

Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1890.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

For Victoria.

The steamer Walla, which left San Francisco yesterday for Victoria, has on board the following passengers: P. Kohler, John T. Fox, F. Burrell and W. H. Williams.

Building Operations at Ladner's Landing. Ladner's Landing is enjoying a brisk building boom at present.

Funeral. The remains of Walford Lincoln, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Garland, were interred in Ross Bay Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

The Fortunate Men. The thirty-second appropriation of the Victoria Building Society was drawn for a meeting held at the Victoria Club on the evening, when Nos. 111, 108 and 107, were found to be the winning numbers.

Real Estate Transfer. Mr. F. G. Reid, yesterday disposed of three lots on the Beckley farm for \$2,800; also a lot on Herald street for \$1,000.

Mr. R. B. McKicking on Friday disposed of a large tract of land in Victoria Arm, with an acre of land attached, for \$6,300. Mr. D. M. Eberts being the purchaser.

Alleged Malpractice. Mr. William McKee, of Ladner's Landing, has entered suit against Mr. J. H. Turner, the seller being Mr. R. P. Ribbitt. The latter has since been divided into lots, and a number have been sold at good figures.

It is understood that preparations are being made to lay the electric tramway on Upper Fort street, out in large lots for building purposes.

Death of Mrs. James Beaman. M. A. Raper, of Nanaimo, has received a letter containing intelligence of the death of Mrs. James Beaman.

Attacked by a Devil Fish. One of Victoria's fishermen had an experience Thursday afternoon which he will not be likely soon to forget.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD. Local and General Happenings Gathered Up and Presented in a Readable Shape.

The funeral of the late John Todd, formerly of Victoria, took place at Tacoma on Tuesday last.

Mr. George Vienna shipped a giant octopus or devil fish to Montreal, yesterday for exhibition purposes.

The Blue Ribbon Club will entertain their friends this evening in Temperance Hall, an excellent programme having been arranged.

The Blue Bell Mining Co., of Nanaimo, have decided to start in at once with the development of their quartz mine on Texada Island.

Mr. William Munroe (Carne and Munroe), is a passenger on the steamer State of California, quarantined at Portland, with smallpox on board.

The Islander passed the steamer Danube, bound for Vancouver, in the Gulf last night.

PERSONAL.

Capt. Jordan is at the Oriental. James P. West, of Westminster, is at the Oriental.

W. L. Deane returned from the mainland last night. Simon Leiser returned from the mainland last evening.

W. L. Deane came home from Vancouver last night. Robert Ward left San Francisco for Monterey yesterday.

James Orr, M. P., went over to Vancouver this morning. T. B. Hall came over from Vancouver on last night's steamer.

H. Knowles was among the passengers by the Islander last evening. J. H. Todd returned from the mainland by last night's boat.

W. F. and Mrs. Bullen came over from Vancouver by the C. P. N. Company. W. A. DeWolf, of Vancouver, came over by the Islander last night.

Rev. J. White, of Westminster, came over by the Islander last night. W. H. Long, of Lulu Island, came over by the Louise last night.

James Punch, of Westminster, came over on the Islander last night. E. G. Brown, of Shave, was registered at the Windsor, Montreal, on the 31st ult.

Fred. Weldon, the popular conductor of the C. P. N. railway, was in the eastern provinces today by way of San Francisco and the States.

During the past week there have been several cases of real estate, and numerous exchanges of ownership of land.

Of these the most important was the sale of fourteen acres in the Beckley estate for \$25,000, to Mr. J. H. Turner, the seller being Mr. R. P. Ribbitt.

This estate has since been divided into lots, and a number have been sold at good figures. The Nesbitt property was purchased by Wm. A. DeWolf, for \$12,500.

Through F. G. Richards, Jr., and they have since received an offer of \$4,000 advance on that price. The property was purchased by Mr. R. P. Ribbitt.

Wm. Wilson, clothier, twenty-five acres on the Craigflower road at \$300 per acre. This is being sold in acre lots.

There are several other large tracts in progress, but they have not yet been completed. The fact that Victoria business, residence and suburban property is held at a low figure, and that investors are gaining credence, and the signs are that there will be many transfers and considerable advances during the year.

Victoria is a pleasant land in the Pacific world, and the most desirable residential quarter in the city, and the most desirable property for building purposes will do well to wait until these lots are on the market.

The electric tramway will run past this property, bringing it within five minutes of the city. The residential property now being constructed for the Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir adjoins this property.

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Mr. Shook yesterday purchased from Mr. Edgar Martin a water lot on Constance street, adjoining Sayward's mill property, for the purposes of the Tramway Co.

Three Cars-Loads of Ice. The steamer Islander, on Friday evening, brought down three cars-loads of ice for the use of the C. P. N. Company.

News From Texada. The news comes from the new Eldorado that rich quartz ledges have been discovered on the north side of the island.

A Man Brought Caught. While George Vienna's fishermen were hooking halibut in the Straits yesterday, they caught a large shark, which had swallowed a halibut caught on a hook.

Yesterday evening, just as Gilmore and McCandless' store was about to be closed for the night, a lighted match was noticed on the work-room floor.

From China and Japan. The steamer Abyssinia arrived at Vancouver yesterday morning at 1 o'clock, after a passage of 16 days across the Pacific.

She left Hong Kong on the 10th of January, and called at Yokohama, Nagasaki and Kobe, sailed from Yokohama on the 24th, and had rather a stormy passage, with strong head wind and bad seas, which delayed her considerably.

She brought thirty-six passengers and a valuable cargo of over 3000 tons, including 360 barrels of silk and about 35,000 chests of tea.

The following is the passenger list: Mrs. Wm. Young, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gillman and Mr. R. S. Davis, Mrs. Donaldson and Miss Sara, Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson and Miss Sara, Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson and Miss Sara.

Second class: Mr. George Rogers, for New York; Mr. Wm. Jones, for Liverpool. European stockists: Messrs. Solomon, Nugent and Stephenson, for Vancouver.

Asianic stockists: Twelve Chinese for Victoria, four Japanese for Vancouver and one Japanese for San Francisco, Total, 38.

Between thirty and forty licensed hack-drivers of the city of Vancouver met at a meeting of the Board of Police and Health Committee of the Board of Aldermen last evening to express their opinions upon the subject of increasing the license fee to \$25.

The drivers claim that the increase in the amount of the fee would have the effect of driving out of the city a large number of the community who obtain their livelihood by driving under the present act while driving to regular vehicle, who are a disgrace to the community, and who only escape prosecution for vagrancy by the police by showing their badge, "Drunken".

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A NORWEGIAN WAIF.

A Fifteen Year Old Girl Brought From Seattle and Placed in a Home of Ill-Fame.

Yesterday afternoon Officer Lindsay uncovered a young girl being taken into a notorious bawdy on Broad street, presided over by Bertha Baker.

The girl told the Chief that the woman Baker urged her to go away just before the policeman arrived. She gave her name as Annetta Louisa Peterson, a Norwegian, 15 years old.

She is a blonde, bright-eyed, knowing girl. Her mother had not lived with her father for eight years, because the latter was a drunkard and a violent man.

The office of the National Tramway Company was crowded last evening by a large number of citizens present at a special meeting of the Board of Directors.

The funeral of the late D. Fairbairn, a clever journalist, a hard-working honest man, and a faithful friend wherever and whenever met, took place on Sunday afternoon from the undertaking rooms of the deceased, Mr. E. S. Suter.

Rev. J. White, D.D., of this city, was on Sunday last called upon to mourn for the loss of his only son, James Deighton Reid, who died very suddenly at Malibu, in Southern California, of pneumonia.

William J. Martin, a native of Scotland, sixty years of age, died at the Colonial Hotel in this city on Sunday. The deceased was a well-to-do man, and was a member of the Victoria Club.

The New Vancouver fire, in referring to the loss of the ship which occurred in Vancouver, says that there are strong indications of incendiaryism.

When he stood up in the dock in the police court yesterday to answer to the charge of "drunk," he remarked that his head felt "terribly sore."

Tag Alexander came in from Comox last night. Steamer Wellington is waiting to load coal at Departure Bay.

Stearns Premier and Sardinia left the dock at Esquimalt yesterday. Steamer Premier is expected this morning with a scow load of lumber from Chemainus.

Steamer Maude came down from Departure Bay on Friday night with coal for the steamer Premier.

The new steamer San Mateo left Departure Bay yesterday for San Francisco with her first load of coal.

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FIRE AT CRANBROOK.

Total Destruction of Col. Baker's Residence at Cranbrook-Narrow Escape of the Inmate.

News has been received of the burning of the residence of Col. Baker, M.P.P., at Cranbrook, Kootenai, on the night of the 10th inst. The circumstances were as follows:

A very favorite dog was ill, and Colonel Baker's two sons had undertaken to take it in turn to look after the dog. Mr. Hyde Baker was relieved by his brother at 1:30 a.m., and at about 3:30 a.m. the latter was awakened to find the room in a state of alarm. He had just jumped to rush out and call the other inmates of the house—Mr. Baker, his brother, and Mr. French, the manager. So rapid were the flames that before Mrs. Baker could escape from the house several loaded rifles, which were in the rack in the sitting-room, began to explode, together with many cartridges. Mrs. Baker had only time to cover her head with a blanket, and rush out, and the smoke and flames were so overpowering that she had a narrow escape. Mr. Hyde Baker remembered the cause to save at least three things which were there. As the fire had originated in that room the flames were so fierce that it was impossible to save the furniture.

The fire-dreeling house was burned to the ground, and nothing whatever could be saved. All concerned worked their utmost to save the outer buildings, but by reason of the wind blowing in doing so. The cold outside was extreme, and the Messrs. Baker, who were in their night shirts, and with bare feet, had the latter badly frozen.

News of the fire has been received, probably from a spark from the wood fire. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Baker, who had the whole of her clothing burned, and it cannot be replaced on the spot.

FROM THE NORTH.

A Killing Serape at Fort Simpson—Disappearance of John Clayton's Family from Bella Bella.

The steamer Cariboo Fly arrived north yesterday afternoon from the north, having made an extremely quick passage. She brings news of the killing at Fort Simpson of a fisherman named "Shorty" by his manager, H. Snow, a trader in the interior. It appears that Snow and "Shorty" were at Fort Simpson purchasing whiskey and other supplies necessary in that region. "Shorty" demanded payment of back wages, and backed up his demand with a not very good pistol. He said that he would pay, and asked for his money. "Shorty" handed over the gun and Snow drew a "head" on him. A struggle ensued for possession of the weapon, during which the Fort Simpson trader, entering the breast of "Shorty," killing him instantly.

News is also brought of the disappearance of the son and two daughters of Mr. John Clayton, of Bella Bella. They left in a canoe some time ago, and up to the time the steamer sailed had not been heard from.

SUPREME COURT.

Before Chief Justice Sir M. B. Begbie, and Justice Crease and Gray.

TAYLOR v. LITTLE.—In this case, since the judgment of the Full Court, affirming the chief justice's judgment in favor of the plaintiff, the defendant, John Taylor, Jr., who had been appointed administrator of the plaintiff's estate, and authorized to defend the title to the land in litigation, had been appointed administrator of the plaintiff's estate, and authorized to defend the title to the land in litigation.

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