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BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Friday's Daily.

—Court Robin Hood, I. O. F, gave a social dance in Fairall's hall last night A pleasant time was spent.

—The Bishop of Salisbury, who is now on his way to Australia from England, will return home by way of British Columbia, when he will stay several days in Victoria. The bishop is one of the most eloquent divines in England.

—The following appears in the current Gazette, signed by Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works Gore: "All placer claims and leaseholds on Vancouver island and adjacent islands, and in New Westminster district, which are legally held, may be laid over from date to the 1st June, 1895."

—Louis Olsen, once a respectable member of society, and formerly a schooner captain, was in the police court to-day, charged with supplying liquor to Indians He had been there before, and upon his conviction Magistrate Macrae dealt with him severely. He fined him $100 with one dollar costs, and if in default he ordered him imprisoned for four months. Olsen will very likely have to go to jail and serve out his time.

—The Lincoln, Rutland and Stamford Mercury of October 19th says: "News reached Plymouth on Monday of a terrible gun accident on board the Satellite cruiser, on the Pacific station. In firing a salute the head of a gun cartridge exploded, with the result that a gunner's mate, the name of whom is unknown, had his head blown off. The cartridge, owing to improper loading, is supposed to have been defective."

—A Seattle dispatch says: "It is asserted that the reason of District Passenger Agent George McL. Brown's visit to Seattle on Tuesday last was to make inquiry into the disturbed and threatening condition of passenger rates on the sound and at Portland. In connection with Travelling Passenger Agent Calder Mr. Brown yesterday left for Portland. The Canadian Pacific will not be slow to meet any cut made by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific."

—General Roberts, United States consul, received a letter this morning asking him to write a history of the Nineteenth regiment, North Carolina infantry, during the war. A scheme is on foot to get as authentic a record as possible of that now celebrated historical event. Distinguished men have been requested to write accounts of the doings of the regiments to which they were attached or in command of. General Roberts is among the best posted of men on the war.

—Dr. Gustavus Hamilton Griffin, the notorious swindler who served a term in the penitentiary at New Westminster, has been married to the cashier of a Chicago candy store." So says a dispatch from Chicago. It was known that the doctor was operating in Chicago but it was thought that his courtship of the fair cashier had been brought to an abrupt end by the exposure of his swindling. Evidently the doctor's silver tongue succeeded in winning his bride over to his side.

—The sloop Irene was stolen from Port Townsend harbor on Wednesday in broad daylight and it is thought was brought across the border. In plain view of a dozen people, a well-dressed stranger went aboard the sloop, raised the anchor, got under way and sailed out of the harbor. The Irene was well equipped with provisions and supplies, and in one of the chests was a considerable sum of money. The deed was so bold that no one expected that the sloop was being stolen until she got well down the straits, with a stiff breeze astern.

—The United States revenue cutter Richard Rush, Captain Hooper, has arrived at Port Townsend from San Francisco en route to the north end of Vancouver Island to search for the wreckage of the collier Ivanhoe. On the receipt of orders from the department the Rush will take on fuel and sail for the north. Captain Hooper says he will make a thorough search along the coast, calling at all the Indian settlements and trading posts to make enquiries. He will be absent two weeks or more, if necessary.

—There was an interesting dog case heard in the police court to-day. Frank Higgins recently lost a valuable canine, and after advertising for it and searching the town over found that it was in the possession of a man named Mark Lepine. The latter acted very strangely all through the transaction, and it was only after a week's delay that Mr. Higgins forced him to give the dog up. The latter had Lepine summoned for stealing the dog, and, as stated, the case came up for hearing in the police court to-day. Lepine was convicted and fined $20, with $4.50 costs. If he fails to pay he will be imprisoned for a month.

—At a meeting of the Quesnelle Quartz Mining Company, held at Quesnelle yesterday, a proposition, which will probably lead to the working of the mine on a large scale, was submitted and adopted. There were about 250,000 shares represented at the meeting. The proposal is to give a syndicate a little more than a half interest in the Hixon creek mine on the condition that $100,000 is spent in the property. The intention is to work ore by the cyanide process, tests having demonstrated that 95 per cent. of the gold can be saved by that method. It is expected that arrangements will be concluded during the winter and that the new company will be organized and ready to begin operations next summer.

From Saturday's Daily.

—Vital statistics for November are: Births, 26; marriages, 23; deaths, 19.

—The Vancouver World of November 27th says: Peter McCarthy, Q. C., of Calgary, has been suspended, disqualified and disrobed by Judge Travis for unprofessional and dishonest conduct.

—On the municipal voters' list this year there will be 3050 real estate voters and 335 householders, besides the usual number of license holders. Altogether about 600 names will be added to the list.

—Mr. Milton Westwood, of Comox, was on Thanksgiving day married to Miss Fanny Smith, of the same place. The happy couple came down on Friday morning to Nanaimo, where they will reside in future.

—Far West lodge, K. of P., elected officers last night, as follows: C. C., M. Meiss; V. C., W. Workman; Prelate, P. Watson; K. of R. and S., E. Pferdner; M. of T., Sam Sea; M. of E., Geo. Moss; Master-at-Arms, T. Jacklin; M. of W., H. Webber.

—The marriage of R. W. Ward and Miss Sarah McDougall took place on Thursday evening at the residence of Rev. P. H. McEwen, the officiating minister. Only a few friends of the contracting parties were present. Mr. and Mrs. Ward were the recipients of handsome presents.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Wylde have returned from a shooting expedition along the E. & N. railway line. Mrs. Wylde, who is quite a good shot, bagged one deer, one brace of grouse and four brace of ducks. Her lady friends in Victoria are congratulating her on her good marksmanship.

—Triumph lodge, No. 16, I. O. G. T., held their regular weekly meeting in the Blue Ribbon hall, Esquimalt, on Thursday evening. A programme of impromptu speeches was very satisfactorily carried out, after which songs, recitations, etc., were indulged in by Messrs, Coleman, Culpin, Moody and Gerring.

—The inland revenue returns for November follow:

Spirits	6,877 10
Malt	1,526 37
Tobacco	2,481 25
Liquors	843 30
Inspection petrolium	154 20
	$11,882 22

—The case of John G. Williams, charged with the theft of a gun worth $45 from J. J. Wilson, came up in the provincial police court this morning. Williams was remanded for eight days, to permit of communicating with Wilson, who is in California. The police do not know the exact whereabouts of Wilson, and if they do not find him Williams will have to be released.

—A Chinaman was found in a dying condition in an old shed at the rear of a Chinese laundry on Fort street this afternoon. Officer Abel received information that the Chinaman was in the shed, but arrived too late to be of any assistance, the Chinaman dying a few minutes after the officer's arrival. The body was removed to the city morgue. It is thought that the Chinaman's "friends" put him in the shed to die.

—Major W. J. Quinlan, who resigned his commission in the B. C. B. G. A., has been retired with the rank of captain. Major Quinlan was one of the most popular officers in the local corps, and his retirement is regretted by the members of the company. James Parker Hibben is to be second lieutenant provisionally, vice Lieut. Holden, retired. Lieutenant Hibben's promotion is a popular one, as he has taken a deep interest in the volunteer cause.

—Albert Williams alias Weiprich, arrested at the instance of Quan Nan Fong Company for swindling them out of $2880 worth of opium over the fraudulent sale of a vessel, was in police court again to-day. The case has been settled and Mr. Aikman for the prosecution renewed his motion for a withdrawal of the charge. The magistrate is still not satisfied to grant the request and the case was again remanded until Monday. Wilson is out on $1500 bail furnished by himself.

—A very interesting programme has been prepared for the winter session of the Liberal Association. A number of meetings have been planned for the suburban districts, at which the best platform talent of the party will be utilized. One very interesting item on the programme is a proposed debate between the Liberal and Conservative associations. A challenge has been forwarded to the Conservative association and a reply has been received from the secretary stating that the matter would be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

—Mr. Justice Drake commenced hearing the appeal in the Westerland liquor case this morning. This is an appeal by Oluf Westerland from his conviction by Magistrate Macrae for supplying liquor to Indians contrary to section 95 of the Indian act. The appeal is a hearing de moro according to section 108 of the same act, and the defence set up is that the liquor was not supplied, and if it was supplied it was under the merchant shipping act, and then only on one occasion on the high sea. A. E. McPhillips for the appeal and P. AE. Irving for the conviction.

—The customs returns for November follow:

Value of imports—	
Free goods	$ 22,155 00
Dutiable goods	143,260 00
Total	$165,415 00
Duty collected	$ 51,963 30
Other revenues	2,295 04
Total	$ 54,258 34
Exports—	
Goods the produce of Canada	$211,050 00
Goods not the produce of Canada	54,058 00
Total	$265,108 00

—The police court returns for November are: Drunk and disorderly, 30; for lodging, 20; Indians in possession of intoxicants, 11; supplying liquor to Indians, 6; vagrancy, 8; infraction of city by-laws, 9; assault, 8; larceny, 5; of unsound mind, 3; aggravated assault, 1; creating a disturbance, 1; keeping a disorderly house, 1; threatening to kill, 1; carrying concealed weapons, 1; infraction of the weights and measures act, 1; fraud, 5; smuggling, 1; infraction of the postoffice act, 1; discharging firearms within the city limits, 1; assaulting a constable, 1; obstructing a constable, 1; and dog stealing, 1.

—Fan Tan circles are deeply disturbed. There has been a sort of family row and "blue papers" have been served on any number of people. William Jackson, Chin Chung Jo, John McDonnell, Chan Ah Yung, Wong Hip Lie and Chung Ah Wah were summoned a few days ago for conducting gambling houses. Now some of the friends of the Chinamen named above and some of them themselves have obtained summons against Lee How Yum, Wong King, Chin Chu, Lame Hip and Lee Chuck Loo, charging some with keeping gaming houses and others with obtaining money under false pretences. The cases will all be heard next week and are expected to drag their weary way on for many days.

THE CAPTAIN'S STORY.

He Gives His Version of the Case of the Bark Detroit.

The crew of the American bark Detroit were paid off by Captain Rice at the United States consulate this morning. Five dollars were deducted from each of their salaries according to arrangement between them and the master of the bark. Captain Rice, speaking to a Times man, said:

"I wish to remove an impression that has been made current that I was acting harshly with the men. The truth is I have acted leniently—too leniently, perhaps. A few days before the crew deserted the bark was inspected and passed by the agent of the board of marine underwriters of San Francisco. I felt satisfied myself that the ship was all right. If I had not do you think that I would have risked the lives of my wife and two little ones. I don't look quite a monster, do I?"

And Captain Rice threw himself back in his chair. He did not look like a tyrannical captain, but had the appearance of being a good hearted kind of a fellow. It was in the office of the U.S. consulate.

"No, the captain acted leniently," joined in General Roberts, the United States consul. "He could have compelled the crew to return or have another survey."

Captain Rice continued: "It is like this—If a man is frightened to go to sea with me that settles it; I don't want him. I have respect for a man's feelings and would not have him think that he is going to a watery grave. That is the reason I granted the men their discharge without further ado. But about the ship leaking—I deny that she was leaking three inches an hour, and even if she did the pumps can discharge 25 inches an hour. There's a big leeway, is there not? I sent a diver down myself to-day and have located the leak. It was a very small one, and matters are all fixed up now. I expect to sign a new crew on Saturday, and will be ready to sail on Sunday or Monday at the latest. I am glad to have had the opportunity of telling you my version, so that the story can be placed before the public in a proper light."

THE MELANCHOLY JAP.

Matsuo, the Saturna Island Suicide, Was a Recluse.

Dr. Hasell, coroner, and Dr. Lang, who went to Saturna Island on Wednesday, the former to hold an inquest on the body of Matsuo, the Japanese who committed suicide, and the latter to make an examination of the body, returned home last evening. At Plumper Pass on Wednesday morning a jury was sworn and the whole party proceeded in boats to Mutsuo's ranch on Saturna Island, several miles distant. It was a hard trip, and it was night before they returned. Matsuo carefully planned and carried out his own execution. Closing the cabin and barring the doors and windows, he got into his bunk, from which he evidently shot the dog, as the animal was on the floor facing him. He then put the rifle to his neck and fired. He fell backward and died, evidently without a struggle. Dr. Lang in his evidence said that he had probably been dead for ten days. It developed at the inquest that Matsuo had lived alone on the farm for three years. He shunned the society of his fellow men and became almost a recluse. He was deeply interested in the war and desired to go home and fight for his country. He could not make the trip, and worried into a melancholy state, ending with suicide. The jury returned a verdict of suicide. Matsuo had been an industrious man, for he had cleared thick timber off eight acres of land on the farm.

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The National Shoe and Leather Bank officials have offered a reward of five thousand dollars for the arrest of the absconding book-keeper Seeley.

SIR ADOLPHE HEARD FROM.

He Takes Away $50 From the Allowance of Each Post Office Striker.

The post office strikers will receive their provisional allowance of $10 a month from December 1st next. The unpaid allowance from July 1st to December 1st will not be given to the strikers, and those who kept on with their work will get the back allowance. Such are the statements contained in a dispatch from Ottawa received here late last night. An official dispatch was received to-day at the office of Post Office Inspector Fletcher. The dispatch says that the Postmaster-General authorizes the payment to the employes of the Victoria post office of the provisional allowance to the 1st of December. No reference is made in the official dispatch to any discrimination between the men who struck and were affected by the allowance and those who remained at their posts. The post office clerks and carriers are not pleased at the conditions imposed by Sir Adolphe Caron, the Postmaster-General. They think it is a hardship that they should be deprived of $50 each for the back months, which sum is justly due them, having been voted by parliament, but realizing that they are in the power of an autocrat they have come to the conclusion, and perhaps a wise one, that they had better submit. However, the matter will not be entirely dropped, as it is understood that the board of trade will again be appealed to, and Sir Adolphe, if he ever makes his appearance in British Columbia, may hear more of the affair. An interesting point in connection with the case is that the mail carriers, who, in common with their fellow employes, were "docked" for the week of suspension, had to put in extra time after reinstatement and overcome the arrears of work, no others having, as many a Victorian knows who had to walk into town for his mail, been placed on in their stead. The temporary men employed in place of the post office clerks were paid at the rate of $1.50 a day, which would mean $45 a month, while the pay of the regular men was only $30 a month. Postmaster Shakespeare said he knew nothing more than was contained in the dispatch to the inspector's office. Moreover, it is claimed by the night clerks that they lost no time till the suspension took effect, and yet they will be "docked" for several days other than the suspended week. It is learned that the men will receive the munificent salary of $2.10 this month in which to celebrate Christmas and to give holiday cheer to wife and children. They one and all thank Sir Adolphe for his Christmas present.

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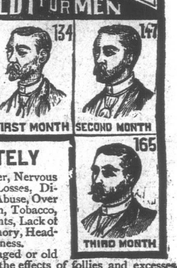

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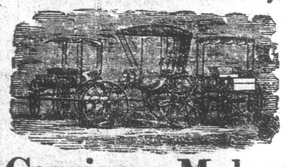

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