THE TENNIS TOURNEY.

Preparations Advancing for Victoria's Annual Meeting at the Nets.

Foulkes and Card Win Their Earlier Matches at Seattle.

Entries for the annual handicap of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club close tomorrow at 5 p.m., and on Monday the handicap matches open, so that they will be disposed of and the courts be clear in plenty of time for the annual open tourney commencing on August 3. For the handicap an average entry list is expected, while the tournament following will bring together the very best tennis players of the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Chester Thorne writes that quite a numerous delegation may be looked for from Tacoma; Messrs. Pelly, Hurd and Meserve are among the Seattle vistors to be accorded a hearty welcome, and Vancouver is expected to send over Malcolm and Escombe, who are an especially hard team to beat in the doubles. The Longes and others from Saturna and Salt Spring islands and from the neighborhood of Duncan may be counted upon as in the past, and on the whole the tournament prospects are this year very bright. The card includes the usual gentlemen's singles, the winner of which takes first prize and plays Mr. Foulkes, the present holder of the shield, for the championship; gentlemen's doubles; ladies' singles for the British Columbia championship; ladies' doubles and ladies' and gentlemen's doubles. The courts are now being put in the best possible shape for the tournament events, and a small grand stand, recently erected, will afford long desired accommodation for the spectators. Entries for the tournament events close on the 28th instant.

A GOOD BEGINNING.

SEATTLE, July 22.—(Special—)In the opening events of the tennis tourney today Card defeated Gillion 6-5, 6-3; and Bell 6-1, 6-2. Foulkes defeated Helleker 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; and Hill 6-4, 6-1. Card and Foulkes defeated Ling and Goodwin 6-0, 6-3; and Pelly and Meserve, 8-6, 6-3.

THE TURF.

R. Stanley, ex-manager of the Victoria Driving park, who has been making his home in San Francisco for the past year, is now in the city in connection with the coming summer meet. He is here to ride, having trained down to something like 120 pounds, and there is considerable speculation as to what his mount will be. Mr. Stanley says he has a horse with him from San Francisco, and some are inclined to the belief, in spite of contradictions, that this animal is the reputable "Mamie Scott." The chestnut geldings "May Day" and "Pixtai" and the brown mare "Duchess of Malpetisa," all of San Francisco, are now in Victoria, and others from foreign stables, in addition to the list given in yesterday's COLONIST, are also here.

The management of the track have decided to declare off the three-quarter-mile dash set for the second day of the races for British Columbia bred horses. There would be no possibility of the event filling, as owing to unforeseen circumstances several of the most prominent candidates had to be put out of training. Instead, a jumping contest will be substituted, and it should prove a great drawing card, as there is nothing that takes so well with the racing public as the jumpers. The following are the conditions of the race: Grand national hurdle race 1¼ miles over five hurdles. For all ages. To carry 150 lbs. each, geldings allowed 5 lbs. and mares allowed 8 lbs. Purse $150, of which $100 goes to the winner. $30 to second, and $20 to third. Entrance fee $15. To-morrow a number of the horses will be sent around the track.

THE OAR.

Y.M.C.A. ROWING CLUB.

The executive committee of the Y.M.C.A. rowing club have completed arrangements for the next club regatta, to be held on Saturday, August 8th, the following programme being decided upon:—Double sculls, single sculls, four blade canoe, tandem canoe, double pleasure boat (lady coxwains) and upset canoe races. The two last races are open to all comers, all others being club races. It was decided to have a meeting of the executive on Tuesday, the 4th of August, when entries in the club races will close, to make final arrangements whereby the only drawback of the last club regatta, the disagreeable waits between races, will be removed. As a large number intend to enter for the double sculling races it has been decided to have trial heats on the evening of the Thursday preceding the day of the races, the winners qualifying for the final heats to be rowed at the regatta on Saturday.

CRICKET.

VICTORIA C. C. VS. R.M.A.

The following have been chosen to play for the Victoria C. C., against the Royal Marine Artillery next Saturday at the Barracks: C. E. Pooley, T. H. Paterson, C. A. Goffin, W. Wallis, A. T. Goward, B. Goward, A. G. Smith, S. F. Morley, Q. D. H. Warden, G. C. Fox and C. Gamble.

MANITOBA CROP PROSPECTS.

WINNIPEG, July 22.——(Special)—The Nor'-Wester editorially discussing the Manitoba crop situation to-night says: "The latest reports are not encouraging as to the condition of the wheat crop. There is less acreage in wheat this year than last, as a result of the fact that the crop was so heavy in 1895, and it took so long to handle it that the fall plowing could not be finished, and the spring has been so wet that farm operations have also been seriously retarded. The smaller acreage is possibly not the most serious matter, however, with the wheat crop. The constant rains during the spring, it seems, will likely affect the quality; a considerable percentage of the crop now showing the appearance of rust so that it is quite evident that the crop will not only be smaller, but will not average as well as last year either in quality or in quantity to the acre. Last year's crop, however, was phenomenal, and the Manitoba farmer can stand a considerable falling off from last year's return and still do well.

"It is gratifying to note that more cattle were shipped from Manitoba last year than ever before, and that there will probably be large shipments also this year, so that farmers who do not succeed in raising as much wheat or wheat of so good a quality will not feel the loss of the crop so keenly as in previous years, where they had nothing to depend upon except wheat. As a matter of fact the Northwest farmer is learning to appreciate the wisdom of the old saw, that it is better not to put all the eggs in one basket, and that mixed farming is much safer and more profitable."

At the session of the Manitoba High Court of the Independent Order of Foresters to-day, Thomas Waddell was elected High Chief Ranger.

A. Dawson has been appointed police magistrate for Winnipeg, succeeding Joseph Wolf, dismissed, and Stewart Mulvey resigned.

The fine weather favored the Winnipeg industrial exhibition to-day. About six thousand people visited the grounds.

SHIPMENT OF SKINS.

In transit to London, Eng., on board the steamship Empress of India, which arrived yesterday, was the entire catch of the Victoria sealing vessels which had been landed during the season at Japanese ports. The catch on the whole is slightly better than that secured last year, averaging 643 skins to each of the 28 schooners engaged in the industry, or totalling 18,019 skins. These are all ready for marketing, and the prices they will bring is the matter now of the greatest interest to sealing men. Of course much depends on what success is met with by the fleet which go to Copper island and the Behring Sea. In the first named grounds most of the Japanese fleet are now supposed to be cruising, or more probably they have completed their work there and are heading for Behring Sea, which will be open to them after the present month. Many of the Japanese fleet landed their arms before leaving Japanese ports, and these also formed a part of the Empress of India's freight for Victoria yesterday. The statement which Capt. J. G. Cox, who returned home yesterday, has very carefully prepared of the Japanese sealing industry, credits the following catches: "Allie I. Algar, 602; Aurora, 325; Annie E. Paint, 814; Arietas, 1,032; Borealis, 325; C. G. Cox, 1,222; Director, 871; E. B. Marvin, 836; Elsie, 663; Fortuna, 477; F. M. Smith, 602; Geneva, 499; Ida Etta, 651; Mary Taylor, 361; Mermaid, 940; Otto, 719; Ocean Belle, 561; Pioneer, 849; Sadie Turpel, 560; Triumph, 461; Teresa, 231; Umbrina, 742; Viva, 607; Vera, 559; Agnes Macdonald, kept skins on board, spoken June 2 by E. B. Marvin, 430; Casco, kept skins on board, 813; Diana, kept skins on board, 996; Mascot, did not call at Hakodate, spoken June 12 by Otto, 250; Katharine, lost June 11 with 208 skins on board."

In addition to these there was the catch of eight American schooners, totalling 3,808 skins, the catch of seven Hakodate sealers numbering 2,417 skins, and the reported catch of four other American craft, making a grand total of 25,524 skins. As usual, there has been great risk of life and property involved in obtaining so many skins, and Victoria's fleet being the most representative one, bore the heaviest loss. This comprised the loss of the Katharine on June 12; the loss of a hunter named N. Morrison and two boat pullers from the Annie E. Paint on the 19th; the loss of a boat's crew from the Fortuna about the last of April; the loss of a boat's crew of two men from the Agnes Macdonald in May, and the loss of a foremast to the Ocean Belle.

TRAIL CREEK AND VICINITY.

(From the Seattle Post-Intelligener.)

One of the surprises of this wonderful country is the rapid development of the Monte Carlo camp near Waterioo Landing, fifteen miles up the stream from Trail. The reports that come in are very favorable for the establishment of a permanent camp. Steamers land many passengers every trip who have heard of the strikes that are being made, and are anxious to get in before the ground is all staked.

H. Robbins, a prospector of forty years' experience, came down recently to order an assayer's outfit, returning by the same boat, and taking with him tools to open several prospects and provisions to keep the camp running. At present the visitor or prospector who goes in has to carry his supplies and bedding, as the camp does not afford a hotel or even boast of a supply store. This will soon be remedied, as several men are heading in that direction with the intention of supplying the wants of those who come.

Several claims have been bonded. The Apache group was to have been sold to the Horn-Tuyree syndicate, and ere this should have been the scene of much activity but for D. Stussi, who jumped it. Consequently the property is at a standstill. This is one of the fine showings of the camp and will undoubtedly develop into a mine.

The Ontario group has been bonded for $40,000, the bond calling for immediate work. The ledge matter in this camp is the same character as in the Rossland and Trail camps, assaying from the grass roots, having the heavy iron capping, with decomposed iron and red stains that have made the Trail Creek district so famous.

James Hamilton has a gang of men on the Badger. He is one of the old timers, and is as enthusiastic over this claim as a novice, predicting great results since he has his last lot of essays. They have a well defined ledge, that can be traced the full length of the claim.

There is considerable excitement in camp over a new strike made almost in the town limits, of a free milling property. Your correspondent saw the quartz, and the naked eye could detect the free gold, and in several places it was to be seen the size of a pin head. The claim is just above the saw mill, half a mile from Trail, and is known as the Norway. The vein is about 18 to 20 inches wide, and can be traced over 1,000 feet. Only a little work has been done, as the owners are intending to perfect title before further development work takes place. There is no doubt that this will prove a bonanza for the owners and the town of Trail.

The Sovereign, that was bonded some time ago to Gen. Warren, on which a good strike has been made, is working ten men. They are down twenty-three feet, and are in solid ore. The vein dips into the mountain, and they are working to reach one of the walls at present. This is within a mile of the smelter, and just above the town of Trail.

Several men are to be put to work on the Imperial, Red Point and Joker, all good properties, to develop them. They are all on Lookout mountain.

The smelter is running full time, the new contract with the War Eagle being effective immediately. New offices and assayers' rooms are being built, the assay office having been burned three times in as many weeks.

BLOOD AND FIRE.

The Soldiers of the Local Salvation Army Corps Welcome Their New Leader.

Commander Eva Booth Addresses a Meeting in the First Presbyterian Church.

The Salvation Army were out in force yesterday to welcome to Victoria in their characteristic way Commandant Eva Booth, who has succeeded her brother Herbert in command of the force in Canada and the Northwestern States. The local corps were reinforced for the occasion by Ensign (Mrs.) Washburn who with her husband is in charge of the Seattle food and shelter depot; Ensign Chappell, Seattle; Capt. Sheridan, Seattle; Capt. Flock, Puyallup; Ensign Cowan, Vancouver; Capt. Ziebirth, Vancouver; Capt. Moffatt and Lieut. Miller, Westminster and Cadet Court of Nanaimo. The soldiers were in gala uniforms, many of the lasses with white sashes over their shoulders. The juvenile corps turned out with their elders and marched to the Kingston headed by the army band to greet their commander. With Commandant Booth came her private secretary, Ensign Berry; Major Freidrich, in command of the province; Staff Captain Minnice, of Toronto, and Ensign Milliner, of Spokane. The Commandant entered a carriage and escorted by the soldiers singing and the band playing drove to the barracks and later in the evening a public meeting was held in the First Presbyterian church.

The Commandant believes in plenty of singing, so music and hymns formed a large part of the programme. The officers had places on the platform and as the Commandant entered to take her seat she was greeted with a regular Salvation Army volley fired by the soldiers.

The church was crowded to the doors and the proceeding were started by Major Freidrichs calling for the hymn "We're travelling on to Heaven above." Ensign Patterson, who was for the occasion clad from head to foot in a fighting uniform of red, followed with prayer.

Commandant Eva Booth is a slight, delicate looking woman, in features strongly resembling her brother Herbert. She has the same knack as her brother of playing the concertina and some of her gestures remind one both of her brother and of the General himself.

Staff Captain Minnice, whose accent betrays his Scotch nationality, started up "Mighty matchless love." He was suffering from a cold, and when he broke down the first time on the second line he was in no wise disconcerted, but said, "Excuse me, friends; this is a big country of yours, and I have been hurrying through it some hundreds of miles a day and using my voice a great deal." Then he tuned up again and the hymn went along all right.

"Now we'll have a collection; put your smallest piece in for me, the next largest for the staff captain, and the best of all for the commandant." Accordingly a collection was taken up; meanwhile the soldiers sang hymns, clapping their hands as an accompaniment.

After this the Commandant was introduced by Major Freidrich, a big volley being fired in her honor as she stood up to speak.

Commandant Eva Booth, who at first sight does not appear as if she could be heard in a large building commenced very low and her words were almost drawled, but as she warmed to her work the words came fast and free, her voice grew full and clear and she vigorously punctuated her remarks by gesticulating with her right hand. She seemed deeply appreciative of her welcome in Victoria and expressed herself as failing words to adequately express her pleasure at her hearty reception by the local corps. She evidently has a very high opinion of her brother Herbert, whom she called her "precious and well beloved brother" whom it was an honor for her to succeed as commandant, and then at her request the congregation sang one of Herbert Booth's hymns, "Grace There Is."

She liked singing she said, she could not have too much of it at her meetings; it was a good preparation for people so that they would not feel out of place when they got inside the Golden Gates where it was all singing. Many people did not like the noise the Salvation Army made, their drum beating, singing, and marching, but she was sure that the people of Victoria could read under this the true motives of the Army. She went on to read a short passage from the Bible from Micah 6 and then exhorted the people not to let there be a controversy between God and his people. A man who could not make up his mind was in a bad way. If a man could not make up his mind about his business he worried over it; his brain went round and round like a sawmill, he could not sleep or rest, the brain wore down, and sometimes it landed him in the lunatic asylum. That was just the way with the soul. Doubt weakened, it and it needed faith to climb the heights and make one's peace with God.

After the Commandant's address came the call for those whose doubts had that night been set at rest.

After a considerable amount of singing and exhortation, five or six people came to the front.

"Come along! Come along!" exclaimed Staff-Captain Minnice. "Mad over politics, but cold as ice when we come to religion. That's the trouble with many of us. Don't think we're going to put all the young men in red jerseys and your young women in poke bonnets if you come forward, though as far as that goes there are plenty who look just as well in red jerseys as you without them."

It was late when the meeting closed, five or six at the penitent form being the fruit of the evening's battle with sin.

Commandant Booth leaves for Nanaimo to-day and from there goes to the Mainland on her way East.

The Vienna correspondent of the Daily News says: "I am informed that the Emperor of China has given sanction to Li Hung Chang going direct from London to Washington without visiting Vienna or Rome."

DOMINION HAPPENINGS.

Indians Implicated in the Frog Lake Massacre — An Interesting Surgical Operation.

Twelfth of July Celebrations—Blackmailing Toronto Politicians—Severe Hail Storm.

ONTARIO.

Rumor is busy with the alleged wrong doings of Rev. C. H. Shutt, rector of St. Barnabas, St. Catharines. He is charged with having opened a letter addressed to the organist of the church, which caused a split in the congregation, and several members left the church. Action has been entered by Shutt against William Ellis, W. Canote, H. E. Cadney, F. B. White, H. G. Radcliffe, Mrs. William Ellis and William Thompson, organist, for $40,000 for slander.

Rose Sharpe, a young adventuress from Buffalo, who undertook to defraud the local candidates for Toronto after the recent Dominion elections by relating many fictitious stories whereby she hoped to draw financial aid from their pockets, has been sentenced to six months in the Mercer reformatory. She stated that her husband and his brother put her up to doing what she did. Rose when removed to the cells was afterwards found swearing freely and smoking a cigar.

The Orangemen of the Brockville district celebrated the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne by a monster demonstration, the largest ever held in the cradle of Orangeism in Canada. In the procession there were over 2,000 in line, including a delegation of several hundred from Syracuse, Albany, Troy and other Northern New York cities, who came by rail to Clayton and thence down the St. Lawrence by steamers. Nearly every lodge had a band. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. E. A. Watkins, of Albany; the Rev. C. J. Cameron and Mr. W. J. Wright, of Brockville. Mr. Abel Scott, county master of South Leeds Orange district, presided.

In connection with the big provincial convention at Toronto, a deputation waited on the Ontario government to find out what Premier Hardy intended doing, regarding prohibitory legislation in view of the decision of the privy council. Hon. Mr. Hardy replied, "that he had hoped for a more decisive judgment in the matter of the jurisdiction of the province, but if the question still remained doubtful the government were anxious to go as far as possible in the matter of temperance legislation, but must be careful only to go so far as their power justifies."

Everything is booming in regard to the construction of the O. A. & P. railway. Mr. Mountain, who has just returned from a trip over the complete route to Georgian Bay, which entails a walk through the unbroken forest from Cache Lake to the commencement of the western section, states that track laying will commence on the western portion under construction on August 15 and on the eastern section on September 1. There are now about two thousand men on the work.

The officers of the rural militia in Ontario announce their determination of ascertaining at once the intentions of the minister of militia with regard to camps of instruction this year. They propose holding a meeting in Toronto shortly to discuss the selection of a deputation to go to Ottawa, and the militia throughout the Dominion will be asked to co-operate.

NOVA SCOTIA.

B. T. A. Bell, editor of the Canadian Mining Review, who has been on a visit to the gold mining districts of Nova Scotia, says that some six or seven companies are doing remarkably well. Among them are the Richards, the Brookfield Mining Association, the New Edgerton, and the Golden Lode. Unfortunately, from a Canadian standpoint, all these mines are owned by American capital, the British and Canadian investor standing aside until the Americans had proved that the gold existed in paying quantities, just as they did until recently in the Kootenay country. As a rule, all the mines in Nova Scotia are producing gold in far better condition than ever before, and the outlook is for a most valuable addition to the country's wealth.

A large real estate deal recently took place at Weymouth. The Stehlin family of New France, Digby, bought the large lumber yards of G. D. Campbell, together with three large new buildings, wharves and nearly the entire south side of the Sissiboo river, which runs through the town. Two years ago the Stehlin family came out from France and opened up a settlement about 15 miles back of Weymouth and have named the place "New France." The settlement is lighted by electricity. They have one of the finest mills in the province. This year they applied for a right of way to build a railroad from New France to Weymouth. They have bought up thousands of acres of woodland in the interior. A number of large wharves will be built in addition to those they already have. The Stehlins have large capital at their back and intend pushing their new enterprise for all it is worth.

A few days ago at Undine a herd of cows belonging to Frank McQuade were poisoned, strychnine being the agent used. Certain parties are suspected. Inquiries are being made at drug stores in the vicinity to find where the poison was procured, and the matter will in all probability be placed in the Attorney-General's hands.

MANITOBA.

Among the Indians implicated in the Frog Lake massacre of the 1885 rebellion were three who escaped to the United States, and who for ten years evaded capture. They were Little Bear (son of Big Bear), Lucky Man and another. They have been living with the refugee Crees in Montana, and when these Crees were some days ago driven back into Canada, those three Indians were driven along. To escape trial and punishment one shot himself. Little Bear and Lucky Man were placed under arrest at Lethbridge and committed for trial at Regina on the charge of murder.

Charles Robb, a 17-year-old boy employed by the T. Eaton Co., on Dominion Day of last year went up Ulster Lane, Toronto, to see what caused a crowd, which had gathered there. In the centre of the crowd a fight was taking place, and Robb was felled to the ground with a baseball bat. He was taken home by his brother, unconscious, and remained in that condition for ten days. When he was thought to have recovered, it was found that his left hand was useless, and that he had no control over one side of his mouth. In this condition he went to Winnipeg and entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. Shortly after he was taken with epileptic fits and went to the general hospital. Nine weeks ago his head was shaved, his scalp entirely removed, and his skull sawn through. Then the doctors went right into the brain and removed several pieces of dead matter, finally closing up the skull and the scalp. Robb is recovering, and has regained the use of his hand, and his mouth has been restored to its former condition.

On July 11 a most enjoyable time was spent at McKernan's grove, South Edmonton, by the Fort Saskatchewan and South Edmonton Loyal Orange lodges and the friends of the order, the occasion being the celebration of the 206th anniversary of the battle of the Boyne.

The Orange demonstration at Indian Head was a complete success. Over two thousand persons were present. The following lodges were represented: Moosomin, Grenfell, Summerbury, Ellisboro, Wolseley, Fort Qu'Appelle, Wide Awake and Indian Head. Rev. Messrs. Burrows, Robson, Pollock and Mr. Mussleman addressed the large audience, at the conclusion of which a thorough examination was made of the various crops on the Experimental farm. The Grenfell brass band added materially to the enjoyment of the occasion.

A severe hail storm recently struck Edmonton from the northwest. It came up with great rapidity the crown being funnel shaped with a curious red light behind it, while a strange and ominous moaning noise heralded its on-coming. It burst with great fury, doing much damage to the gardens in town, and breaking windows on the side of houses most exposed to the hail. The stones were, some of them, of considerable size.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The French shore trouble continues to be a prolific subject of discussion. Representations from the scene show the great hardships the local fishermen labor under this season owing to the vexatious French encroachment and the repressive measures enforced by both the British and French warships, which make the resident Newfoundlanders the victims of every dispute, being fearful of opposing the French fishermen because of the diplomatic friction which might arise. Intelligent observers think that the outcome of the matter will largely depend on how the pending questions between England and France are settled.

RETAIL QUOTATIONS.

Picnics and the prevailing warm weather, which tend to limit domestic supplies, account for the prevailing quiet in business. Hungarian flour fluctuates in price, and has been reduced 25 cents per barrel. Other brands, however, are steady. Wheat has dropped to $35 per ton, owing mainly to the incoming crop. New hay is now on the market, and is meeting with a ready sale at from $10 to $12, it being of specially fine quality. Potatoes are retailing at a quarter of a cent less than they were a week ago, with a strong tendency towards dropping another quarter. Butter is the most unsatisfactory commodity handled by merchants, and the numerous complaints made of late, though probably justified, are mainly due to the heat. Fruits in season of nearly all descriptions, are improving in supply and variety. A large shipment of South American bananas was placed on the market a few days ago. They were received from Seattle and are in good demand. They bring five cents more per dozen than the Hawaiian fruit, but the difference in price is quite warranted by their superior quality. Nearly all kinds of fish are scarce and expensive.

The following are the current retail prices:

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$5.25
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	5.25
Victoria XXX	4.75
Lion	4.75
Portland roller	5.00
Salem	5.00
Rainier	5.25
Snowflake	5.00
Olympic	5.25
Premier	5.50
Three Star	5.00
Two Star	4.00
Superfine	4.00
Wheat, per ton	35.00
Oats, per ton	25.00
Barley, per ton	25.00@26.00
Middlings, per ton	22.00@25.00
Bran, per ton	18.00@20.00
Ground feed, per ton	22.00@25.00
Corn, whole, per ton	35.00@40.00
" cracked, per ton	40.00@45.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	35
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	40@45
Rolled oats, per lb	3¼
Potatoes, per lb	1¾
Cabbages, per lb	2½
Hay, baled, per ton	$9@12
Straw, per bale	50@75
Onions, per lb	3
Asparagus, per lb	10@12½
Rhubarb, per lb	3
Eggs, Island, per doz	25
" imported, per doz	20
Butter, fresh, per lb	20@25
" Creamery, per lb	25
" Dairy, per lb	20
" California, per lb	25
" California, per square	40
" Delta	28
Hams, American, per lb	14@16
" Canadian, "	14@15
" Boneless, "	18@20
Bacon, American, per lb	14@18
" Rolled "	14@16
" Long clear	10
" Canadian	14@16
Shoulders, per lb	12½
Lard, per lb	12½
Golden Cottolene, per lb	12½
MEATS—Beef, per lb	5@12½
Sides, per lb	7@7½
Veal "	10@15
Mutton, "	5@12½
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@12½
Chickens, each	65@75
Pigeons, per brace	25@50
FRUITS—Australian apples, per lb	8
California apples, per lb	6
Oranges, Riverside, per doz	35@50
Lemons, California, per doz	30
Bananas, per doz	30
Cherries, white, per lb	10
Cherries, red, per lb	12
Apricots, per lb	8@10
Currants, per lb	8
FISH—Salmon, spring, per lb	10@12
Smoked	12½
Halibut	10@12
Cod	8@10
Flounders	8@10
Smelts	10@12
Herring	6@8
Shad, apiece	25
Rock Cod	8@10

FIERCE FOREST FIRES

Still Spreading on the Alberni-Nanaimo Road, Crippling the Telegraph Line.

Women and Children Take Refuge Under the Duke of York Mining Flume.

Great anxiety prevailed in Victoria yesterday owing to the vague reports received of the destruction of miners' and mining property in different sections of Alberni district by the bush fires that for days past have been raging on this end of the island. The telegraph poles having been burned for a considerable distance, it was no easy matter to obtain definite information on the subject, but during the afternoon the suspense was in a measure relieved by the receipt of the following message from Alberni, which gives the latest information available at the time of its despatch:

"The big bush fires on the Nanaimo road are still spreading and two and a half miles have already been burned over, the fire being now within three miles of the town. The telegraph works have been badly crippled, many poles being gone, and the small bridges and cribbing along the road have suffered to a considerable extent, while much valuable standing timber has been destroyed. The tremendous fires on Mineral Hill are hourly becoming more alarming and at this writing the dam on the Cataract is burning, with no water in the flume.

"The Halfpenny sawmill on Cataract creek has been completely destroyed, a similar fate having befallen the assay offices, blacksmith shop and other buildings on the Duke of York, with over 70,000 feet of lumber. The fire is under control at this point, and the mining company will be washing in a couple of days. Anunlucky prospector of Saret creek lost his blankets and outfit, while away packing in supplies. No one can as yet estimate the amount of damage in this section."

Private messages earlier in the day gave the unwelcome news that the fires had completely enveloped Mineral Hill, burning out several large camps as well as the extensive buildings of the Duke of York Company on China creek and seriously threatening the flume of that company. The families resident in the camp had hard fighting to save their lives, and would have been unsuccessful even in this had not the flume been preserved by boring and piping. It afforded safety to the women and children, they being kept under the piping and frequently drenched with water as the heat became too intense.

At last advices the Alberni fire had devastated about 15 square miles of heavily timbered country, and had given many of the resident miners and ranchers close calls for their lives.

No special damage has been reported during the past few days along the line of the E & N. railway, on both sides of which the fires are still feeding on the timber, while the progress of the flames elsewhere in the province is recorded in the subjoined special dispatches:

WESTMINSTER, July 22.—Forest fires are doing great damage along the track of the Great Northern railway between Whatcom and Goschen. The fencing and tres are on fire in several places and many barns have been burned with their contents. The bush fires up the river are very bad and it is feared that unless rain comes soon a large quantity of timber will be destroyed.

NANAIMO, July 22.—The bush fires in the neighborhood of Nanaimo though numerous are not nearly so serious as last year's. The destruction of the pit head, No. 2 shaft, East Wellington, with the surrounding cabins, has involved the greatest financial loss as yet reported, the same being estimated at $800 or $1,000. The Hamilton Powder Works are protected by a line of water tanks, but as the fires are all extinguished now in that vicinity, the serious situation of 1895 is not even remotely paralleled. A fire started by one careless person on the Harwood road consumed a large quantity of props belonging to the N.V.C. Co., who have offered a reward of $100 for the discovery of the offender. Mr. James Wilson, superintendent of telegraphs, is at present inspecting the scene of the fires on Gabriola and Valdez islands.

DUNCAN, June 22.—Bush fires are still prevailing in this district, and the air continues thick with smoke. The heat has moderated, however, running from 70 to 78 instead of the 90] of the last three weeks.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

TORONTO, July 18.—Secretary Wills, of the Toronto Board of Trade, stated this morning that the matter of hotel accommodation for visitors is practically the only obstacle in the way of the proposed joint excursion of the boards of trade of Toronto and Montreal to Kootenay. The C.P.R. people have intimated that they are prepared to grant liberal rates. The excursion idea is popular here and in Montreal, and it is certain that 200 of the leading business men will take it in if the question of accommodation is satisfactorily arranged.

WINNIPEG, July 21.—To-day was to have been the grand opening of the Winnipeg exhibition for 1896, but the clerk of the weather most unkindly put his veto on the proceedings and a dampener at the same time on the hopes of the many children who have been looking forward to to-day as their especial chance for seeing the exhibition. However, the skies cleared up during the afternoon, and good weather is promised for the fair to-morrow. It is estimated that about 8,000 strangers are in the city for the fair.

TORONTO, July 22.—A memorial service to Mrs. Yeomans was held at the Sherbourne street Methodist church last evening. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, president of the Dominion W.C.T.U.; Rev. Wm. Patterson, and Rev. Dr. Parker.

A Singapore dispatch to the Times says that native uprisings are reported from the island of Formosa, and the Japanese there are said to be hard pressed.