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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

NOTICE.

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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

The attention of subscribers is directed to the announcement in another column. The weekly edition of this paper is now permanently enlarged to Eight Pages or 64 columns of solid reading matter. While making this announcement we are also enabled to state that the subscription rates are reduced to the following scale:

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, September 5.

A MURDERER CAPTURED.

Everson's Norwegian, Arrested for Murder.

A reward of $200 was offered by Supt. Royers, some time ago for the arrest of John Everson, a Norwegian, charged with the murder of Louis Walshed. During a row on a stayside gimmill, a short distance from Eagle Pass, in which Walshed, the prisoner and another were interested, the former, an old man, was kicked in a peculiar manner that he died. Everson, it appears, came to Victoria and his partner went east. The police have been on the lookout for the man for some time, but it was only Friday they learned he was in the city. A passenger from New Westminster recognized and shadowed a couple of blue jackets who he thought were police, and Everson heard of it. Officer Grant also heard of the matter, and followed a man he supposed was the prisoner down Yates street from the Vancouver House, where he had been staying for the past ten days. At the alley, back of Mr. Boyd's, the man made a run and the officer dashed after him as far as Broughton alley, but lost him. He then went into the Scotia saloon and learned that his man had passed through there. Inquiring at the Pacific House he was informed that Everson had not returned, but it appears that he did and slept there all night. He arose about six in the morning, and a cooper named Clements, residing on Johnson street, who had been made acquainted with the prisoner and the reward offered met and shadowed him. Getting in conversation with him on the James bay bridge he induced him to come back to Johnson street, and seeing Officer Walker passing he signalled him; told who his companion was, and the latter was promptly arrested and locked up. Clements thus easily secured the $200 reward offered for Everson's apprehension by the provincial authorities.

The prisoner acknowledged to the officers that he had been a party to the deed, and expressed regret at the fatal result of the row. The officer's evidence was taken in the police court yesterday and the prisoner remanded for eight days. He will be taken to Eagle Pass for trial.

Arrest of an American Murderer at Nanaimo.

(Special to The Colonist.)

NANAIMO, B. C., Sept. 5.—Winslow D. Morgan, whose identity is undoubted, was brought before J. F. Pimbury, J. P., charged by detective W. McNeil with the murder of Fred B. Haining in Beaver-head country, Montana, on the 5th July last. The prisoner was remanded to Victoria. In the prisoner's possession was a diary of his travelling from Montana in July last, by the time he arrived in Victoria and Nanaimo. Wm. McNeil deserves great credit for his astuteness in making the arrest. The prisoner will leave on the Amelia for Victoria.

Personal.

J. J. Murphy, U. S. post office inspector, of Salem, Oregon, is at the Driard.

H. M. Lewis, representing one of the large Montreal mercantile houses, is at the Driard.

John Foggie, and D. Ross, of San Francisco, are at the Driard.

Mr. S. D. Pope, superintendent of education, leaves to-morrow morning on an inspecting tour of the east coast schools.

R. H. Alexander, manager of the Hastings Sawmill Co., arrived down on the Slope yesterday.

Out of Work.

The following notice was being generally distributed throughout the city yesterday. It speaks for itself.

NOTICE.

To the Workingmen and Women of Victoria:

All who are out of work are requested to meet at FRANK CAMPBELL'S CORNER at seven o'clock on MONDAY MORNING next. The object of the meeting is to have all who want work to march in a body to the different places where Chinamen are employed and demand work. We will use all practicable means to obtain employment at fair wages.

The Lines.

(Special to the Colonist.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 5.

Line down south of Port Susan. W. U. Operator reports big fire four miles south of there. He was out to-day but could do nothing owing to heat and flames.

No man ever smoked "Myrtle Navy" tobacco for a fortnight and then took to any other brand in preference to it. It bears its own testimony of its qualities, and it is testimony which is always convincing. The smoker who uses it is never annoyed by getting it sometimes of good quality and sometimes of bad. The arrangements of the manufacturers for keeping its quality equal are very elaborate and complete, and are the results of many years of experience and close observation.

POLICE COURT matters still continue quiet. Yesterday J. D. Murphy and John Costello, for panishing the budge, were each fined $5 or one week. A case of indecency was proven against T. B. Nettleton, who was fined $10. Lawrence Mooney, for carrying a bottle of whisky into the house of an Indian, was sent down for six months' hard labor.

MAGISTRATE SPROAT.

Disgraceful Conduct of Dominion Commissioner Johnston.

Plucky Conduct of Mr. Sproat.

FARWELL, 30th August, 1885.

To the Hon. the Attorney-General:

SIR,—Since the approach of greater numbers of workmen to this place crime has considerably increased. There also has been an outbreak on the part of Mr. Johnston, commissioner of police, and his special constables. They defied the law and, the court, rescued a prisoner from lawful custody, assaulted and imprisoned a provincial policeman, pursued another one, assaulted and imprisoned an innocent messenger sent by Mr. Kirkup, threatened to arrest myself and every officer connected with the province, and marched into the chief streets of this town like cowboys on a raid.

Recognizing that this was still war, and that the situation created was military, I arranged to take the barracks with an overwhelming force of police and volunteers, under my personal command, at an early hour on Saturday morning, but having fortunately succeeded by a dash, during the night, in capturing the chief leaders, Johnston, Rhodes and a man called Fane, the necessity for an attack did not seem immediate, though two provincial policemen, one of whom is John Miles, are still imprisoned.

Having, so far, rescued the power of the law, I have held myself and arranging through channels here (as the provincial government cannot be quickly communicated with) that the facts should be made known to Sir John Macdonald by telegram. I now await events. I do not require any assistance, but in case anything happened to me, seeing that Mr. John Kirkup has to attend to the courthouse and gaol, it might be well if Mr. Royerof paid us a visit.

In the meantime the Dominion police men are practically confined to their barracks. A squad of mounted police proper, it is said, are immediately expected and the future (unless Sir John Macdonald takes suitable steps at once) may somewhat depend on the good sense of their officer. Under any circumstances I will not permit any obstruction to the law. To show the lawlessness of these policemen, a messenger sent by Mr. Kirkup at Mr. Johnston's request, from prison for something he wanted was assaulted and imprisoned by them as soon as he reached Another, yesterday, on a similar errand, was met near the barracks and warned not to approach; but he tied his handkerchief on a stick and knocked at the door with this "flag of truce." A policeman opened it and presented a revolver, when as the messenger Mr. Garden, an old soldier, laughed heartily and pointed to his flag. This timges the affair with the burlesque. These policemen seem frightened out of their wits by their situation before the law and the prompt incarceration of their ringleader. They must all be severely punished.

This trouble is not connected with any assumption as to the constitutionality of acts or pending questions. It is a pure outbreak against the law of Canada respecting the administration of justice.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

G. M. SPROAT.

New Westminster.

(Columbian.)

Capt. Poole reports the rainfall for the last month 0.62 of an inch. This is 1.94 below the mean for the past 10 years, and it is the lowest rainfall ever recorded.

When the steamer Slope reached the sandheads on Monday afternoon she whistled and whistled for the lighthouse man, but failed utterly to get a response. For about an hour she kept on the whistle of the lighthouse, in hope of hearing the fog bell, and in consequence of this delay she did not reach this city until after 6 o'clock. This is a matter which ought to be enquired into by Capt. Lewis. What's the use of a fog bell if it doesn't ring?

It was reported on the street yesterday that a disagreement had taken place in the Maple Leaf saloon Monday night when the proprietor of the Delmonico shot at one of the proprietors of the Maple Leaf.

On Saturday night Mr. Briggs had a fine roast of beef laid away carefully for his Sunday dinner. But the burglars took it. Mr. Briggs was awakened, but too late to recover the beef. This is the only burglary we have to report to-day. But who are the burglars? There are two of them, and they are not Chinamen either, and several robberies are laid to their door.

Alma Stuart Stanley.

This accomplished English actress with her company will arrive to-morrow, and in the evening will appear in the laughable piece entitled "Paintin' the Town Red." Miss Stanley first went on the stage at the Theatre Royal, Hull. Her father was a colonel in the body guard of the unfortunate Maximilian, and is supposed to have been killed while taking dispatches for the Princess Carlotta. He was in the Austrian army previous to joining Maximilian, and before that was an officer in Her Majesty's service. His death left his family destitute, and the young lady then resolved to adopt the theatrical profession as a means of livelihood. Miss Stanley's success has been phenomenal. She has performed in the principal theatres of England and America, and has drawn crowded houses on every occasion. Miss Hattie Moore, Mr. Harry Gates and other artists well known and popular in Victoria are members of this fine troupe.

Marine.

Steamer Pilot towed the barge C. L. Taylor from Departure Bay to this harbor yesterday, and will leave with the ship Robert Kerr for Hastings Mills to-morrow.

The collision between ships W. F. Babcock and B. F. Packard took place at ten o'clock sa-night. The weather was thick but the lights were plainly seen for some time before the ships embraced. The Pilot blew two whistles for starboard, and the Tacoma answered with three whistles. The failure to interpret each other's signals by the tugs was the cause of the collision. The Packard went on to Port Townsend. The extent of her injury is not known.

The Alden Besse, Capt. O'Brien, in tow of the tug Tacoma, arrived yesterday morning, and will sail for Hongkong next month.

The bark "Spartan," Capt. Crossley, arrived at the outer wharf yesterday morning.

Victoria Rifle Company Class Firing.

The prizes of the silver cross muskets and bronze cross muskets presented by General Laurie were won at the butts yesterday, the former by Private Fawcett with a score of 55 and the latter by Private Roper with a score of 53. The ranges were five rounds at 200 yards standing, ten rounds at 400 yards kneeling and five rounds at 500 yards any position, head to target. Captain Green made a score of 53 out of a possible 80, but officers were excluded from competing for the prizes.

FROM THE INLET.—The Western Slope arrived from Burrard Inlet via New Westminster yesterday morning with 48,000 shingles for W. P. Sayward, 17,000 feet of lumber for Smith & Clark; from the Delta Canning Co. 3507 cases of salmon, consigned to Welch, Rithet & Co. for the Rover of the Seas. She also brought the following passengers: R. H. Alexander, Miss Renoul, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Little, J. Spiers, Hy. Smith.

RUNAWAY.—On Friday evening, at six o'clock, a team of horses belonging to Bruce, Broad street, returned to the stable with the buggy considerably damaged, the latter coming in upside down. The team had run away with a couple of hotel employes, throwing them out, but not injuring either to any extent.

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That Mrs. Scovill, widow of Guiteau, the slayer of Garfield, is in Victoria.

That, when the projected Alaska newspaper is started it is expected that there will be a commotion in the seal fur interests—in fact fur will be made to fly.

That a white man beating the unusual game of Smithy wantonly stabbed a Chinaman to death at Seattle on Friday evening.

That 50 gold miners are working in Neenah river, W.T., with no good results, yet.

That the statement of the Canadian Pacific shows gross earnings for July of $908,000; net earnings $440,000; an increase in net earnings of $291,000 over the corresponding month last year.

That Magistrate Bole, of New Westminster has caught a porcupine and is penning the quills. Now look out for fearful briefs.

That New Westminster has got two burglars that enter houses over night and fill the family larder, leaving behind them all the plate and a polite note expressive of thanks for the good meal. Burglars manage things better in Victoria. They lick the platter clean and carry away the platter, too.

That the Seattle Post announces that Mr. John Tait, of Collingwood, Ont., is expected to assume the position of assistant principal in the Tacoma collegiate school. Mr. Tait has for many years held a responsible position in the Collingwood collegiate institute, and has been very successful as a teacher there and elsewhere. Is it possible! And no Sound newspaper has yet raised a howl about the "importation of a Canadian!" They are neglecting their duty. The Times should stir them up.

That the ladies say the display at Spencer's was "just too sweet and lovely for anything."

That harmony prevails in the Coleridge family.

That John B. Gough is said to be seriously failing in health.

That lady Tennyson's delicate health is causing her family much anxiety.

That Sir Michael Hick-Beach favors granting the right of suffrage to unmarried women.

That Prof Huxley will be forced by impaired health to retire from his active appointments.

That, "I wish, mamma," says little Johnny Firkleton, "that I lived in South Africa." "Why, my son, do you wish to live in South Africa?" "Why, the mamma says there don't wear any slippers."

"Yes, my son, but you must also remember that little boys in South Africa don't wear any pants either." "That's so," said Johnny, "it's queer I never thought anything about that."

That Mrs. Garfield is said to have a great aversion to newspaper men. For a long time no secular papers were allowed in her house.

That Princess Beatrice is a great walker, and it is thought she will make Batenberg appear smaller rather than a professional pedestrian.

That an exchange says: "Cleveland will avoid extremes." They are good things to avoid, particularly those of wasps and bees.

That mosquitoes are free from one vice, at least. They can't stand smoking.—*Detroit Free Press.* They can stand plenty of swearing.—*Exchange.*

That somebody claims that the seraphic language of the people is beautiful beyond all poets. That probably explains why newspaper men seldom commit suicide.

That "one swallow does not make a summer," but sometime leads to "making a night of it."

That George Westinghouse of Philadelphia has a horse that is shod with silver. A fool and his money are soon parted.

That Evans presents America with the "Goddess of Liberty;" we put up the pedestal—a sorty of base in gratitude.

That a trumpine the hand is worth two in the deck, when the game is close, unless your partner happens to have the right bower up his sleeve at the critical moment.

That a Mormon editor has been arrested for supporting two wives. The arrest was undoubtedly justifiable. An editor with an income sufficient to support two wives, must be engaged in some sort of crooked work.

Blue Ribbon Club.

The usual good attendance at Temperance Hall, with good programme, opened Saturday night. The Blue Ribbon band played a favorite piece with good effect. After prayer, the choir sung a Gospel hymn. Vice-President Mr. Rodge, in the absence of Mr. S Gray, occupied the chair, and addressed the meeting, urging our duty to the temperance cause. Mr. Richardson gave a recitation which pleased all. Mr. Ellis addressed the audience with more than average eloquence, and was listened to attentively. The choir followed with a piece, "A Greeting Song." After recess Miss Jessie Steen favored with a second, "Over the Ocean Wave." Mr. James O'Neil addressed the meeting in a few practicable remarks and the reading of a well-written essay. After the usual announcements by the chair and a call for volunteer talent the meeting closed with "God Save the Queen."

Mooney.

Mr. Mooney is a character well known to the police, and at noon Friday walked out from the barracks a free man, after serving a nine months' sentence for supplying Indians with liquor. Prior to this Mr. Mooney had put in a six months' sentence for the same offence. At 2 o'clock Saturday morning Mr. Mooney was found in an Indian camp with a bottle of liquor in his possession and was run in. On the charge in the police court Mr. Johnson gave him an order on Gaoler Hutchinson for six months' board, and Mr. Mooney now congratulates himself on having secured supplies for the fall and winter.

The Hibbs Case.

This case still occupies the attention of the courts and the matter will come up before a full court on Monday on application of the prisoner's counsel on a writ of habeas corpus, setting why he should still be released in custody. A. J. Murphy, post office inspector of Salem, Oregon, is again over to watch the case in the interest of the United States. As it is a matter that will greatly affect the U. S. postal regulations, no clues will be left untried to secure Hibbs' return to the land of the stars and stripes. Should he be liberated on this application, Hibbs will be immediately rearrested on another charge.

TRIAL TRIP.—The government steamer Sir James Douglas, Capt. Devereaux, after being thoroughly overhauled and fitted with new shaft and propeller, made a trial trip yesterday. Everything worked splendidly. With less than twenty pounds of steam her engines made 98 revolutions and a speed of about 14 knots was attained, the run from the new lighthouse on Sea Bird Point, to the inner harbor being made in 51½ minutes. When the bearings have been worked a little, so that she may be opened out, Engineer Grant expects that most of the steam craft in these waters will have to clear the way for the Douglas.

CRICKET MATCH.—The match at Beacon hill yesterday afternoon between the eleven of the Navy and that of the City, resulted in victory for the latter. The presence of the Triumph band attracted a large number of citizens in carriage and on foot. The music discovered was of a very superior kind, and proves the band a most excellent one. Our citizens would be pleased to hear from them oftener.

THE Western Slope will leave for Burrard Inlet to-morrow morning with a full cargo of bonded freight, destined for mainland points.

The Falling Off in the Salmon Fisheries.

The magnificent result of the salmon fishery of the Fraser river this year has directed attention to the condition of affairs elsewhere, and notably in New Brunswick. The minister of marine and fisheries tells us in this year's report that in the Restigouche district the decrease is very great. In 1874 the catch was 678,500 lbs., whereas in 1884 it was only 171,305 lbs., a decrease of 507,195 lbs., although more men were employed, more nets in use and greatly improved modes of setting them. In Gloucester district, he says, the steady decline cannot be ignored. In Miramichi the same thing is observed. In the whole province the catch of 1874 amount to 3,217,182 lbs., but in 1884 to only 1,110,246 lbs., or a decrease of 2,103,807 lbs., nearly two-thirds while the number of men and nets has nearly doubled. Mr. Venning, the inspector of fisheries, states that his "for years" called attention to the causes of this. No effect appears to have resulted from this calling. But there is evidently something more than ordinary incident to explain the phenomenon of a decreasing catch contemporaneously with a heavy expenditure for breeding salmon. In New Brunswick alone the minister of fisheries tells us, he has in the past year spent $16,815 in fish breeding. This operation has now been going on for some years and the net results seem to be a steady decline in the catch. Allowing for experiments and possible failures in the beginning, we ought not now to be so confounded with such a statement from the fisheries department. How many million salmon can be raised for $16,000 a year through a succession of years, and what becomes of them? And New Brunswick is not alone in this matter. We are told in Nova Scotia there has been an annual decline in the salmon trade, and we find that $20,348 were expended last year in hatching salmon. Taking all the fisheries, the minister has spent $116,521, and the catch of fish is year by year decreasing in the principal fisheries. This is, of course, due to mismanagement; the salmon fry that are hatched are turned into the deep waters before they are ready for such change, and become food for trout, pike and other fish. We cannot afford to feed pike at this rate. The money has year by year been voted on the assumption that care and intelligence would be exercised in the operations it was to cover; if the results are nil, there must be some want of care or intelligence, or else the system is incapable of achieving success and should be discontinued. We are not yet of that opinion, but believe that the fault may be more definitely traced.

Spencer's Display.

The display of dry goods and millinery made by D. Spencer at the Commercial House yesterday was of an attractive character, and attracted crowds of sight seers especially the ladies. In the evening over the awning were the letters "D. Spencer" made by gas jets, with gaslight star on either end and over the centre. This was supplemented by a large number of Chinese lanterns hanging underneath the awning, the whole making a most pretty effect. In the windows was a lovely profusion of millinery and dry goods, most artistically arranged. To the store the goods of the various departments were arranged with most charming effect, and brilliantly illuminated by gas. The goods displayed evinced the latest importation of the coming season's styles, and called forth the admiration of everyone present. The enterprise displayed by Mr. Spencer in putting the very finest goods on the market, and the energy shown in placing them before the public is deserving of the large share of patronage that has been accorded his establishment.

To Mr. Piercy, his energetic manager, is due the credit for the lovely arrangement of the goods on exhibition, which speaks well for his correct taste.

Sport.

Sport.—Two young sportsmen of the city returned yesterday from Sooke lake, where they had been on a hunting expedition. They were most successful, and brought back 14 fine deer and 53 grouse. They report deer very plentiful in that neighborhood.

THE BAND OF HOPE.—On Saturday next, between 12 and 1 o'clock, the members of the Band of Hope, each carrying a blue banneret and preceded by a large blue banner, will march through the public streets to Beacon hill, where a public will be held.

MERCANTILE FAILURE.—It is reported that an interior merchant with stores at two or three important points failed yesterday with liabilities that exceed $75,000.

THE Pilot arrived yesterday with the barge Taylor in tow, loaded with dressed stone for Larkin, Connolly & Co., dry dock contractors.

BAZAAR.—The ladies of the Methodist church intend holding a bazaar shortly in aid of the new church, on the Gorge road.

RICE MILL.—All the machinery for the rice mill has arrived from Canada, and will be placed in position immediately.

RINKULATING.—The roller rink was crowded to its utmost capacity last evening with a lively lot of merry rinkulators.

H. M. S. SATELLITE.—The war ship is under orders to sail for Honolulu and thence south to-morrow.

THE steamer Teaser left at eight o'clock last evening for New Westminster.

INSANE.—A colored man was lodged in gaol yesterday, being of unsound mind.

From the Daily Colonist, September 8.

Marine

Ship Astoria from Nanaimo arrived at San Francisco on the 3d.

British bark Hattie E. Tapley sailed from Hongkong for Victoria, August 8th, and is now nearly due.

The bark Prince Rupert was towed around from Esquimalt yesterday by the Alexander.

The passengers and crew of the wrecked steamer Hanoverian have reached St. John, N. F. The loss of the ship is attributable to a miscalculation of her running on the day before the disaster. No sights were obtainable and the ship was sailing on dead reckoning. The day's run was first published on the tables as 272, but was afterwards altered to 285 miles. The discrepancy was the exact difference between the safety and destruction of the ship. The first figures were absolutely correct, as shown by the position of the steamer.

The steamship Ancon, Capt. Carroll, arrived from Alaska at noon yesterday in tow of the Alexander.

The George W. Elder sails for San Francisco at noon to-day.

SHUSWAP SILVER MINE.—Mr. Sinclair, who arrived down on Sunday from Shuswap, where he is interested in the recent silver strike, states that the mine has been tunnelled 80 feet, with several side channels. The ore is of a much finer grade as the work progresses, there being more silver to the ton, recent assays giving $90. The company are now engaged in sinking a shaft. It is expected that matters will soon be arranged for the taking over of this mine by a Montreal firm, who will immediately commence its development. The vein is seventy feet in width, and if found to pay well there is an inexhaustible quantity of ore.

P. O. H.—Donations for August—One crib quilt, from the Society of Little Helpers of Moodyville; Harding, bread; Mr. Andeau, fruit; Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Barnard, clothing; a friend, a fish.

MAYNE ISLAND.

Lovely Island That Is Flourishing Locally.

(Correspondence of The Colonist.)

MILLIONTH WATER SALMON, PLUMPER'S PASS, BRC., Sept. 2, 1885.

To the majority of people in British Columbia Mayne Island is known only in name. It is a small island, about [illegible] miles across in its widest part. It is the half-way house for the mail steamers passing to and fro between Victoria and New Westminster. I daresay many that have traveled on the Yosemite remember that place in the straits where they seem to turn round and steadily steam right into a face of rock, and then suddenly pass through a channel into the gulf. That channel divides Mayne Island from Galiano Island. Looking from the steamer's deck one would think there could be no good land there—nothing but rock, pine and fir, but it is not so. Some of the best land in the country is to be found here. It is true, we are just

EMERGING FROM BARBARISM,

but the land is steadily becoming cleared, and farms are brightening up the dull monotony of hill and forest. Amongst the 5,000 acres or thereabouts that represent this island about 1,350 are good bottom land, if put into pasture, capable of feeding about 200 head of cattle; on the surplus grass from the good land, in conjunction with the poor land, 5,000 sheep might roam yearly. Our farms are steadily improving, noticeably amongst these one might mention Messrs. Robson, Deacon and Smith (or "Dutchy" as he is more familiarly called.) The latter is more successful with fowls than, I suppose, any one in the province.

OUR APPLES AND POTATOES ARE PERFECTION.

Mr. Deacon can produce some of the finest apples in the country, and as for potatoes, who has not heard of the famous Plumper Pass potato? We can boast of a rising well appointed little store, and thanks to the present government shortly hope to have a wharf, as the last session placed it upon the estimates, and we are told work will commence upon it this month. I might say we have not been forgotten in the way of schools. The day school, under the careful supervision of Mr. Phelps, (although we here have to regret the late constant change of teachers, tending to injure our children), is progressing satisfactorily. We also have a

SUNDAY SCHOOL

in which the children vie one with the other in learning the Gospel truths. This summer the Sunday school children held their annual picnic (I may say the first of the series) in which the fathers and mothers and friends from the adjoining islands gathered, spending a most happy day and enjoying an excellent tea prepared by Mrs. Bennett and others. Mr. Collinson is our postmaster and conducting link with the outside world, careful over his postal duties and always willing to receive or impart gossip from or to the world outside, as he ferries his passengers to the Yosemite or Teaser. The Norwegian and the Finn have throughout all ages been noted for their patience, their energy and wonderful perseverance. No better example of this could be found than on Mayne Island to-day. Here we have a

SCHOONER ALMOST READY FOR SEA,

built by three Finns who have gone from island to island cutting the timber where with to fashion this craft. They have their own forge, tools, saw pits and charcoal pits, and one cannot bestow too much praise on these hard working, enterprising men. The lighthouse under the care of Mr. Georgeson is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever" to our outside world experiences. Our Indian reserve is at present in the hands of a few steady, industrious redmen, who are of great use to us in supplying a deeply felt want, to wit, cordwood at a fair price. Mr. Alford, one of our number, has lately left us for England. In such a small community such a loss is a grievous one, and our only hope is that another equally useful may take his place. Some of our people are willing to sell out and if Mr. Editor, you should meet anyone wishing to reside in this most charming place refer them to me and I shall gladly give all the help in my power.

T. R. FIGG.

Naval.

H. M. composite sloop Wild Swan, Commander John S. Hallifax, arrived in Esquimalt harbor yesterday morning from Hongkong. The Wild Swan comes to relieve the Satellite, which has been ordered south. She is a screw corvette of 1130 tons, 1000 horse power and carries guns as follows: Bellerophon, Commander, John S. Hallifax; Lieutenants, Oliver A. Stokes; (N) Evelyn R. Le Marchant, Alfred E. Tinard; Staff-surgeon, Isaac H. Anderson; Paymaster, Charles J. Bolt; Chief engineer, John Mosey (act); Sub-Lieutenants, Charles W. Sutton; Gunner, David Stewart (act); Carpenter, Wright Clift.

H. M. S. Satellite sailed for the south and home yesterday.

Fire-Bugs at Port Townsend.

On Sunday morning a large block of old wooden structures in the lower part of Port Townsend were burned to the ground. The loss will foot up to $20,000 or $12,000. It is supposed that the fire was the work of incendiaries, and three men have been arrested on suspicion.

The Governor-General.

Official intimation has been received here that the Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor-general of the Dominion, will arrive at Victoria about the latter part of this month.

Municipal Police Court.

(Before E. Johnson, Esq., P. M.)

MONDAY, Sept. 7.

Louis Pro[illegible] assessed $5 for an over-indulge[illegible]

Wm. Hen[illegible] for having whisky in his possession [illegible] Indian's house, was fined $50 or three months.

E. McQuade, for an infraction of the bustle by-law, had his case withdrawn upon payment of $2 costs.

Heywood & Lipsett, same charge, fined $3 and $2 costs.

Wm. Provit, same charge, withdrawn on payment of $2 costs.

Louis Levy, same charge, adjourned until Friday.

The case of R. S. Byrn, for having 300 pounds of gunpowder stored in the warehouse of Turner, Beeton & Co., was withdrawn upon payment of $2 costs.

OBITUARY.—John C. Van Allman, one of the pioneers of the province, died in St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday morning, from paralysis. He was a native of Switzerland, and was in the seventy-third year of his age. For many years he was a most successful farmer, and afterwards was the proprietor of the Commercial Hotel.

C. P. RAILWAY.—The rails were laid to Sikamouse Narrows, Eagle Pass, last evening. The narrows are distant about 350 miles from Port Moody.

FRATERNAL SUICIDE.—A young girl named Nellie McNeil took rooms at a Seattle hotel a few days ago and then mysteriously disappeared. A day or two afterwards a letter, some portions of a lady's apparel, and a key of the room occupied by the young lady, while at the hotel, were found near the harbor. The letter stated that the writer had been betrayed by one Morgan O'Brien and intended to make away with herself.

JEWISH NEW YEAR.—This evening our Jewish citizens will celebrate the new year, according to the Hebrew calendar by holding special services in the synagogue. There will also be prayer meetings to-morrow morning at 9:30 and in the evening at 7 o'clock at the same place of worship.

A FAREWELL TO VANCOUVER ISLAND.

(FOR ONE WHO HAS ENJOYED A LONG STAY THERE.)

Farewell to fair Vancouver Isle,
Fair isle, alas! farewell.
Shall we again cleave your shores,
Those shores we know so well.

Farewell, those lakes and streams so bright,
Which grace your rugged hills;
Shall we again obtrace the trout,
From out your silver rills?

Farewell, alas! our time is short,
To-morrow we set sail;
Our path must lie in many lands,
And midst the storm and gale.

Farewell to all our friends, so kind;
Where e'er we go we'll bear
"Fond memories" always to our minds
Will we ever hear them dear.

SATELLITE.

The Montana Murderer.

Winslow D. Morgan, who was arrested by Officer McNeil, of the provincial police, while on board the steamer Amelia, is the man who is wanted by the Montana authorities for the murder of J. B. Henning, on the 5th of July last. Morgan fetched his identity at first, but finally acknowledged that he was the man who shot Hemming, but claimed that the latter was the seducer of his wife, and he merely acted in self-defense. Morgan was brought down from Nanaimo, and yesterday morning appeared before Mr. Edwin Johnson, S. M., who remanded him for three days, until a reply could be received from the governor of Montana, who had been notified of the prisoner's arrest.

Supreme Court.

Before Sir M. B. Begbie and Hon. Justices Gray and McCreight.

In re Hibbs.—The adjourned argument upon the application for a writ of *habeas corpus* was continued yesterday by Mr. Hett and Mr. Walls on behalf of the U. S. government, and Mr. T. Davie on behalf of the prisoner.

The court sustained the objections raised by prisoner's counsel to the depositions taken in the United States, on the ground that they were not certified to be the originals or true copies.

The evidence taken *viva voce* before Judge Crease was then read, which in the opinion of the court disclosed a full admission by the prisoner to detective Murphy of all materials necessary to prove the charge against him, and as to the offence proved the court was unanimously of opinion that the same amounted to forgery by the laws of Canada, and consequently remanded the prisoner into custody for extradition.

THE BURGH MYSTERY.

R. A. Proctor in the Police Court

Richard A. Proctor was arraigned before Mr. E. Johnson yesterday morning, while certain evidence was taken in the supposed murder of Burgh, the owner of the sloop Fleetwing, with which the prisoner and another named Craine returned with to Victoria, and sold, together with other personal effects of Burgh.

Supt. Roycraft, of the provincial police, in opening the case, said on account of the remoteness of the locale of the supposed murder it was a difficult and lengthy matter to secure information as to the movements of the parties after they had arrived at Skeena river. The sloop left Victoria on 28th April last with Burgh, Craine and the prisoner Proctor. It was seen at Fort Rupert and Metlakatlah, the three men being at the time on board. Before leaving the captain said he was going to winter at Dempster's and would leave for the Lorne creek mines. On the 27th July the sloop returned to Victoria without Burgh, and on the 1st of August [illegible] sold the sloop to a man named [illegible] for $300 who had it registered in his wife's name as vessel owner. The question was then as to what had become of Burgh and Proctor stated that at Graham island the prisoner's mind had changed, and he had gone up the Stickeen river. On being arrested the prisoner was stopping in the same house with Craine, who had since disappeared. Burgh's watch and ring had been found on Proctor. A witness would prove that at a point on the northern portion of Graham island an Indian had told him they had seen the body of a white man lying on the beach, the description of which answered that of Burgh.

The first witness called was

Henry Saunders, who testified that he sold a man named "Jo(?)Burk" a lot of stores for a venture on the 24th of April, to the amount of $202 30; it was a very liberal outfit for three miners; O'Burk said that himself and two other men were going to the Lorne creek mines, when they got to the Skeena they would leave the sloop with Mr. Dempster, of the Windsor cannery, while they went on to the mines.

John Moore sworn, said that he saw the Fleetwing last the night before she left; saw the prisoner on board; was acquainted with Burgh for fourteen months, and knew Proctor since Christmas; Craine came here on the Fleetwing with Burgh; the ring produced looks very like Burgh's; am pretty sure it is the one he wore; the pipes produced are Craine's; saw a watch on Proctor's person that I believe was Burgh's, but can't remember that Proctor told me he got the watch from Burgh; Craine and Burgh had each owned a half interest in the sloop; to my knowledge Burgh had [illegible]00 when he went away; don't know how much money Proctor had when he left; when he returned, asked him where Burgh was; he said he had left him at the mouth of the Stickeen river, and that he had gone up the river in a canoe with a squaw to start a ranch; have seen the ring on Proctor's finger; didn't ask him how he got it; asked him at the Fritchard House how he got all Burgh's gear and wanted to know where Burgh was; Proctor said, "I told you once where he was."

Charles Williams, sworn, said he recognized the ring produced; got it from Proctor; didn't exactly buy it; we were out riding one day, and saw the ring and said "let me wear it awhile." Proctor pulled it off his finger and gave it to me; a policeman took it from me.

Charles Seeley, sworn—Was coming down to Victoria from the north last spring; met the Fleetwing; as near as I can judge, it was between the rapids and Salmon river; saw three men in her at that time; was in the Fleetwing at the time the customs authorities seized her for smuggling, but don't know who paid the money to release her.

This was the evidence taken, and the prisoner was remanded to give the authorities time to produce other testimony. The disappearance of Burgh will be thoroughly investigated and the crime traced home to its perpetrators.

ROBBERY.—Some time early on Sunday morning the Brown Jug saloon, corner Government and Fort streets was entered, the safe opened and about $300 taken therefrom. There is no clue as yet to the identity of the thieves, who by some means secured the keys of the saloon from Mr. Couves, the proprietor. To do this they probably visited his house and stole them from his pants, and they were probably well acquainted with the premises.

NEW INDUSTRY.—The London Fish Market will shortly be opened on Yates street, above the Poodle Dog Rotisserie. The company, at whose head is Mr. Wm. Jensen, will go largely into the business of catching fish for this and the Northwest markets. Experienced English fishermen have been engaged, and boats and nets with which fish may be taken in all weather will be provided. Special attention will be paid to curing and smoking fish.

THE BOSCOWITZ went to the outer wharf yesterday and stored her cargo of salmon for the San Francisco market. She will leave for Skeena river and way ports next Tuesday.

ARRIVAL OF THE ANCON.

Experiences of the Excursionists—Gold Shipment.

The steamer Ancon, Capt. Carroll, arrived at the outer wharf at 12:30 yesterday afternoon in tow of the tug Alexander. She had 123 passengers on board, 27 of whom were ladies. Baggage was immediately unloaded, and the passengers busy carrying their purchases of curios, etc., ashore. Mail matter awaiting them here was eagerly perused. Everybody was well and apparently content, notwithstanding their prolonged trip. One-third of the excursionists were

FROM EASTERN POINTS,

the attractiveness of the northern Pacific trip becoming established in the east is gradually increasing the travel.

From Mr. Charles Hallock, who represents the Pioneer Press of St. Paul, a reporter of *The Colonist* gleaned considerable information about the trip. Mr. Hallock has collected for the Smithsonian Institute many specimens of food fishes, and has secured portraits of nine of them in oil, which were done by Mr. Fanny Stockbridge, of Baltimore. Mr. Hallock professes to have discovered two new species, and will send a report to Prof. Baird, at Washington.

The weather during the entire trip, with the exception of two rainy days,

WAS FAIR, MILD AND CLEAR,

there being no smoke or fog to speak of north of Vancouver Island. The accident occurred on Plumper Sound, six miles off land, the passengers thinking at the time that the steamer had struck a rock. The steamer was cadged into Safety Cove, where she anchored until the arrival of the Alexander, which left at 2 a.m. on Saturday last.

While the passengers were waiting they indulged in all sorts of amusement, fishing and shooting parties, they supplying the ship with any quantity of fresh fish. Mr. Hallock and others visited the interior streams and lakes, where beautiful trout were in abundance. The sea trout secured are identical with those of the northern Atlantic, off the coast of Labrador, and extending to the Arctic. With all other passengers Mr. Hallock was surprised and delighted with the grand and beautiful

SCENERY OF THE NORTHERN WATERS,

especially the glaciers, 400 feet in height, large masses of which would break off from the main glacier, and fall into the water with a report like thunder, the water splashing 200 feet into the air with a loud roar, making a fine sight.

There was a large number of literary people on board, and the manuscript for two editions of a newspaper were prepared, called the

"ANCON CRAZY QUILT."

These will be printed and distributed to each of the passengers from San Francisco.

While waiting at Safety Cove, an account of the adventure of the party was written, the names of all passengers attached, and a rough receptacle of rocks made in which the document was deposited to be either discovered and destroyed by the Indians, or remain until some one in the far future unearths the antiquity.

Pete, the young black bear, who has made three trips with the steamer,