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CANADIAN NEWS.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1887.

From the Daily Colonist, Feb. 19, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Abbott's Receipts.

Abbott's receipts at the New Market, Portland, were $9000 and the advance sale for her return engagement amounted to $3000.

Porkers in Demand.

Beef is tough and mutton is also of a pliable nature, and both are hard to get anyhow, and as a consequence there is a big demand for pork.

Investigation.

An inquiry into the charges preferred against Supt. Bloomfield will be held by the police committee to-day at 12 o'clock. The proceedings will be open to the public.

Committee Meetings.

The select committee of the house on railway bills and the committee appointed to enquire into and report on railway rates in the province had long sittings yesterday.

Deserted.

Four sailors deserted from the British bark Dilbhur, which has been lying in Royal Roads since Sunday morning. They stole a boat from the ship and crossed the straits to Dungeness.

Returned.

Steamer Maude, having on board as passengers Messrs. R. P. Rithet, Capt. Irving, James Laidlaw and C. H. Friedman, returned from Smith's Inlet *via* Departure Bay yesterday, at 2 o clock p. m. At Departure Bay the Maude took on a cargo of coal.

Change.

Special attention is called to the new time table of the C. P. N. company. It will be seen that the change of sailing day on the Fraser river route takes effect on Sunday, when the steamer R. P. Rithet will leave at 7 o'clock a.m. (standard time.) After that date a steamer will be despatched as per time table.

Lovely Shadows.

A large number of the landscape photographs taken by R. Maynard on the island and along the line of the C. P. R., were enlarged by magic lantern the other evening at the R. E. church and were highly commended for their beauty and picturesqueness. A similar exhibition will soon be given with a finer instrument.

News From the Interior.

Latest advices from the interior state that the fears about stock are becoming every day realized, and cattle are dying in all quarters. Stockmen speak gloomily of results if the continued cold and snow does not soon change to a friendly Chinook.

R. E. Church Choir.

A interesting meeting of the members of the Reformed Episcopal church choir was held last evening, a large number attending. The proceedings were opened by Rev. Dr. Reid with a prayer. Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge in a few well chosen words, then stated the object of the meeting which he said was for the purpose of electing a leader. Mr. R. Offerhaus was nominated by Mr. Fawcett and unanimously elected.

Advance in Price of Meat.

Owing to the immediate prospect of a curtailment of the meat supply, and the limited number of cattle now in the market, prices in beef have advanced, and choice cuts are now charged for at 20 cents per pound. There is likely to be a proportionate price all round. One large dealer in meat stated yesterday that it now costs 13½ cents per pound to put imported beef in the shops.

New Hall.

The necessity of a commodious hall at Esquimalt has been supplied by the energetic temperance people of that place who have just completed a building which is decidedly creditable to them. The new hall is 74 feet in length by thirty in width. The upper flat is divided into a stage and auditorium, the lower one into reading and billiard rooms. Although the political meeting of Thursday night was held in this building it will not be regularly open till about the 15th of March when a grand concert will be held.

Wiping Out Old Scores.

It is reported that one of the candidates for election to the commons in Victoria district, who is not particularly noted for making prompt payment with his creditors, has been around during the last few days wiping out some of the old scores against him. This is a feature in election contests which THE COLONIST has no reason to discourage, indeed it hopes that the candidate will not become weary in well-doing, but at the same time it may be asked if this is permissible at this particular time under the strict interpretation of the prevention of corrupt practices at election act.

Attempted Abduction.

About two years ago Sing Kee, a Chinese merchant, purchased a girl of his own race. She was quite ignorant as to the ways of the English, and was, consequently, content to live with her people. As the months went by, however, she gradually began to realize that the mode of living which she was compelled to tolerate was not the correct thing, and conceiving a plan she eluded the vigilance of her master and sought protection with the whites. She was employed as a servant girl in different families, who say they never saw a more diligent or painstaking woman. Of course, Sing Kee has been trying to get her back, but, so far, to no purpose, and yesterday he sent a friend to the house where she is at present employed and directed him to use any means to induce her to return. The "tool," who from reports is a very decent Chinaman, did as he was told, and as soon as he got to the house nearly scared the woman out of her wits by telling her all kinds of stories, and what could and would be done to her if she did not go back to her alleged owners. Although frightened, the woman was steadfast in her purpose to remain where she was. Seeing that he could not move her, he began to use force, but this signally failed, and he was subsequently arrested. He will be tried this morning.

The Late Miss F. Dickinson.

The sudden death of Miss Florence Dickinson, daughter of Mr. Edward Dickinson, purser of the Princess Louise, was a great shock to her relatives and friends. She was taken seriously ill on Saturday last, and on the following day the doctor announced that her illness was congestion of the brain. In order that she might have practical nursing, she was taken to St. Joseph's hospital where she was tenderly cared for by her mother and the Sisters until the hour of her death, which resulted at ten o'clock on Thursday night. The deceased had just completed her seventeenth year, and was a favorite with all who knew her. She was a loving, dutiful daughter, gentle in her disposition, and to her many cherished friends her early death has caused intense grief. It is scarcely nine months since her return from San Francisco, where she became thoroughly instructed in the Kindergarten course and on her return opened a Kindergarten here, in which she was highly successful and beloved by her pupils. Her deeply bereaved parents and relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their irreparable loss. The funeral will take place from the family residence, Moss street, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock to the R. E. church, and from thence to Ross Bay cemetery.

New Shaft.

Steam was got up on the Yosemite yesterday and the new shaft tested. Everything worked satisfactorily.

Social Dance.

A pleasant social gathering was held in the school house at Royal Oak on Friday evening, at which a large number of the young people of the district were present.

Majority For Planta.

A. Bunster, who has been visiting his old friends and former constituents in Saanich, says Mr. Planta will have a large majority in that district. This is confirmed by reports from other sources.

The Conversazione Postponed.

In consequence of the recent death of one of the most estimable young lady members of the congregation of the Reformed Episcopal church, the conversazione announced for Tuesday is postponed without date.

Outgoing Passengers.

Passengers per steamship Mexico for San Francisco: R. Lipsett, Mrs. Winks, Miss Wallace, Mrs. Pardner, Lee Poi, Geo. Dilmage, Y. Bertram, Mrs. Isaac, Miss Isaac, [illegible], Miss Lazenby, 20 in steerage.

The Game Laws.

It is understood that the people of Kamloops through their representative, Mr. Vernon, will apply to the legislature at its present session to amend the game laws so as to apply to that part of the country.

A Pleasing Gift.

Mr. Dixie H. Ross was surprised and delighted the other day to receive a handsome knitted Afghan robe from his aged mother now resident in northern Pennsylvania. The work is beautifully done and speaks well for the great energy of Mrs. Ross, who is now over the allotted three score years and ten.

Death of a Favorite.

The removal from the scene of action of many less prominent public characters than the C. P. N. company's old dog "Pompey" has been recorded in the press. "Pompey" was an "old salt" who had followed the sea on the company's boats for fifteen years and on Wednesday last was gathered to his fathers full of years and honors.

MARINE.

Steamship Mexico will sail for San Francisco at 1 p. m. to-day.

Ship Rosie Welt has been chartered in San Francisco to load a return cargo of coal from the Sound.

Bolivian bark Bundaleer sailed from San Francisco February 11 for Departure bay, to load a return cargo of coal.

Tug Pilot spoke the ships Detroit and Shirley off Cape Flattery on Wednesday night. They are bound for the Sound.

British bark Dilbhur, Norris, has been chartered to load lumber at Hastings Mills, and was towed up by the Alexander last night.

Bark Nellie May, Austin, reported lost yesterday, is safe, having arrived at Port Townsend on Thursday night from Newcastle, N. S. W.

British bark Darra, Storey, arrived from Moodyville yesterday morning in tow of the Etta White. The bark will sail for Melbourne on Monday.

British bark Eudora, Capt. Fulton, from Astoria to Hongkong, was spoken by the ship Campbell on the 15th in lat. 46.15, long. 138. All were well.

Tug Pilot left for Port Townsend last night at 12 o'clock to tow the ship Solitaire, Sewell, to Nanaimo. The ship will load coal for San Francisco.

Tug Pilot arrived from Departure bay at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, having towed the ship Commodore, Capt. Jordan, from San Francisco to that port for a return cargo of coal.

American bark Thomas R. Foster, which left Tacoma November 29th for Honolulu, coal laden, has not been reported, and her agents are inclined to think she has met with an accident.

Bark Templar, 37 days out from San Francisco, arrived at Port Townsend on Thursday safe and sound. The captain states that rough weather kept him out. He says that they ran out of potatoes 17 days ago, and have been living on "salt horse" since that time. The Templar will load Black Diamond coal at Seattle.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That a new style of "bang" has been introduced in Victoria as the latest acquisition to a society man's requirements.

That Willis Boud claims that Hon. T. B. Humphreys stole his thunder from Willis' late speech at the Philharmonic.

That Prince Albert Victor of Wales has completed his twenty-third year, but is still one of the least known members of the royal family. He seldom appears in public.

That smokers state that Duke's "Cameo" cigarettes, imported by the H. B. Co., are superior to anything yet offered here, being pleasant to smoke and of a fragrant flavor.

That tories among the students tore up by the roots and destroyed the trees planted at Cambridge University last week by Gladstone. The liberal students threaten reprisals.

That the father of Vice-President Hamlin called his four sons after the four great warriors of ancient history—Alexander, Julius Cæsar, Cincinnatus and Hannibal. His four daughters were named respectively Europa, Asia, Australia and America.

That while Florence was playing "The Mighty Dollar" at Omaha last week, the electric lights fizzed and went out. Billy stepped to the footlights and remarked, "G.O.G.—good old gas," in his inimitable way, and the audience knew where he was when the light went out.

That "Do you know Fra Z—, madame? "Oh, yes! she is my best friend; we have no secrets from each other. "Ah, then perhaps you can tell me how old she is?" "Oh, sir, we are not quite as intimate as all that."

That, a talented pianist. Madame De V—, sitting at dinner by the side of Colonel Ramollot, asked him in an amiable tone: "Colonel, are you fond of music?" "Madame," replied the warrior, rolling his eyes savagely, "I am not afraid of it."

That Canadians should remember that we have plenty of Pacific cod and dried dogfish to fall back upon in the event of the supply of Canadian fish being cut off. This is a country of vast resources, and don't you forget it.—*Pioneer Press.*

That for a good conservative Tom Humphreys is in bad company. It is said that his headquarters have been established at the *Times* office. The electors cannot fail to see "the nigger in the wood pile."

That Mr. Orr made a speech at Vancouver on Friday night. Rumor saith he did not on this occasion ring in the capital joke upon them. Jimmy knows as well as anyone what the boys call "chestnuts."

In Winnipeg every fellow who arrives on a train with frozen ears is reported as coming from Dakota or Minnesota. This is a shallow trick of the Winnipeggers, intended to make outsiders believe that they have an Algerian winter climate in Manitoba.

That *Punch* publishes a cartoon on the Irish question. It represents Mephistopheles carrying a pouch of dynamite and with a wand labelled "the American vote" stirring up the waters of strife, namely, the fishery grounds over which the United States and England are dissenting.

MASS MEETING.

Messrs. Fell, Robertson and Humphries Address the Free and Independent Electors of Victoria.

The meeting called by Messrs. Fell, Robertson and Humphries in The Victoria last evening was largely attended. Good speeches were made by the candidates and the best of order prevailed. The meeting opened at 7:30 with the appointment of John Boyd, Esq., to the chair.

Mayor Fell, on coming forward was enthusiastically cheered by the audience. He was satisfied there was a good future before us and that our shipping industry was in its infancy, and would double itself during the next few years. Did we not see how the eastern provinces secured large appropriations to improve their harbors and rivers. And how was it done? The men they sent there fought for these things. They were not like the wooden men that we had representing us (Cheers.) He claimed that his only motive in desiring to go to Ottawa was to fight for Victoria and Vancouver island. He would not go looking for appointment to some office not even to the position of governor (Applause.) He was a supporter though not a slavish one of Sir John Macdonald's government and he believed he could be better trusted with the power to give that support than men who could be bought. (Cheers.) He claimed that Mr. Shakespeare when in the city council had turned his coat and could not be trusted again. He did not believe the Restriction act had been brought forward in sincerity—it was a mere delusion. He had had nothing to do with Chinese, but he did not know if the same could be said of Mr. Shakespeare. He was informed that Mr. S. had negotiated for contracts on the railway and that if he had been able to secure them he would have received some hundreds of thousands as commission. (Cheers.)

Capt. McCallum here stepped upon the platform at the invitation of the chairman and received a hearty cheer.

Mr. Fell, continuing, said one of the things he wished to see done was a breakwater put across San Juan harbor, near Cape Flattery, for the protection of shipping. He was informed by many nautical men that this was a most important project. He would also endeavor to secure the completion of the island railway to the northern end of the island (cheers). Referring to the Canadian Pacific railway, he claimed that it should have come down Chilcootin valley and crossed to the island at Seymour narrows. It was a huge fraud that it had not. Twelve years ago he had gone through those narrows and a series of letters had afterwards appeared in the papers in which he said to give him the money and he would span those narrows. (Cheers.) That was the way the railway should have come instead of along a national highway such as the Fraser river. If there were any questions to ask he would be glad to answer them.

A voice—What about the senate?

Mr. Fell—Lords have no sympathy from me. I believe in election by the people. I do not want any office you do not care to elect me to. (Cheers.) The senate, I believe, will soon be numbered with the things of the past.

A voice—What about the Indian question?

Mr. Fell—There is $51,000 voted for educating the Indians, $30,000 of which is eaten up by the salaries of officials. He believed that the trouble with the Indians was caused by the teaching they received.

A voice—What about the N. P.?

Mr. Fell did not believe in our country being flooded with foreign goods but would endeavor to have the taxes so adjusted as to bear equitably and in proper share upon the proper shoulders.

A voice—Are you a conservative or a liberal?

Mr. Fell.—I am a conservative. I endeavor to conserve all that is good and to discourage all that is bad. (Cheers.) He said if elected he would endeavor to do his duty faithfully and if possible to make the great conservative party better than it was. (Loud cheers.)

There were calls for Humphries and Robertson.

The chairman said the candidates had arranged how they were to speak and the audience should accept the arrangement.

Mr. Robertson on coming forward was received with cheers. He said he came before the electors without a mask. He came before them as a member of the liberal conservative party. He did not require to tell who had been the best friend of this country and if for no other reason than their actions towards us in connection with the Canadian Pacific railway he would support them. (Cheers.) He would not, however, be bound down to that or any other party. No man in that position could serve the people faithfully and if they wanted him to be bound down he did not want them to elect him. If he went to Ottawa and he was asked if he were a grit or a tory he would reply, "I am a working man." (Cheers.) What he meant was that the labor party would have to be well represented in parliament before the great questions affecting them would receive the proper share of attention. (Applause.) The gentleman who occupied the chair at the last meeting, one whom they all respected, had said it was better to send old veterans than raw recruits. He was no raw recruit; he had been under fire; he had been before the people of Victoria on six occasions and had never once been defeated and he did not believe he would be defeated this time. (Cheers.) Messrs. Baker and Shakespeare had taken to themselves all the credit for having passed the "Chinese Restriction Act." But he could show that there many auxiliaries to the passage of that act besides Baker and Shakespeare. He claimed that it was one of the direct results of the organization of the anti-Chinese union of this city. What he believed was that our members should have endeavored to secure the passage of legislation to prevent the employment of Chinese on public works as Mr. Bunster had done. Mr. Baker had moved a remarkable resolution in respect to this matter, namely, that no man who wore his hair over five inches in length should be employed on the Canadian Pacific railway under a certain penalty (laughter). In coming before the electors he believed he had a claim upon the electors for having discovered a coal mine of great richness on Queen Charlotte islands. Capt. Chittenden and others in the government employ had reported elaborately concerning Indian curios on these islands, but they had done nothing more. The coal of the mine which he had discovered was superior to any in the province and if he were sent to Ottawa he would endeavor to interest capital in this enterprise. Like Mr. Shakespeare, he would endeavor to secure the extension of the Island railway to the northern end of the Island. But he would go further, he would advocate the construction of a railway from Bentic Inlet into Cariboo, which would capture the trade of that place and bring it right down to Victoria. (Cheers.) He wanted these railways built, but he would oppose the monopolization of the lands along their route. He referred to the grant of $50,000 made to the Indian department of the province, the greater part of which was eaten up in salaries, while very little found its way to the Indians. There was another matter which had not been touched upon by previous speakers. It was the magnificent Indian reserve across the harbor. He believed it should be divided up and sold to the workingmen, or whoever liked to buy it. The money should go to those from whom the land had been taken in the first place. Buildings should be erected where the Indians could stop when they came to trade in this city. His attention would be given to a model farm for the sake of our young men. The exports from the United States to China last year were $6,396,000, and the imports from China were $16,292,000. The exports to Great Britain were $398,000,000. In view of these facts he would ask was it worth our while considering the China trade, in considering the restriction of Chinese from coming into the country? (Cries of no, and cheers.) Concluding he was loudly applauded.

Mr. Humphries, on coming forward, was received with applause. He said he had given fourteen years service to the province. He had commenced that term, some years of which he had spent as a minister of the crown, as a poor man and it had left him a poor man. He would defy his worst enemy in the country to say that he had ever used his official position to advance personal interests or the interests of his friends. He said British Columbia was a mineral country or nothing. The governments of any of the gold producing countries had not done what they should to encourage the miner. In Australia, however, large sums were offered annually for the development of the mineral wealth by the government of the Dominion and British Columbia had practically never spent a cent for this purpose. This was one of the most serious charges which could be brought against Baker and Shakespeare. Victoria, though contributing the largest sum of any city of its size to the Dominion treasury, had received the smallest appropriation. The excessive railway rates would receive his most earnest attention if elected. He claimed that the statesmen of the United States would never consent to any arrangement for reciprocity with Canada unless it is manifestly in their own favor and manifestly against the latter. One of the efforts of this province should be to endeavor to secure the admission of our coal to the United States free of duty. It would of course make millionaires of our coal mine owners, but it would bring corresponding benefits to the country. He believed this could be secured if properly taken in hand. He would endeavor to secure a letter delivery, indeed he did not know why it had not been secured before. The improvement of the harbor was also an important matter. A large amount of the most valuable land at the mouth of the Fraser was waiting to be reclaimed, where a large number of settlers could be placed instead of being sent to Alberni or some other place out of sight. We wanted a trunk road through this island whether it was a railroad or not. He then proceeded to tell his reasons for being a supporter of Sir John Macdonald and pointed out that Mr. Blake was prepared to severe the province from confederation rather than build the C. P. R. and fulfil the terms of union. He would ask what would Canada have been to-day without access to the Pacific coast? The speaker here referred to the "terms of union league," formed when J. D. Edgar came to the province, and stated that Dr Helmcken, as president of the union, had resigned because the other members would have nothing but the complete terms, and not, as Dr. Helmcken advised, merely the building of the island railway and other slight considerations. He firmly believed but for the firm stand taken at that time and the courage of Sir John Macdonald the great national work which had now assumed an imperial color would not have been completed.

Mr. McCallum on coming forward was received with applause. He said it was his intention, if the electors would come to hear him on Wednesday evening, to show that the course of the party of Sir John Macdonald had been one of jobbery, plunder and wilful squandering of the people's heritage. He was entering very vigorously into the question when about a third of the electors left the hall, partially no doubt on account of the lateness of the hour. The speaker concluded after stating on what subjects he intended speaking on Wednesday evening.

On motion of Mayor Fell a vote of thanks was tendered the chairman of the meeting which came to a close shortly before eleven o'clock.

THE HARRIS MURDER.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

LADNER'S LANDING, Feb. 18.—In the Ladner's Landing Harris murder Lee and Freind were committed for trial at the New Westminster assizes. Wm. Cochrane, for Mr. Bole, represented the prisoners.

INCOMING PASSENGERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The following passengers sailed to-day on the steamship Geo. W. Elder for Victoria: G. M. Monroe, P. O. Harland, J. T. Canfield, A. McLean, D. McFee, Mrs. R. McDougal.

PERSONAL.

Isidore Braverman leaves for Europe to-day.

Prof. Digby Palmer is very ill at his residence.

J. W. Moyes, of the Pure Gold Manufacturing company, is at the Clarence.

J. L. Stamford, manager of the New Westminster Gas company, came down from Nanaimo yesterday.

Miss Lazenby will leave for San Francisco on the Mexico to-day. She will be absent about three weeks.

H. Good, telegraph operator at Cowichan, who cut his foot a day or two ago with an axe, came into the city last night for medical treatment.

Ex-Councillor Robert Lipsett goes to Southern California to-day on the Mexico, where he will spend a few months in order to recuperate his health, which has been anything but good for some time past. Mr. Lipsett's many friends were wishing him *bon voyage* yesterday and hope to see him on his return restored to his usual vigorous health.

Sam Thall has retired from the Grismer-Davies company and goes in advance of the Nellie Boyd company. Sam is one of the brightest of the slope agents, and George Welty couldn't have found a more conscientious representative. The newspaper men all over the slope are stuck on Sam because he is unassuming.

POLICE COURT.

[Before Judge Johnson.]

Wah Lon, charged with stealing a silver chain from Ah How, remanded until Monday.

James Caldwell, charged with obstructing passengers by throwing snowballs. The judge discharged the defendant after severely reprimanding him.

Thos. Alexander, appeared in answer to a summons charging him with fast driving over Point Ellice bridge. Charge withdrawn on payment of costs amounting to $2.

MILITIA.

TO THE EDITOR.—Having noticed in the reports of the house and elsewhere several remarks bringing the militia of this province prominently before the public, I would like to "start the ball rolling" with the object of trying to arrive at the cause of why it is so poorly patronized both in regard to members and support from the outside public. The class of young men composing a large portion of the volunteers in the "old country" is made up of clerks in offices, warehouses, etc., a class in this country who seem to look down on the militia as altogether beneath their notice, much more their support. Other cities in the Dominion have no trouble in getting men to join and interest themselves in it. How is it that this city, bearing our good Queen's own name, finds it so hard to muster more than 20 to 30 men out of some 120 allowed.

In agitating this question, I think a more healthy spirit will be engendered and possibly some good ideas be got from those who would otherwise join.

STRANGER.

From the Daily Colonist, Feb. 20, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Wires.

The Western Union wires were down again last night.

Committee Work.

The committee of the house on private bills and standing orders was in session yesterday.

Schooner Juanita Raised.

The schooner Juanita, which was sunk off North Saanich, was successfully raised and beached on Friday night. The cargo of bricks owned by Mr. Geo. Byrnes will be at once removed from the disabled vessel.

Political Meeting at Rowland's.

Messrs. Baker and Shakespeare had a successful meeting at Rowland's hotel last night. The audience there, as everywhere else, pointed to the triumphant return of the old members. To-morrow night a meeting will be held at Parson's Bridge.

The "Yosemite" Again in Service.

Owing to the uncertainty of the weather, the announced departure of the steamer R. P. Rithet this (Sunday) morning has been countermanded and instead the steamer Yosemite will be dispatched on Monday, 21st inst., at one o'clock a. m. (standard time) connecting with the train and landing passengers and mails at Victoria Monday night.

Death of Mrs. Beegan.

Mary Ann Doran, beloved wife of Mr. Frank Beegan, died at her residence Pandora street yesterday morning. The deceased lady was a native of Enniskillen in the county of Fermanagh, Ireland, and came to this country on April 13th, 1861 and at the time of her death was aged 49 years. Her death is a sad blow to her family who have the sympathy of their numerous friends.

White Fish.

Columbian: Mr. Thos. Mowat, inspector of fisheries, has received from Nicola Lake some very fine looking whitefish. These fish are said to be quite plentiful in Nicola and some other interior lakes, and they are taken in large quantities by the Indians. We believe it is not generally known that there are whitefish in British Columbia.

First Train To-Morrow.

Mr. Orr, M. P. P., who returned from the mainland by last night's steamer, reports that the train will arrive in Vancouver on Monday and the people are in high feather in consequence. A public meeting held at the railway city on Friday night was enthusiastically in favor of Mr. Chipholm, and as this was expected to be one of his weakest points his friends look forward to his election by a majority of at least three to one.

"Special to the Times."

Not from "Toronto, 12 p. m., Feb. 19th," but by that "special" means with which the editor of the *Times* is so intimately acquainted—his gritty imagination. Endeavoring to palm off on the reading public as telegraphic matter "chestnuts" from his dry speech at the first liberal meeting is not likely to meet with much success. Special telegrams are not of much worth when furnished from that source nor are they likely to be considered so by its readers.

The Queen's Jubilee.

The Dominion of Canada is going to celebrate the Queen's jubilee both royally and loyally. Ottawa is to have a six weeks' jubilation; Montreal is to have sports; Halifax will indulge in a military review; St. John, N. B., will decorate its old cemetery; and, indeed, all the cities of Canada will celebrate the event in one form or another. Such is the information that comes to us.—*Canadian American.* What is British Columbia going to do about it?

Found Dead.

Christian Ayous, who, it will be remembered, left Astoria some weeks ago with some provisions in a skiff for Knappa, and neither arrived at his destination nor returned, has been found dead, as conjectured. The *Astorian* reports that the unfortunate man and the boat were found stranded at Harrington's point. Everything was in the boat just as he left Astoria, except one oar and rowlock, which were gone. He was sitting aft, between the thwarts, cold and still, his eyes open and glassy. It is supposed he went to sleep and became numb and weak from exposure.

Texada Iron Ore.

The steamer Sardonyx, Capt. Buckham, returned from Port Townsend yesterday. The Sardonyx has been engaged for the past two weeks in towing iron ore from Texada island to the smelting works at Irondale, which have had to close down for the present on account of the furnaces giving out. These works it is said do about $1,500 worth of business per day and are smelting ore at a profit of about $8 per ton, notwithstanding that the raw material is imported from this province and 75 cents per ton duty paid upon it. It seems strange that works of this kind which could be operated so much cheaper in this province are not established here.

Loss of Stock.

Letters received yesterday from the interior of the province by Mr. Semlin state that the weather has moderated considerably, that is instead of being 30° below zero it is now only 10° or 15° below. Mr. Semlin has been very fortunate with his stock and has not suffered loss to any great extent. Mr. Vernon has not heard yet how his stock have come through the cold. Although the weather was no doubt unusually severe and trying, those who took the precaution to gather their stock off the mountains and commenced to feed early have not suffered anything worth speaking of.

New License Law.

Petitions to the local legislature with the following moderate requests are being circulated through the city for signatures: "A thorough revision of the laws relating to the liquor traffic in the province; that the maximum number of licenses be fixed so as to bear a certain proportion to the population; that licensed places be closed on the Lord's day (commonly called Sunday) and during certain hours on week nights; that provision be made for the efficient administration and enforcement of such regulations as may be adopted, and that all other provisions be made which may be deemed necessary to the enactment of a good license law."

Snow in the Mountains.

The snow in Rogers' Pass is about fifteen feet in depth, and forms a high bank on either side of the track where snowsheds have not been erected. A large number of men are constantly clearing the track, and snow-ploughs of an improved make are running continuously to keep the track clear. A patent flange is placed just ahead of the front wheels of the locomotive, which clears the rail free of snow for the wheel to pass over. The cost of keeping the mountain division clear has been enormous. In many places it has been discovered that additional sheds are necessary and during the coming summer they will be constructed and the winter of 1887-8 will not be so difficult a one for those who have the line to operate. Considering the fact that this winter is the first experience of the C. P. R., and the additional fact that all transcontinental roads have been blockaded, and the Central Pacific is now in that condition, the management of the C. P. R. have reason to be elated with the slight delays which they have so far experienced.

The Fight in the East.

Parties who have just arrived from the east state that the political contest is unprecedented in the history of the Dominion. The liberals, with the *prestige* of recent successes, have entered into the fight with the determination of men who feel that it is now or never with them. The conservatives, on the other hand, are confident that if their record and policy are fairly placed before the people it must meet with their approval, and are working as they never worked before. It is agreed that there are many causes combining to reduce the present government majority, but it is scarcely expected that they are sufficiently great to convert that majority into a minority. All agree that Sir John will be returned to power.

Vancouver's Chinese.

Notwithstanding the efforts made by the citizens of Vancouver, says the *Columbian*, to keep Chinamen out of their city, it is said that the number of celestials there is rapidly increasing. At a meeting held on Tuesday the chairman gave it as his opinion that at least one hundred had been added to the Chinese population within three weeks. For some time a pledge has been circulated for signatures among all business men, and that pledge, in its modified form, is as follows: "The undersigned pledges himself not to deal directly or indirectly with Chinese." If this is signed by every business man in Vancouver (of which there is every prospect) the Chinese question there will be considerably simplified, although it will not be by any means solved.

Farewell to Abbott.

Portland did itself grand on Emma Abbott's departure. The *Oregonian* says: About one hundred admirers of the prima donna had assembled at the wharf and gave three hearty cheers as the boat backed out into the stream. Capt. Bolles of the steamship Columbia had prepared a rousing send-off, and as the boat passed by his ship Miss Abbott was greeted by a salute of fireworks. The entire crew was ranged in line on the hurricane deck, each holding a roman candle in each hand, and these were set off simultaneously. The brilliant light and loud huzzas which went up from the ship are likely to be remembered many, many days by Emma Abbott.

Pete Enright Knocked Out.

A St. Paul dispatch says: W. R. Mansfield, of St. Paul, and Pete Enright, of Victoria, B. C., formerly of Winnipeg, fought with bare knuckles to a finish on Saturday afternoon on the Wisconsin side of the Mississippi, opposite Lake City. In the last round Mansfield landed his left between Enright's eyes and then swung his right, getting in a terrific blow on the jugular. It was a clean knock out. Enright was unconscious six and a half minutes, and has since been confined to bed. Mansfield is at work today. He is a telegrapher in a local railroad office. The mayor of Lake City backed Mansfield and the city marshal and sheriff of that town acted as timekeepers.

THE TRANSPACIFIC LINE.

Completing the Purchase of Three Cunard Liners

For the Canadian Pacific to Run Between British Columbia and Australia.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 18.—Tuttle, of the Canadian Pacific company, is in New York completing the purchase of three fast Cunard line steamers to run between Victoria, Vancouver and Australia.

CABLE NEWS.

Will Occupy Bulgaria.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Russia has notified the Bulgarian delegate at Constantinople that she has decided to occupy Bulgaria. Austria, deserted by Germany, is reported as yielding to the occupation.

The Colliery Explosion.

Twenty-nine persons have been rescued unhurt from the Cath colliery, at Rhondda, Wales, and eight others have been taken out injured; seventeen remain in the pit, and it is reported that six are dead.

War Talk.

The despatches are still filled with hints of war between France and Germany.

CANADIAN NEWS.

To Buy Canadian Horses.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 19.—A special cable says that the Imperial government has sent Col. Goldie and a veterinary surgeon to Canada to purchase three hundred horses for the English army.

Must Not Interfere.

Joseph Hickson, general manager of the Grand Trunk line, has issued a circular to the company's employes warning them not to interfere in the elections under pain of dismissal.

A Successful Experiment.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road has made a successful experiment of heating cars by steam.

Col. MacKeand's Funeral.

The funeral of Col. MacKeand took place at Winnipeg yesterday afternoon. There was an immense attendance of military and citizens. Business was generally suspended.

AMERICAN NEWS.

The Anti-Polygamy Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. The senate today by a vote of 37 to 13 passed Edmunds' anti-polygamy bill. As passed to-day by the senate and as it goes to the president, the bill makes the wife or husband a competent witness, but does not compel them to testify. It disapproves and annuls all laws recognizing the capacity of illegitimate children to inherit a share of the estate of the father. It annuls all acts incorporating a perpetual emigrating fund and Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints. It dissolves the corporations and provides for the winding up of their affairs, and provides that the widows receive a third of the income of the estate as a dower. It directs for prosecution for bigamy, adultery, etc., and makes it the duty of the attorney-general to institute proceedings to escheat to the United States the property of corporations obtained or held inviolate since July, 1862, and provides that the proceeds of such escheat be applied to the use and benefit of the common schools of the territory.

Heavy Storms in the East.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A heavy wind, rain and thunder storm prevailed here all day. Telegraph and railway communication is interrupted to a great extent. The storm appears to have started in California on Tuesday and have travelled eastward. In Colorado on Wednesday night and yesterday a destructive gale is reported, several trains being blown from the track. Half-a-dozen people are more or less injured and a number of dwellings wrecked. From Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio and other states the information says the gale was very severe. Electrical disturbances accompanied the storm and lightning did considerable damage.

A Snow Blockade.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Another snow storm prevailed throughout the western states yesterday. A compl