbotham's mind, and on more than one occasion he has said in the presence of friends that the "next time he tried it he would make an end of everything," clearly intimating his fixed determination to end his life. Yesterday morning he was missed from his home on Herald street shortly after breakfast, and a search being instituted his lifeless body was found at about 10 o'clock in a closet at the back of an adjoining unoccupied house. The rope about the neck by which the corpse was suspended indicated the method adopted. When the body was removed to the morgue and the clothing was searched as customary, letters addressed to Mr. D. Spencer and to Mr. Baumann, of the Steitz restaurant, were found. There was also a statement, apparently pencilled in a hurry, to the effect that the deed was committed because it offered the easiest solution of his troubles, and commending Lizzie, his wife, to the care of his friends. These papers were taken possession of by the police.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Progress of the Tennis Tourney—The Next Events in Intermediate Lacrosse.

Yachting for Saturday—Canada's Rifle Champion—Oarsman Hackett's Racing Fixtures.

There was a large gathering of spectators at the tournament matches yesterday afternoon. In former years very little interest was taken by outsiders in the handicap singles, but a marked change is noticed this year, which demonstrates how popular lawn tennis has become with Victorians. A good many new men are competing in the event now being played, and consequently their career is watched with peculiar interest. Yesterday five matches were fought and won, thus reducing the number still on the list to ten. The second round has been concluded and all but two matches in the third round. The particulars of yesterday's contests were:—

C. R. Longe (owes 30), beat H. Payne, (rec. ½ 15), 6 3, 6 1.

E. A Jacob (scratch), beat C. R. Longe (owes 30), 6-1, 6 5.

A. J. O'Reilly (rec. ½ 30), beat G. E. Parkes (rec. 15), 6-5, 6 2.

W. H. Langley (rec. 15), beat R. C. Gamble (rec. 15), 6-5, 6 4.

J. A. Rithet (rec ½ 30), beat L. Crease, (rec. ½ 30), 6 2, 6 1.

Jacob, after winning against Longe, started to play Mytton for a place in the semi finals: after the first set, which Mytton (rec. 30), won with a score of 6 4, an arrangement was made to postpone further hostilities until to-day, in order that the matches already on the fixtures might be proceeded with. Mytton will, therefore, renew the attack with one set to the good.

CRICKET.

ROYAL ARTHUR V. LIEUT. CHURCH'S

An eleven from H M S. Royal Arthur won from Lieut. Church's eleven at Esquimalt yesterday by the following score:

MR. CHURCH'S ELEVEN.

Lieut. Church, c Nicholson, b Lashley	20
J. Sugrue, b Hornby	33
Corp Glover, c Maitland, b Lashley	3
C. G. Thynne, c and b Lashley	10
H. Craisford, b Lashley	8
B. J. Perry, b Hornby	0
Dr. Marriott, b Hornby	2
Gunner Barraclough, c Stanley, b Lashley	9
Corp. Baker, c Wigram, b Hornby	25
Dean, c Lashley, b Hornby	0
C. H. A. Ward, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	116

ROYAL ARTHUR.

Lieut. Nicholson, c Ward, b Baker	0
C. F. Petch, c Sugrue, b Perry	15
Lieut. Davy, b Perry	1
E. Wigram, run out	0
C. M. C. Maitland, b Perry	19
Lieut. Hornby, not out	109
Lieut. Ommaney, R.M.L.I., not out	75
Capt. Finnis, Dr. Browne, Lieut. Hon. V. Stanley, Lashley } did not bat	
Extras	26
Total	245

THE RIFLE.

THE QUEEN'S PRIZE WINNER.

The Hamilton papers furnish some particulars respecting Private Hayhurst which will be read with interest by all riflemen: "Private T. H. Hayhurst, of the Thirteenth Battalion, who won the Queen's prize at Bisley, was born in Kendal, Westmoreland, England, in 1868, and is now 27 years of age. The family is a small one, the only other child being his elder sister, at present a nurse in a hospital in London, Eng. Private Hayhurst received a good common school education, after which he was brought up to the trade of tool-making. After arriving at more than ordinary proficiency in this branch of industry, the young Englishman left home and went to the United States. For the greater part of a year he visited various parts of the Union, but did not settle down permanently anywhere. Finally in June of 1893 he located in Hamilton, where he took employment with the Bowman Hardware Company. He had remained in their employment some little time when he received the offer of a situation in the Canada tool works, operated by Messrs. John Bertram & Son, in Dundas; he accepted the position, and has remained with the firm since that time. "At Hamilton Pte. Hayhurst joined the Thirteenth battalion and was enrolled in E Company, commanded by Captain Osborne, on June 9, 1893. He was one of the very best members of the company, being steady, reliable and always regular on parade. Even after he had moved to Dundas Pte. Hayhurst used to visit the city regularly to attend the weekly parade. Unlike a good many of the other crack shots, Pte. Hayhurst did not join merely for the sake of the shooting, but was always on duty and was a soldier through and through. Very recently his father died and he left for the Old Country to administer the estate. His mother still lives in Kendal. Pte. Hayhurst joined the Canadian Bisley team upon its arrival in England. Personally the hero of the hour is one of the most popular men in the regiment. He is about 5 feet 9 inches in height, broad shouldered and inclined to be stout. He is a very good comrade and a gentleman, and is not afraid to give a competitor advice for fear he might be beaten at the target. He is one of the most reliable authorities on shooting in Canada. Pte. Hayhurst's record as a marksman has been a brilliant one. Before coming to Canada he won the Prince of Wales' prize at Bisley."

LACROSSE.

The next intermediate match is to take place at Nanaimo on August 17, when the Capitals expect to add another victory to their list. It has also been arranged that the match with the Beavers of Vancouver, to be played here on the 24th August, will be in connection with the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society sports. It is also expected that satisfactory arrangements will be made with the directors of the exhibition whereby the Maple Leaves of Westminster and Capitals will play the final championship matches of the season on the exhibition grounds.

THE OAR.

HACKETT WILL NOT ROW GAUDAUR.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 1.—The statement that Hackett, the Rat Portage sculler, would compete in a few weeks with Gaudaur is false. Hackett is still an amateur and as such proposes competing at Minnetonka next week.

HERE AND THERE.

GENERAL GOSSIP OF CURRENT EVENTS.

The Prince of Wales' Florizel II, holder of the Manchester cup and the gold vase, won the Goodwood cup yesterday.

The Vancouver C.C. will meet the Navy at the canteen grounds to-day and an interesting game should be the result. The Navy have a very strong eleven and expect to win. The Vancouver team arrived on the Charmer last evening.

The race of the Victoria yacht club for half raters, which was declared off on July 20 h will be sailed over again next Saturday at 3 p m. The course, it is understood, will be to the San Pedro and return. The larger yachts will also cruise over the course.

The Manitoba rifle association matches opened yesterday. Nursery match was won by Capt. Woodside, of Portage La Prarie with 31.

It is as yet doubtful where the Amity baseball team will play on the 10th inst., for as the schedule match arranged for that date with the Westminster team has been declared off owing to the latter players' withdrawal from the league, it is optional whether a game is played here with the Port Townsends or at the Black Diamond city with the Nanaimoites. The matter, however, will be definitely decided within a few days.

The race which was to have taken place to-morrow between the Esquimalt Marine railway crew and a crew from the warships, has been declared off.

EXPORTS OF COAL.

The following is the statement of coal exported from this province during the month ending July 31:

UNION COLLIERY.

Date.	*Name and Destination.*	*Tons.*
11	Str Chittagong, San Francisco	600
11	Str San Mateo " "	4,200
11	Str Walla Walla, Seattle	908
19	Str Mineola, San Francisco	3,150
26	Str Mineola, " "	3,000
	Total	11,858

WELLINGTON COLLIERY.

3	Str Yosemite, San Francisco	1,890
11	Str Umatilla, Seattle	1,950
11	Str Costa Rica, San Francisco	2,650
16	Ship Glory of the Seas, San Francisco	3,460
24	Str Angeles, Whatcom	25
25	Str Umatilla, Seattle	1,200
29	Str Progressist, San Francisco	5,200
	Total	16,375

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.

1	Str Chilcat, Port Townsend	28
4	Str Holyoke, port Townsend	42
4	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	59
4	Ship Wachusetts, San Francisco	2,588
6	Str Holyoke, Port Townsend	26
8	Str Sea Lion, Port Townsend	17
11	Str Sea Lion, Port Townsend	34
11	Bark Rufus E. Wood, San Francisco	2,341
12	Str Willapa, Alaska	96
13	Str Holyoke, Port Townsend	61
14	Str Pioneer, Port Towasend	10
14	Str Peter Jebsen, San Francisco	4,659
16	Bark Sea King, San Francisco	2,405
16	Bark General Fairchild, San Francisco	2,397
17	Str Holyoke, Port Townsend	27
17	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	22
17	Str Chilcat, Port Townsend	29
23	Str Wanderer, Port Townsend	30
23	Str Willapa, Port Townsend	26
23	Bark Wilna, San Francisco	2,480
24	Ship Cyrus Wakefield, San Francisco	3,483
24	Str Sea Lion, Port Townsend	30
27	Str Portland, Unga	1,028
27	Str Willapa, Alaska	107
30	Str Chilcat, Port Townsend	60
30	Str Peter Jebsen, San Francisco	4,663
	Total	26,748
	Total shipments, June	64,940
	" " July	54,981
	Decrease, July	9,959

FOREST FIRES.

The unpleasant smoky atmosphere that has been hanging over the city for the past few days, owing to the dry hot weather giving opportunities for bush fires in the surrounding country to spread unchecked, was particularly heavy yesterday. The sky was overhung with clouds of smoke and the sun went down like a veritable ball of fire, sending out magnificent opalescent gleams through the haze.

The dense smoke that overhung the country towards the north-west last night, resulted from large bush fires raging in the direction of Goldstream and on the Sooke road. The hills to the west of Goldstream were ablaze, the trees burning fiercely and the fire apparently extending over a radius of about seven miles. The road a mile from the Goldstream hotel was covered with cinders and live embers carried there by the breeze which blew quite strongly. Slowly the fire was creeping down the sides of the hills and made its way towards the valley, the changing wind allowing it in the evening to creep towards the west. What the amount of the damage was has not yet been learned.

Out on the neighboring islands bush fires were burning yesterday, while quite close to town the brush on the Carey and Saanich roads was on fire.

Word was received from Colwood, too, that the fire that had been burning on the Sooke road since the day before was still spreading, though no particular damage has as yet resulted.

Two first offence drunks were to have made their appearance in the police court yesterday. One, however, deposited $10 bail and forfeited it rather than attend court; the other was convicted and discharged.

THE London Victoria College of Music has recently decided to have a local centre here, and appointed Prof. Bradley as honorary secretary and representative. Examinations will be held twice or thrice annually in music, both practical and theoretical. Certificates and diplomas will be given to the successful candidates.

THE amended regulations for homesteading Dominion railway lands in New Westminster district are published in the current issue of the British Columbia Gazette, in the form of the order-in-council of July 11. This in brief, recites that "Whereas all the lands within the railway belt in the Province of British Columbia are open for homestead entry, with the exception of the agricultural lands in the New Westminster land district, which are held for sale at the rate of five dollars per acre," it is ordered "that, in view of the great cost of clearing and preparing for crop the heavily timbered lands in the Fraser valley and the depreciation in the price of farming lands elsewhere, the provisions of the regulations at present in force in regard to homesteading throughout the remainder of the railway belt, shall be and the same are hereby made to apply to the New Westminster land district."

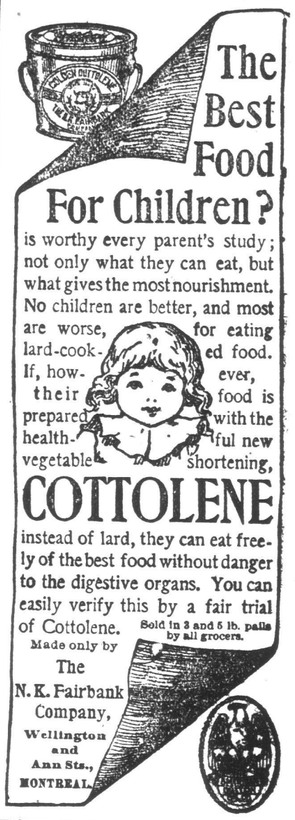
REDUCED TO A SHADOW.

SAVED BY STRAWBERRY EXTRACT.

GENTLEMEN,—Feeling it my duty to give you an unsolicited testimony for the direct benefit I have received in my family from the use of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, let me say that while we resided at Fenwick, Ont., my little daughter had an attack of Dysentery or Bloody Flux, by which she was reduced to a mere shadow and became quite helpless. Fortunately my family physician advised the use of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, as he neither had nor knew of anything better for this dreadful disease, and therefore we gave it an impartial trial. I am happy to say that less than quarter of a bottle caused the flow of blood and clots to cease, and the child promptly recovered. We always have had Extract of Strawberry in the house since to be ready for emergencies common to children in summer from the effects of fruits, etc. I would just as soon think of losing my right eye as being deprived of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. This is a testimony of thanks for the untold benefit myself and family have received from this great remedy.

MRS. W. H. GARROLD, St. David's, Ont., Formerly of Hamilton, Ont.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.



MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster-General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 6th September, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails on a proposed contract for four years, once per week each way, between LOWER NICOLA AND PRINCETON, from the 1st October next.

The conveyance to be made on horseback or in a vehicle at the option of the contractor.

Tenders will also be received from parties who would prefer to carry this mail from Coutlee Post Office or from Nicola Lake Post Office, the point of departure to be distinctly stated in the tender.

Printed notices containing further information, as to conditions of proposed contract, may be seen, and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Offices at Kamloops, Quilchena, Nicola Lake, Coutlee, Lower Nicola, Spence's Bridge, Princeton and Granite Creek, and at this office.

E. H. FLETCHER,
P. O Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office.
Victoria, B.C., 26th July, 1895. aug2-3t

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

22nd July, 1895.

JAMES FERGUSSON ARMSTRONG, of the Town of Golden, Esquire, to be Stipendiary Magistrate, Gold Commissioner, Government Agent, Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, and Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal under the "Assessment Act," within and for the East Kootenay Electoral District, also to act as Official Administrator within and for the County of Kootenay, vice A. P. Cummins, Esquire.

29th July, 1895.

JAMES ABRAMS, of the Town of Union, Esquire, to be a Coroner and a Stipendiary Magistrate within and for the Comox Electoral District.

WILLIAM MELVILLE NEWTON, of the Town of Rossland, West Kootenay, Esquire, to be a Registrar for the purpose of the "Marriage Act" within and for the said Town. au3-wy-1t

South Victoria Electoral District.

"Qualification and Registration of Voters' Act, 1876."

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with clause 6, sub-section (*f*), of the "Qualification and Registration of Voters' Act, 1876," I shall on Monday, the 5th day of August, 1895, hold a Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing and determining any or all objections against the retention of any names on the Register of Voters. Such Court will be opened at 12 o'clock, noon, at the Royal Oak.

JAMES W. MELDRAM,
Collector South Victoria District.
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DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLORODYNE.

Vice-Chancellor Sir W. PAGE WOOD stated publicly in court that Dr. J. COLLIS BROWNE was undoubtedly the inventor of Chlorodyne that the whole story of the defendant Freeman was literally untrue, and he regretted to say that it had been sworn to.—*Times*, July 13 1864.

DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLORODYNE IS THE BEST AND MOST CERTAIN REMEDY IN COUGHS, COLDS, ASTHMA, CONSUMPTION, NEURALGIA RHEUMATISM, &c.

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FOR SALE—At Somenos, near E. & N. Railway, a farm containing 130 acres; 30 acres cleared, fenced and cultivated, usual building, etc., and good orchard of large and small fruits. Price, $7,600. For terms, etc., apply C.J., this office. my3