From THE DAILY COLONIST, Jan. 3.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

A Temporary Appointment.

Mr. John H. Kerr has been temporarily appointed to fill the vacancy as Principal of the High school, created by the cancellation of the certificate of Mr. J. P. McLeod.

Passed the Board.

Mr. Walter Langley, well known in football circles, and who has sailed as mate in the employ of the C.P.N. Co. for the past year, has just got through the examination for master's papers successfully.

Will Not Succeed.

The three Chinese women, who arrived by the Empress of India and secured admission to Victoria as "actresses," are now endeavoring to get to the States on the same claim. Consul Myers has been warned in regard to them, and it is not likely they will succeed.

An Unlucky Shot.

A celebrating resident of Chatham street, who was using a revolver to help to usher in 1892, accidentally fired too low, and sent a bullet into the leg of a lady neighbor. Her condition is not serious, but the young man feels very, very mean.

An Old-Timer Gone.

Mr. John Dorman, of 129 Michigan St., died at his residence, yesterday, after a long illness. He leaves a widow and two sons. Mr. Dorman was an old pioneer of the province, having come to the country in 1858. His death will be very greatly regretted by many old friends.

Will Build This Year.

The consolidation of the Victoria brewing interests by an English syndicate having fallen through, Messrs Loewen and Erb and other parties have signed articles of incorporation as the Victoria Brewing Co., and will, during the present year, proceed to build and equip the finest brewery on the North-west Pacific Coast.

A Tribute of Gratitude.

At the farewell service of Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, at their impressive service, on New Year's night, Rev. Geo. H. Morden, among several other ministers of religion, publicly thanked the evangelists for the good work they had accomplished in this city, and explained how he was particularly interested in their labors, having been himself converted by them four years ago.

A Nine Days' Wonder Only.

The Brown case, of which all Salt Spring Island was talking, a week ago, is now seldom discussed in the neighborhood. So say those who came down by the Isabel, yesterday. The accused are committed for trial, and the case will now be shelved until the assize. Douglas Brown, the son of the deceased, who holds the position of mate on the Isabel, has just returned to duty, having been up to the island to wind up the business.

Muckle Mirth and Glee.

Old 1891 was "waked" in royal style by the International Laborers' Union, whose entertainment in the Trades' and Labor Hall on New Year's Eve, was one of the best of the holiday season. Mr. A. H. Dutton, head of the Union here presided, and the V. A. C. band, with Messes. Ball, Brown, Thirkettle, Watson, Reid, Mooney, Mills, Heatherbell, Barrett and Bragg furnished vocal and instrumental music. Mr. Wilkins gave a Lancashire clog dance on a pedestal, a novelty very well executed. Plenty to eat and drink made the programme complete.

Army Banquet.

The Salvation Army Barracks was crowded on Friday, and again last night, and good, rousing services held. On New Year's night there was a grand banquet in the basement, and a service of song, led by Staff-Captain Banks. About 500 soldiers and their friends sat down to table, and were plentifully supplied with tea, cake, etc., and a very pleasant time spent. Several soldiers were enrolled, and, with a good start for the year, the captain expects to have a most favorable report to make by the time she calls her following together to celebrate next New Year's Day. The greatest unanimity prevails in the local corps, and every day sees new faces in the ranks.

Rayner-Climie.

On New Year's evening the marriage of Thos. G. Rayner, of this city, to Louisa Alice Climie, of Bowmanville, Ont., was celebrated at the residence of Mr. Jonathan Bullen, Herald street. Rev. J. E. Hunter tied the nuptial knot, the Rev. H. T. Crossley supporting the groom. After a pleasant wedding supper the high contracting parties boarded the steamer Kingston, and will spend a short honeymoon on the Sound. The groom is one of Victoria's leading real estate brokers, and the bride is the daughter-in-law of the Rev. W. Climie, of Bowmanville. Mr. and Mrs. Rayner will reside on Fernwood Road, where the former is building a handsome residence.

New Year's Eve at Cedar Hill.

As announced, the usual celebration was held in this parish on the last evening of the old year. The rain and darkness did not prevent a large gathering of parents and Sunday school children, when, after refreshments, old Santa Claus, in his full uniform, handed to each pupil a gift from the beautifully dressed Christmas tree. An exhibition by dissolving views followed, until the bell announced the church service. After prayers and an appropriate sermon, the church bell rang out the old year, and the choir, with the congregation, joined in singing the "Te Deum," to welcome '92. A display of fireworks after church service terminated the festivals at St. Luke's, which have been considered on a larger scale than any heretofore.

Crossley and Hunter.

As was expected the closing meeting of the series conducted by these evangelists was the best. The seating capacity of the most commodious church in the city was taxed to its utmost to accommodate those who gathered together to enjoy the privilege of listening to these earnest men of God for the last time.

The meeting was most impressive throughout. Each minister representing the respective churches which joined in this special effort was called upon to make a few remarks. Mr. Crossley and Mr. Hunter each spoke a few farewell words, and Mr. Hunter shook hands with each minister as the representative of the people for whom he labors, thus bidding all farewell. The whole congregation sang with visible feeling, "Shall we gather at the river," and the meeting proper was dismissed. An after meeting was held as usual, and many came seeking Christ.

Mr. Hunter in saying farewell thanked the friends of Victoria for their kindness. He thanked the papers for their liberality and faithfulness in publishing reports of the meetings. Christians are sinners, and it is for the old Christians to care for the younger. He advised each young convert "make up your mind you are going through." "Begin systematic giving; give one-tenth of all income to God." It brings temporal and spiritual prosperity. Erect a family altar at once. The evangelists left for Nanaimo at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Not Responsible.

Ald. H. A. Munn has received a letter from Hon. John Carling, Minister of Agriculture, stating that the Dominion Government does not consider itself entitled to pay the cost of transporting the lepers to Darcey Island.

A Dying Fashion.

Notwithstanding the fact that the fashion of making New Year's calls is slowly and surely dying, His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor was visited by upwards of two hundred friends on Friday. The temperance reception, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, was also well attended.

The Queen City Club.

The most enjoyable dance in the history of the Queen City Social Club was given on New Year's night, the Bantley family orchestra furnishing the music, and 37 couples dancing. An important business meeting will be held to-morrow, Monday, evening, at 7 o'clock, in Harmony hall.

Missed From His Home.

George Birden, a 14-year-old resident of South Saanich, has been missing from his home since the early part of November, and his parents, becoming anxious, have requested the police to institute enquires as to his whereabouts. It is believed that he is staying with some friends in the neighborhood of Sooke.

Called to Her Reward.

Death, last evening, visited the home of ex-Ald. W. A. Robertson, Spring Ridge, and took therefrom an affectionate wife and mother—a patient, kind and loving woman—Mrs. Robertson. The deceased was a native of Eastern Canada, and had lived here many years, bringing up a numerous family. A cancer, which troubled her for many years, was the cause of death.

England v. The Colonies.

The match between the teams arrogating to themselves for a few brief hours the high sounding titles above was played at Beacon Hill on New Year's day before a large crowd of spectators, including the partisans of both sides in strong force. The play throughout the game was fine and fast, and seldom has such rattling football been seen on the hill. In the first half the Englishmen scored one goal (disputed) and a try, and in the second the Colonists got in their work to the extent of two tries. The result of the game remains in doubt. It will be decided by appeal to the English Rugby Association.

Will Seek Election.

Mr. John Hall has announced his intention of becoming a candidate for James Bay ward at the coming elections. Mr. Hall was born in Victoria, has all his interests here, and is in a position to devote a large portion of his time to civic work. He will make a strong candidate for the position of alderman.

Ald. Munn is again a candidate for alderman in James Bay ward. He has made an excellent councillor, is possessed of plenty of energy, and will undoubtedly be re-elected by the people he has so well served during the past year.

Municipal Matters.

A special meeting of the City Council was held, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of passing the Municipal Elections By-Law, Ald. McKillican presided, and the others present were, Ald. Coughlan, Hunter, Robertson, Renouf, Munn, and Holland. The by-law, as submitted, was passed, fixing Monday, January 11th, as the date of election. The Council then proceeded to the appointment of Public Market Superintendent. There were seventeen applicants for the office, and fourteen for the post of caretaker. A ballot was taken with the following result:—Superintendent. E. C. Johnson elected, at $80 per month. The election of caretaker was postponed.

Death Came to His Relief.

Early, yesterday morning, death released from his sufferings Mr. F. Randolph, who, for months past, has been upon what almost all knew would be his death-bed, consumption having fastened upon him in his youth. The deceased, a brother of Mr. J. J. Randolph of the COLONIST composing room staff, was born in London, Eng., and came to British Columbia in 1873, making Victoria his home for the greater part of his life. He was 28 years of age at the time of his death, and had many friends all along the Pacific. The late Mr. Randolph was a member of Far West Lodge K. of P., and also of the Uniform Rank, as well as of Court Pacific, A.O.F., Vancouver. Both societies will attend the funeral, which takes place on Tuesday from his mother's residence on Meares street.

Seattle's Welcome.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, of yesterday, contains the following notice of the arrival of Rev. M. L. Rugg in the Sound city: "Rev. M. L. Rugg, who has accepted a call to the pastorate of the North Seattle Baptist church, arrived in the city from Victoria, yesterday, and is at the Snoqualmie. He will preach his first sermon in his new church, at Third and Cedar streets, at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Mr. Rugg is a native of Vermont, and graduated at the Colgate, formerly Madison, university, New York, and at Hamilton Theological Seminary. His first pastorate was in New York State, lasting four years, and was very successful, the church being one of the largest and most flourishing in the State when he left it. He then came out to Salem, Or., where he found the church very weak and deeply in debt. After a year's work he had doubled the membership and greatly increased its financial strength. He then went to Victoria as pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, where he has been for four years. While there he has sent out a large colony and, nevertheless, more than doubled the strength of his own congregation and made several additions to the church building. On the occasion of his leaving Victoria, Mr. Rugg was, on Tuesday evening, presented with a check for $113 75 by his congregation, and with a beautiful gold-headed cane by a number of friends outside the church, and Mrs. Rugg was presented with a silver tea set. The farewell reception was participated in by all the Baptist churches, and was very generally attended by other citizens. Mr. Rugg has been highly appreciated and extremely successful wherever he has been pastor."

Troubles of a Lumber Ship.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The schooner Maggie C. Rass, which left here on Dec. 23rd last, to load lumber at Mendocino for Mexico, has arrived at Mendocino after a stormy trip, during which one sailor was drowned. The vessel was bar bound for four days, and her cabin was flooded, her doors smashed, and the contents below completely damaged by the heavy sea.

H. M. S. Daphne is expected from the south about the 20th inst.

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Opening of the Term.

The spring term at Corrig College commences this morning, when a larger number of scholars will be in attendance than ever before. Principal Church has been deluged with applications for a week past.

In Johnson Street Ward.

Mr. Geo. Mesher, sr., has announced himself as a candidate for the representation of Johnson street ward in the City Council. His well-known ability as a business man should make him a useful member of the aldermanic board.

England vs. the Colonies.

Since the report of the result of the above game of football, the referee has given his final decision in favor of the Colonies, who, in his opinion, are entitled to the victory by a score of three points to two, the disputed goal obtained by England not being allowed.

Half Fare for the Clergy.

During 1892, the Union Pacific Railway Co. will issue, upon application, half fare permits to clergymen, good on Puget Sound. Ministers anxious to secure these permits have only to call upon C. G. Rawlings, the company's general agent, at 100 Government street, to secure them.

Marine Engineers in Session.

A meeting of the B. C. Marine Engineers' Association was held last evening, for the purpose of deciding upon the form of entertainment with which the anniversary of the society is to be celebrated. It was decided to have a concert and social dance, for which a committee was appointed to make complete arrangements.

Again in the Field.

Mr. Joseph Hunter is again in the field for the representation of James Bay Ward in the City Council. The electors of that ward are fortunate in having a man of Mr. Hunter's ability, intelligence and experience willing to look after them and their fellow-citizens' interests in the Council. He will, no doubt, be returned at the head of the poll.

An Official Investigation.

The Ottawa correspondent of the COLONIST telegraphs as follows, under date of last evening: "Messrs. Prior and Earle, members of parliament, having telegraphed to Hon. Mr. Tupper, to-day, asking for an enquiry into the circumstances of the wreck of the steam collier San Pedro, on Brotchie ledge, in the public interest, Captains H. G. Leins and J. Gandin have been appointed to investigate.

To Test the Law.

The only bar-room discovered open on Sunday last, by the vigilant police, was that at The Dallas, where a great many citizens registered and secured their refreshments, as per usual. Mine host Jensen contends that if a person registers at his house in the usual manner he must accept him as a *bona fide* traveller, and treat him as such. Whether he is right or wrong will be determined by the courts as soon as the exact form, as laying the information, is arrived at.

A New Joint Stock Co.

As will be seen by advertising columns, the hardware business heretofore carried on by E. G. Prior and G. F. Matthews, under the firm name of E. G. Prior & Co., will henceforth be conducted by E. G. Prior & Co. (Limited Liability). The capital stock of the joint stock concern is $250,000. In resolving itself into a joint stock company, E. Prior & Co. are but following the tendency of the times, and the same success which has attended the other leading local establishments which have adopted this course will not be wanting in this instance.

The Royal Commission No. 1.

The Royal Commission to enquire into the doings of the City Council will probably conclude its work, as far as the hearing of evidence is concerned, to-morrow, which will be the thirteenth sitting. Yesterday a document was handed into court which was marked exhibit Z, the whole of the rest of the alphabet having been exhausted by previous exhibits. During the course of yesterday's enquiry Mr Mohun produced and proceeded to give evidence about a plan that stretched several feet in front of their Lordships, and in proportions resembled a summer hotel bill.

The Bergen's Boat.

An ordinary ship's life boat with the name "Bergen" painted on its stern, but nothing more to show the port or destination of the ship, was washed ashore near Uculet, West Coast, a few days ago, considerably damaged by the rough weather through which it had evidently passed. There was no one in it, but it contained a quantity of canned goods, ship's biscuits, etc., having evidently been provisioned on the eve of impending disaster. No bodies had been washed ashore at the time Capt. Roberts of the Maude, who brought the news, left the west coast.

Highway Robbery.

Gee Wah King, of 15 Cormorant street, was particularly lucky at the Fan Ho gambling house, on Fisgard street, on Sunday night. He came out of the den, after about two hours' play, richer by $172 than when he went in, and at once proceeded to the Chinese theatre to get rid of some of the spoil. He got as far as the alley leading to the theatre entrance, off Cormorant, when he was set upon and thrown violently to the ground by three men, who had, it appears, followed him from the gambling house. They overpowered him and rifled his pockets of everything of value he possessed, and then made off. The victim says that he recognized two of his assailants as Ng Ah Tong, till last week on the steamer Cutch, and Wah Sing Tong, a gambler who frequents the establishment above 32 Cormorant street, and who is well known to the police.

The Mock Parliament.

The meeting of the Mock Parliament, last night, was exceedingly well attended, the members turning up in strong force, with expectation of a division on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, which, however, was not arrived at. The Independents came out in numbers, it being the first occasion on which they have been heard in the House. Mr. Hampson, member for Central Toronto, and Mr. McMullan, representing West Huron, both made speeches from the Independent benches, though at variance with one another considerably, as far as their policy was concerned. Mr. Hampson concluded a vigorous speech by siding with the platform of the Opposition, which climax was naturally greeted by that honorable body with loud cheering. The member for West Huron spoke in a very powerful manner on the land question, laying down his theory of the ownership of land in a clear, concise manner. Mr. Newby, of the Opposition, member for Medicine Hat, supported the amendment to the address in a speech that concluded the debate for the evening. Mr. Pope, Minister of Militia, moved the adjournment, which was carried. The House then adjourned till next Monday night.

Not the Same.

Eighteen Chinamen are under arrest at Seattle, having arrived over from this city in a small sloop; they do not form the party referred to in Sunday's COLONIST, who no doubt are beneath the waters of the Straits.

A Thirsty Thief.

About 11:30 o'clock last evening a dishonest night bird took down one of the shutters from the window of B. Gordon's grocery, at the corner of Government and Fort streets, broke the window and helped himself to the bottles within. He then darted down Fort street to Langley, where he was lost in the darkness.

City Police Court.

Ho Ah Ying, charged with the larceny of $90 from the home of a brother Celestial, was remanded for one day; Mary, an Indian, went down for one month; and a vag. named Browning also took a 30 day's term. Two or three boys were charged with stealing chickens from a resident of Spring Ridge, and dismissed with a reprimand.

Municipal Elections.

Mr. Aaron Lewis is a candidate for municipal honors at the forthcoming elections. His card is now out, in which he seeks election on the grounds that he is a born Victorian, taking a lively interest in public affairs, and pledges himself, if elected, to devote his every effort to the keeping down of taxation, consistent with the due development of the city.

Creditable in Every Way.

The Christmas number of "What-Not," the organ of the St. Catharines Collegiate Institute Literary Society, has come to hand, every page reviving some tender memory of the garden city's picturesque delights to two members of the COLONIST staff, who owa the Collegiate as their *alma mater*. The number is refreshingly original, bright, well written and well illustrated.

Those Conspiracy Cases.

Messrs. Thomas Keith, M.P.P., and Tully Boyce, president of the Miners and Mine Laborers' Association, of Nanaimo, are in town to surrender to their bail at the reopening of the adjourned Court of Assizes this morning. They are charged with conspiracy to injure Wilson Pyper and others by procuring their discharge from the mines. It is probable that the case will be held over until next term.

The Favorite Promenade.

Dallas Road, on Sunday afternoons at least, is becoming the favorite promenade for Victorians. Last Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m., it was fairly black with people, from Beacon Hill park to the outer dock, the wrecked San Pedro being apparently the great attraction. In the not far distant future it is hoped that the city fathers will see their way clear to improve and beautify this popular walk or drive—it is a road the people may well be proud of.

A Dark Threat.

Tom Chui, the Chinese interpreter, whose assistance to the COLONIST when it exposed the recent traffic in girls carried on in this city, naturally displeased the parties most concerned, has been warned by Ah Mow, one of the gang, that if he wants to keep his life he will have to avoid narrow alleys on dark nights. This threat was so significant that Tom caused Ah Mow to appear in the police court, yesterday, when Mr. Belyea held that the language might not have intended to convey a threat, but only a friendly warning. Mr. Fell held otherwise and the case was adjourned.

A Chinese Wedding.

Lee Mong Kow, customs house interpreter and a very popular Chinaman among the business men of Victoria, was married, last night, to Sam Kee's daughter. The marriage ceremony was Chinese in every particular, and the novelty was the means of crowding Cormorant street from Store to Government. The bride was taken from her house early in the evening, and in each instance where she was obliged to leave the carriage, she was carried by an elderly Chinawoman, who took particular pains to have her covered with a large cloth. The couple, who were gorgeously dressed in the fashion of their own country, entertained a large number of friends until about 9:30 o'clock, when the noise of fire crackers completed the necessary knot.

That "Unfounded Report."

Under the heading of "Unfounded Report," the Times says, in yesterday's issue: "Persistent and careful enquiry among the merchants of Chinatown fails to find any verification of the sensational report that a sloop load of Chinese had been drowned while in transit to the United States by the Puget Sound route." The persistent and careful enquiry made by Times reporters is a rather vague statement. Every name concerned (fifteen in number) was given in full in the COLONIST's report of the affair, three distinct addresses of well-known Chinese merchants were given also, and the whole item was written in such a manner as to allow the Times news-gatherers, or anybody else who might have an interest in enquiring into the truth of the matter, any amount of opportunity to go to the principals and find out for themselves. The item doesn't deign to state that even one of the authorities spoken of was visited.

A Line to Comox.

Mr. J. Wilson, Western Superintendent of the C.P.R., received his appointment by telegraph on the 30th December from the Minister of Public Works as Government Superintendent of Telegraph lines, accompanied by an order to him to immediately meet Mr. Gordon, M.P., and get the particulars of the tender for the Comox telegraph line and superintend its construction. The contract for this new line has been let to Mr. H. McLaughlin, of New Westminster, who will start work at once. The contract calls for the use of the best material, including No. 6 heavy wire, and the line will run along a route 65 miles in width, taking the Comox trunk line from Nanaimo to Englishman's river, thence to Courtenay, and from thence to Comox. There is now a gap of about 18 miles between the two trunk roads that the Government are gradually extending from both main points, and along this a telegraph trail is to be built as construction progresses. The new line was urged in the House last session by Mr. Gordon on account of the fact of Comox being the last port of call for many steamers bound north, and on the estimates, at the end of the session, there was a clause warranting the expenditure for the improvement he advocated.

The line will be operated by the C.P.R., all expenses being paid by the Government, who will collect all the receipts. The work of laying the wire will be commenced at once, and it is expected will be completed in June.

No such ship as the Bergen can be found listed in any of the marine papers, and seafaring men are in a quandary as to where the boat picked up at Uculet came from.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

Additional Evidence Taken From Both Sides Regarding the New Sewerage Works.

Interesting Details Concerning the Much Discussed Box Drain.

Their Lordships Chief Justice Sir M. B. Begbie and Mr. Justice Drake, yesterday, heard additional evidence regarding alleged carelessness in the construction of the present sewerage works of the city. Among those present in court were a large number of practical men, who listened to the evidence with great interest.

James L. Stamford, called: Am a plumber. Know the position of concrete sewer of present sewerage works. I went one afternoon to look at it. I was with Mr. Keene. We went right over the sewers, along Cook street to Clover Point. What struck me was that in the lower part of Cook street I saw water running along the bottom of the sewer. I looked down the manholes. For a hundred yards farther on the sewer was perfectly dry. I got down into the sewer and saw the water leaking through the concrete. Put my penknife in the sewer and dug it down the length of the blade. Beyond the dug part of the sewer I looked down the ditch again, and saw the water running the wrong way. Don't know any reason for that. There might have been a sag in the sewer. It looked to me that there was a dip in the sewer. I had no level with me, so could not tell.

By Mr. Richards: I didn't think that water leaking through the sewer is a very good feature. The top of the sewer was open. Saw the manholes open every 50 ft. apart. Don't recollect the state of the sewer out Moss street. I believe it was all covered up. Didn't see the sewer open after we left Cook street. The running water was a very small stream, about half an inch wide. The sewer was 9 or 10 inches wide at the bottom.

At this point of the enquiry Mr. Bodwell suggested to their Lordships that, in order to facilitate matters, and to better satisfy them concerning the correctness of the allegations made by the petitioners as to the instability of the portion of the sewerage works spoken of, they should have an examination made by practical men.

Their Lordships disagreed, as in their opinion such an examination did not lie within the powers of their commission.

The Chief Justice said that the duty of the Commissioners was, more than anything else, to take the evidence of reliable witnesses touching the matters in question, given on oath in a trustworthy and honorable manner, so that it should be in turn given to the public, who could judge of its value and weight. He thought that the evidence taken in the case, which would form of course the appendix to the report of the Commission to the Government, would have far more weight with the public than the report itself.

Continuing the discussion, Mr. Bodwell remarked that there was no actual profile plan of the nature of the soil in the excavation maps.

The Chief Justice pointed out that the city was probably quite right in not providing a plan. The nature of the soil and country in which the city was built was, of his own knowledge, most treacherous. In places where one might be almost certain of finding gravel, rock would crop up, and in places a contractor might go on blasting through rock and suddenly find that he was blowing up gravel.

Mr. Mohun then entered the box. He described thoroughly the manner in which the box subsoil drain under the sewer was laid. The whole drain was under high-water mark considerably, in fact it might reasonably be expected never to be out of water at all. When the sewer trench was being dug and the sewer pipe laid a machine pump had to be in operation the whole time. The box drain was 6 inches deep and 8 inches wide, not 8x8, as stated by Mr. Keene. The plank was 2-inch timber. The soil was sandy and contained a good deal of clay. It was very bad and dangerous soil to work in. When the concrete was laid for the main sewer a depth of 9 inches was built on the top plank of the box drain in layers, each layer being well rammed. The concrete bed measured 9 inches to the invert. When it was up to the grade the channel pipe was laid and carefully levelled all through. Then the mould was put in, and the sides filled with concrete. The ingredients of the concrete used were 2½ parts of shingle, 2½ of sand and ½ of cement. When the concrete was set hard, the mould was removed and a layer of thin gravel cement put on the top to fill up any cracks that might exist in the trench, though I never saw any cracking whatever. This concrete was allowed to stand for some time before the arch was put on top, in order that any break or crack might be detected. The concrete was nine inches thick at the shallowest point. Witness did not consider that there was ever the slightest chance of the box drain crushing in. You could take out twenty feet of the soil under the box drain, and it would support the weight just as a girder would. As an engineer, I consider that there is no possible danger of the box drain collapsing. The last witness might possibly have seen water running up hill had he been on Cook street when the steam pumps were going. The water was pumped into the sewers, to prevent the hot sun acting on the fresh concrete.

The Commission then adjourned for lunch.

On resuming, Mr. Mohun explained that 10 per cent. of the contract price of the sewerage work was to be held back until the whole system had been tested for six months after completion. Then the length of the pipes was examined thoroughly by means of lanterns with eight, ten and twelve inch pipes, and personally by workmen going through the larger ones. He admitted that he had made some alterations in the original plans, but was justified in so doing by the specifications. Clause 5 set out that the work was to be carried out according to drawings, "or any other drawings which may be supplied to the contractor from time to time . . . . . and subject to such modifications, alterations, increases or diminutions of scantling, deductions, additions or variations as may be deemed necessary by the engineer from time to time during the progress of the works and continuance of this contract." He described the lay of the land through which the sewers went, and the difficulties to be encountered, The pipes were all properly tested before being put down.

Alex. McBean, sewerage contractor, was examined at length, as to the plans upon which he worked, and said that all the sewering had been done according to contract.

H. B. Smith, C. E., M. I. C. E., and G. A. Keefer, C. E., M. I. C. E., were examined, and stated that the sub-drains, if the soil about them was right, were practicably indestructible.

N. C. Mayo, foreman of the works, deposed that the concrete in the sewers was of a uniform thickness, and never less than nine inches under the invert.

The proceedings were here adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

PILOTS IN DANGER.

Reported Loss of Ramsey and Newby—The Helen on the Rocks.

It was generally bruited in the city, yesterday, that the cutter Helen had been wrecked on Trial Island, on Sunday night, and that Pilots Ramsey and Newby were drowned, with the boatman. The Helen had been out since Saturday morning, and as she had not returned by yesterday, the fact seemed to give a tone of credence to the report, and expressions of regret were numerous and sincere for the lost men, who are well known and well liked. At five o'clock in the evening, however, Pilot Ramsey turned up in the flesh, but disappeared as suddenly—a fact which gave rise to a rumor that he alone had been saved, and some imaginative minds supplied details which led enquiring friends to believe that the boat had been upset in a squall, that Ramsey managed to swim ashore, but that Newby and the boatman were drowned. The sudden disappearance of Ramsey rendered it difficult to obtain reliable information, but a COLONIST reporter managed to gather the following particulars which, may be accepted as authentic. The Helen is a spank little craft of ten tons, and is owned by Pilots Buckman, Thompson, Ramsey and Newby. She left port, on Saturday, with the two latter and a boatman on board, to meet a vessel which was expected off the coast. She experienced rough weather during her first day out, but, on Sunday, everything went on splendidly, without, however, the looked-for sail heaving in sight. Early on Monday morning, the Helen was headed for home, the weather becoming dangerously squally, and when nearing Trial Island, became practically unmanageable, and was driven on a treacherous reef of rocks on the island. After a brief consultation, it was decided that Ramsey should make for shore as soon as the weather moderated, and at 9 o'clock he set out in the small boat, landing on the beach at McNeill Bay. He then made for town, and reached here just in time to arrange with the steamer Mystery to call at Trial Island on her trip to Salt Spring, and tow the Helen off. She left with Ramsey on board, and when they sighted the Helen she was in a better condition than was expected—not so seriously injured as to prevent her being towed to a point of safety. Thus, it will seem, that no lives have been lost, as was rumored, and that the trim little craft needs but slight repairs to fit her for duty again. The exact nature of her injuries has not been ascertained, but they cannot be of a very serious nature.

THE PUBLIC MARKET.

The First Fees Collected Yesterday—Twenty Stalls Rented to Date.

E. C. Johnson was, on Saturday afternoon last, installed superintendent of the new public market, and, yesterday morning, he practically commenced his work. At 7 a.m. he had quite an array of Chinese market gardeners, with their waggons drawn up in front of the building, and having collected from them the prescribed fee, and detained them for a few hours, he allowed them to go their way rejoicing at the prospect of disposing of their goods outside the public market precincts. Minus this little collection of toll, there was no other business done, but the prospects are good for a lively business if the number of enquiries as to the renting of the stalls be any indication. The decorations prepared for the opening ball still adorn the building, and gives it a look of gaiety seldom associated with the trade and barter of a public market. The place will, however, be divested of its gay bunting, colored lanterns, evergreens and mottoes today or to-morrow, when it is hoped the aspect will be more business-like. Already fifteen of the stalls have been rented, and applications are in for several others. Among those already rented clothiers, fruiterers, game and poultry men, fishmongers, tobacconists, butchers, and a dressmaker, will be represented, while at least two of the stalls will be devoted to the supply of refreshments, on the temperance scale. Arrangements have been made by which the farmers of the South Saanich district will bring in their produce on Fridays, and their northern brethren on Saturdays. All it needs is a little time and a fair start to make the market a success. The building is admirably suited for its purpose, and, with moderate rents and every reasonable convenience, there ought to be no delay in renting all the stalls. The by-laws governing the market have not, as yet, been distributed amongst the farmers, but will be in the course of a couple of days. It is on the *tapis* to properly macadamize the large plot in the rear of the building, so as to give proper standing room for horses and cattle, and to erect a suitable weigh-bridge there.

A Celestial Shuttlecock.

Leong Geng Feong, who has been passed from Canadian to American ports and back like an animated shuttlecock, for the past three years, has at last gained admittance to the land of the free, being married to a wealthy Chinese merchant of San Francisco at the consulate there. Feong was a notorious prostitute of this city three years ago. She left here and went to San Francisco, where she was refused a landing. Her case went to trial, and the court ordered that she be returned to Victoria. Here she was again stopped, Canadian law preventing the landing of any known prostitute. But this did not discourage her; she offered to go through the form of a marriage with a Chinese friend who volunteered to help he out of the difficulty by becoming a benedict. But the custom people were obdurate, and Feong remained fancy free. From Victoria she went to Port Townsend; they didn't want her there. She tried Victoria again with no better luck. Then she proceeded to San Francisco once more; secured a landing under *habeas corpus* and has kept her case before the courts ever since.

The Public Schools.

After two weeks' vacation, the public schools of this city were yesterday reopened, and under very favorable circumstances. It is seldom that the roll-call is so liberally responded to on re-opening day. There were 423 girls in attendance at the Central school, and 500 boys. In the Ward schools there was also a good showing. Seven new teachers have been added to the list—two to the boys' department of the Central, a like number to the Victoria West Graded school, and one each to the Ward schools. Mr. John H. Kerr has taken temporary charge of the High school, vice Mr. J. P. McLeod.

Drunks held the fort in the police court, yesterday, and Philip Chalk, the only and incomparable, headed the list.

A LEPER CURED.

Cancer and Leprosy Found to be Antagonistic and Each Capable of Destroying the Other.

Interesting Experiments Which May Be the Means of Rooting out Two "Incurable" Diseases.

Professor Bettini, the celebrated Italian naturalist, who has made a life-long study of micro-organisms, and knows all that can be discovered about them with the present imperfect apparatus, says there are good and bad organisms just the same as there are good and bad people. Professor Bettini has also learned by experiments with these organisms that some of them are natural enemies, and when they meet will begin battle at once, and not stop until one or both are killed. It was the result of the wonderful discovery of this habit of the bacteris which led Dr. Fuller, of the Polyclinic College to try a novel experiment at North Brother Island, where patients having contagious diseases are isolated. The patients that were treated are Isaac Murray and Benjamin McGill. Murray had that loathsome disease, leprosy, and McGill had cancer of the stomach and intestines. There is little choice between the diseases so far as the suffering of the patient goes, and both are stamped incurable in the medical records; both patients have been sick for several years, and the diseases had advanced to the last stage when death would have been a welcome visitor. Cancer and leprosy begin with an inflammation of the skin, due to micro-organism, and the diseases are carried to the deep-seated tissues by infiltration. Dr. Fuller conceived the idea of trying the effect upon the leprosy of an inoculation of cancer. It was barely possible that the two germs might be antagonistic. The injection of cancer was made in the abdomen, and in each leg of the leper, and the effect was anxiously awaited. The leper took no interest in the proceeding, as so many things had been done to him without benefit. About a week after the operation he opened his eyes and began to look around him; his body was filled with new and strange sensations, and hope gleamed through the misery in his soul. Strength came into the wasted muscles, the vital organs picked up, and the nerves began to tingle with new life. His body shed the coat of scales, the ulcers healed, the joints became limber and strong, the delusions disappeared from his mind and over all came the bright glow of health. Wonder upon wonder—a leper cured! Such is certainly the fact, and the leper is as lively as a cricket to day. When the good effect of the injection of cancer was seen, the reverse treatment was tried. Some of the foul matter was taken from an ulcer in the leper's leg, and injected into McGill's arms. The effect was rapid and marvellous; there was at first a great depression and sinking of vitality, and then a sudden change, when health seemed to come back with a bound. Several other injections were made from time to time, and the effect continued to be beneficial. The surface over which the cancer had extended was large, and, being internal, did not heal as quickly as the leper, but the improvement was steady, and the patient can now take food without any after trouble. Everything now points to absolute cure, both of the cancer and leprosy, a consummation devoutly to be wished. Leprosy and cancer have baffled the skill of physicians everywhere for ages, and a constant search is being kept up for some specific that will strike at the root of the evil. Who can say that the specific has not been discovered? Suppose the micro-organisms that make cancers and leprosy are natural enemies and, when they meet, they fight and destroy each other in the body. Then there can only be one result, and that is the cure of the disease. Other experiments are being made in the same line, and, so far, with good results, and it may be that a way has been discovered to rid humanity of the terrible ravages of cancer and leprosy and of other diseases, by bringing antagonistic *bacteria* together in the same body.—New York correspondence, Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE NORTHERN MAIL.

TO THE EDITOR:—I am informed that the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company are holding back a portion of the mail which came down by the Thistle, and that they intend returning it again to the North. The reason given is that they are not now carrying the mail. Now, sir, I hold, that, having received the mail, they are bound to deliver it; and it is a crying shame that the people living up the coast should be put to further annoyance and inconvenience over their letters. What is wanted is for the Government to grant a good subsidy, and insist on a regular and efficient service.

SUFFERER.

A CORRECTION.

A letter received from Mr. J. P. McLeod contains the following correction:

TO THE EDITOR:—In the official report of the proceedings of the Council of Public Instruction, as published in your last issue, I am made to say: "He (Dr. Pope) placed me on the same level as such teachers as Mr. Netherby and Miss Cameron." What I did say was: "He placed me on the same level as Mr. Netherby, Miss Cameron and other subordinate teachers." The difference between the two is plain. The first implies what the second does not, viz: that Mr. Netherby and Miss Cameron were immeasurably inferior to me as teachers simply because they were subordinates.

POLITICS AND RELIGION.

TO THE EDITOR:—A remarkable scene was enacted in the service conducted by Messrs. Crossley and Hunter during the watch-night service, last Thursday evening. The whole congregation were asked to rise and sing the doxology over the fact that a measure had been secured to close our saloons from 11 p m Saturday to 1 a.m. Monday. Shall we praise God that men are to be made hypocrites by law, and are deceived into thinking they are doing homage to God by keeping their saloons open six days in the week and closed only one? Shall we not rather conclude that such measures are only in the interests of Sunday keeping and not of temperance? The mother who calls out to her boy on the street "Come in Johnny, you must not play ball on Sunday" is not teaching her son that ball playing is wrong, but only that he must not engage in it on that particular day. So we say with this Sunday closing statute, it is the Sunday sacredness, not the temperance principle that is being advanced. The same effort put forth for the suppression of the liquor traffic entirely would result in far greater success than coupled with Sunday law schemes, which do not help the cause of temperance, but are only the thin end of the wedge towards religious legislation.

TEMPERANCE.