

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Government Candidate Nominated in Richmond Bidding—Shop License Reductions in Vancouver.

The Lazaretto Grant—Petition for Parks—The Pythian Decoration Day.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, May 22.—C. S. Douglas was nominated here to-day in the Government interest for Richmond riding. The nominee will make a strong candidate, and there is every probability that he will be elected. He was a member of the Manitoba legislature during the Norquay administration and will bring to the Legislative Assembly the strength of political and administrative experience, a decided individuality and good debating powers. Mr. Douglas was for some years the editor and proprietor of a Manitoba newspaper and will thus add journalistic training to his other qualifications. He came to Vancouver about four years ago and has conducted a very successful and very large real estate business ever since, being a member of the Council of South Vancouver, and is thoroughly well acquainted throughout the riding of Richmond, and besides having considerable interest in the constituency has identified himself with public affairs there, taking an active part in promoting local enterprises. He has been for two years a member of the Council of South Vancouver, and was a prominent mover in the formation of that municipality. Personally, the Government nominee is popular and commands the respect of all who know him. His personal influence, therefore, will be a strong factor in his candidature and that together with his more than ordinary abilities in a public capacity will ensure his election by a good majority.

The license board met yesterday. The license of the Baldwin on Carroll street was transferred to Wm. McKinnon. The Quebec hotel license was transferred from the old building on Richard street to the Wilson block on Columbia avenue. The City Council will be recommended to reduce shop licenses to \$200 a year. In this event the number of hotel licenses will be reduced from 53 to 50, the saloon licenses increased from 12 to 16 and the shops decreased from 6 to 4. The revenue will be thus increased about \$800, and the shops that have been selling retail must carry on one form of trade only.

W. J. Dowler, city clerk at Victoria, has sent the council here the \$1,000 received by him in relation to the \$1,000 appropriated by the Dominion Government to aid the lepers. The letters showed that the \$1,000 was intended for Victoria, in spite of the fact that the Dominion Government has written to Vancouver stating that it was the intention of the Government to have the \$1,000 used for Vancouver as well as Victoria.

A number of ladies have petitioned the city to purchase land for public parks when they are able to get it at reasonable rates. A by-law will be submitted to the citizens for the purchase of the Hotel and Light Co. by the city for \$410,000.

Harvey Haddon, an Englishman, is building a handsome block on the corner of Hastings and Cambie streets. An arcade, 18 feet wide will run through the structure. There will be fourteen stores on either side, while four more stores will front on the two streets.

The British barque Gainsborough was towed into port yesterday to land lumber. The Vancouver B.C.E.G.A. paraded to church yesterday.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 22.—Geo. L. Foster, accountant of the department of justice at Ottawa, surprised people by dropping in last night to take charge of the Penitentiary pending an investigation into its affairs by Mr. Justice Drake. Warden McBride and Deputy Thelms have been temporarily relieved from duty.

Mrs. Mary Hargrave is suing the Tramway Co., for \$10,000 damages, for injuries caused her in a train accident last July. The case is proceeding in the Supreme court.

William Carroll's little boy fell over an embankment on the street a few days ago and was badly injured. He now demands \$2,000 damages from the city.

The Board of Trade will assist the City Council in settling on the bridge plans. The water in the Fraser rose twelve feet yesterday at Yale. The freshet is coming down with a rush.

NANAIMO, May 22.—Mayor Quennell arrived home this evening.

Sewerage matters are being agitated just now through the prospects of anything practical being done to improve the present condition of affairs are small.

Decorations day will be observed by the local Knights of Pythias on the 17th inst. The final meeting of the celebration committee was held last evening, when arrangements were completed for the Queen's Birthday festivities. Probably the most interesting feature of the day's events will be the historical contest, in which teams from Vancouver, New Westminster, Victoria and Nanaimo will compete.

Wynn Johnston returned this morning on the steamer Esperanza from his trip north in search of the missing farmer George Macdonald. At the south end of Nelson Island Macdonald's ship was found floating but half full of water. On board were two sacks of potatoes, a set of blankets and some tea, but everything else was gone. There were no signs of the owner. There is but little doubt that Macdonald was drowned, though there is some possibility of his having been picked up by a north bound steamer.

ANTI-SEMITIC ASSAULTED. Two Men Waylay and Horsewhip a Member of the Austrian Reichsrath.

VIENNA, May 23.—Two men attacked Deputy Kaiser, a notorious Anti-Semite, in the streets yesterday and lashed him with a leather whip. One of them was arrested. The affair made a great stir among the newspapers and was discussed to-day in the Reichsrath. The Minister of Justice answered the question of the Anti-Semite's colleagues by saying that the whipping had nothing whatever to do with Kaiser's denunciation of the Hebrews. His assistant was an employee of an insurance society whose methods the deputy had pronounced to be dishonest.

AN ILLUSTRIOUS CANADIAN. LONDON, May 23.—George John Romanes, F.R.S., LL.D., died suddenly at Oxford to-day. He was born in Kingston, Canada, May 20, 1848, his father being the late Rev.

Prof. Romanes, M.A., LL.D. He spent his boyhood in England, France, Germany and Italy, and was educated by tutors and in private schools. In 1867 he entered Convilly and Oates college, Cambridge. He graduated in natural science in 1871, and was Bursary prize essayist in 1872, and was Cronian lecturer to the Royal Society in 1875. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1879. In 1881 he received the honorary degree of LL.D. from the University of Aberdeen. While at Cambridge he formed an intimate acquaintance with the late Mr. Darwin, and afterwards continued to be an ardent member of the Darwinian school. His work on "Origin of the Human Faculty," and his paper on "Physiological Selection, an Additional Suggestion on the Origin of Species," have given rise to animated discussion. Mr. Romanes was Fullerton professor of physiology in the Royal Institution of London, and Rosebery lecturer on natural history in the University of Edinburgh.

NANAIMO ELECTRIC ROAD.

The Proposition Submitted to the Council by the Promoters of the New Scheme—The MacLachlan Search.

NANAIMO, May 23.—W. Garrard and A. Potts returned last night from a week's search after the lost MacLachlan. They found no trace of him, though making most careful investigation of every conceivable landing place twixt Departure Bay and Laquetia Island.

At a special meeting of the City Council last evening, Messrs. J. H. Brownlee and W. C. Haywood, of Victoria, presented the proposition of the promoters of the Nanaimo electric tramway scheme. The proposition is in brief to build and equip a belt line in this city of a total length of three miles, giving a ten-minute service; also to build a continuous line to Wellington by way of Northfield, in length over six miles, with a half-hourly service—both lines to be equipped with the most modern appliances, and with engines and dynamos capable of supplying power for the city light works, as well as for contemplated light stations at Northfield and Wellington. The rates are to be, five fare 5 cents; Northfield, 20 cents; Wellington, 30 cents. Return and miners' commutation tickets to be issued at reduced rates. J. H. Brownlee further pointed out that the sale of power for light would be a constant and considerable source of income to the tramway company. He went into full details as to the cost of the road, which totalled about \$147,000, and explained that the Nanaimo ratepayers would be asked to guarantee 5 per cent. interest on \$150,000 for 25 years. Mr. Haywood then read the proposed guarantee by-law and the meeting adjourned for one week, when the matter will be again discussed, the aldermen having the advantage of seven days in which to think over the proposition.

The tramway scheme is favorably regarded by the majority of business men in town, who appear quite willing to put up with a little extra taxation, amounting to little more than 24 mills on the dollar for the benefits they believe they will obtain therefrom.

Mr. Brownlee has prepared a statement which he submitted at the meeting of the council to the effect that after the first six months the road will be a paying basis. As he remarked, the road is for the convenience of a population of close on 12,000 divided between Nanaimo, Northfield and Wellington.

STAMPED OUT. Newfoundlanders Regard the Bay de Verde Elections as a Crushing Blow to the White-Waiters.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 23.—The election in the Bay de Verde district yesterday resulted in the return of one candidate of each party. The poll was declared this evening as follows: Woods, 976; John Ayres, Government candidate, 840; Charles Huthings, White-Waiters, 831; Campbell McPherson, Government, 808; Woods and Ayres are the successful candidates. Woods is a brother of ex-Surveyor General Woods. On the whole the Government has achieved a great victory, having completely wiped out the majority of 440 by which the White-Waiters carried the district in the general election. Woods and McPherson being unelected and disqualified for corruption and bribery, the election yesterday was to choose men to fill their positions. The contest was the closest ever known in Newfoundland, the poll showing a difference of only sixty-eight between the highest and the lowest man in a total of 1,700. The White-Waiters vote increased 701 and the Government vote increased 211. One seat was captured from the White-Waiters. The Government would have won both seats but for the fact that the steamer Ingraham, carrying 200 voters belonging in the district, was unable to reach Bay de Verde in time on account of the rough weather. The public account of the rough weather is an indication that the outcome of the election was an indication that White-Waitism is stamped out for ever.

NEWS OF THE SEALERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—The American sealing schooner George Peabody, from San Francisco, has put into Yokohama. She reports having experienced rough weather. A tidal wave struck the vessel, washing two men overboard and carrying away two boats. The men were rescued. The Captain and twenty men of the American sealing schooner Henry Dennis, which recently sailed from Golden, via the Canal, from the Columbia lake to Kootenai river. It will there meet a steamer coming from Jennings, on the Great Northern, to Fort Steele, thus making through steam connection between Jennings and Golden, a distance of about 270 miles.

VERDICT AGAINST THE TRAMWAY COMPANY—\$6,000 Damages—Crowds Leaving for Victoria—Freshet on the Fraser.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 23.—(Special.) The jury in the case of Mrs. Carry Hargrave vs. the Westminster & Vancouver Tramway Co. for damages arising out of an accident to the tram on which she was riding, gave a verdict this afternoon in favor of the plaintiff for \$6,000. The claim was for \$10,000. The medical evidence showed that Mrs. Hargrave was probably the victim of a life from concussion of the brain.

Great crowds will leave the city by steamer to-morrow for Victoria for the celebration.

The water in the Fraser at Yale has risen 15 feet this week, and the freshet is coming down faster than ever to-day.

THE CRUISE "COLUMBIA."

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The official report of the inspection at sea of the U.S. Columbia shows that she is, comparatively speaking, the most economical vessel in the world. She has improved considerably since she ran within a fraction of 23 knots an hour the regular course off Cape Ann last November.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Chilliwack and Nicola Valley Railway—The Tariff Almost Completed.

McMullen "Nosing Out" a Scandal—Royal Society—Adjournment Over Queen's Birthday.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 22.—All the British Columbia members interviewed Sir John Thompson and Hon. Messrs. Daly and Haggart this evening, and strongly pressed the claims of the Chilliwack and Nicola Valley railway for a federal subsidy.

Sir John Thompson gave notice of motion this afternoon to appoint a judge for the Kootenay district, but to-night withdrew it, and I hear that the judge of Yale will continue to cover Kootenay.

The House decided to adjourn to-morrow until Monday.

Sir John Thompson promised Mr. Mulock that his bill respecting freight rates on cattle would get a fair show this session.

Hon. Mr. Foster announced that the tariff had been completed with the exception of two or three items. No more changes of moment would be made.

The House was in committee of supply to-night. For the first time this session good progress was made.

Mr. McMullen wanted to know why a nine foot square electric mat had been purchased for the Assistant Receiver General's office at Victoria. He thought it was a luxury the office ought to have paid for if it was his.

Hon. Mr. Foster said he did not know what it was for, unless as a burglar alarm.

The Royal Society commenced their annual meeting here to-day. They had a large and representative gathering.

In the Curran bridge investigation two Montreal engineers were examined.

OTTAWA, May 23.—Mr. McMullen made a gross attack on the High Commissioner to-day. He called him a political Belshazzar.

Hon. Mr. Haggart announced to-day that the Intercolonial Railway returns to the end of June make a better showing than ever.

The Royal Society met again to-day, and important papers were read.

Mr. Campbell, lighthouse keeper at St. Pauls, has been dismissed for endeavoring to influence public sentiment against the government of the day.

The June drill camps have been postponed until autumn as the appropriations cannot be obtained in time.

Six government bills were introduced this afternoon, four relating to the Inland Revenue department and two to Sir John Thompson.

The Privileges and Elections committee was organized to-day and appointed Mr. Girouard chairman. The charges against Mr. Turcotte will be investigated next week.

EAST KOOTENAY AFFAIRS.

Hon. Col. James Baker, Provincial Secretary, returned to Victoria last evening, after a trip through his constituency of East Kootenay. To the Colonist he said:

"Politically everything is very satisfactory in my district. I had a meeting near Fort Steele which was very well attended, and those present expressed their entire satisfaction with provincial affairs in general. I found all along the line satisfaction with the actions of the Government. There was some talk of Mr. Neilson running as an Opposition candidate in East Kootenay, but it was not generally credited."

"At Golden a good deal of enterprise is being manifested, due principally to the contract for ties for the C.P.R. having been awarded. The prosperity of this town is principally due to the energy and business capacity of Mr. Carlin. At Fort Steele, several independent mines have been discovered, notably one up Wild Horse creek, showing a strong quartz lead containing free gold. Mr. Hog (engineer for the C.P.R.) has also discovered a rich argentine galena lead on the Moyes river near Cranbrook, that rivals the celebrated North Star mine, but consequence of the low price of silver these mines cannot at present be worked. Mr. Ho cannot at present mine called the Princess Mary, near Cranbrook, and he is doing considerable work upon it. In the North (in the Spallumcheen district) about 120 tons of very rich ore has been shipped from the Vermont creek mines. Altogether the mining prospects are remarkably good, but further progress must depend upon a rise in the price of silver. The crops in the district are looking exceedingly well, and are further advanced than the crops in the Westminster district. There has been a heavy fall of rain—a great boon for the farmers. Mr. Hanson, near Waseka, has increased his orchard, which is doing very well, and the epidemic apples in produced last season prove that the district is admirably fitted for fruit culture."

"At Fort Steele, Mr. Mather has erected a large new hotel, to meet the requirements of the public when railway construction commences. At present there is no news of railway building in the near future, and we cannot expect any rapid development of that part of the country until the railway is brought in, to develop its rich resources."

Capt. Armstrong, with his characteristic enterprise, is about to start a new steamer to run from Golden, via the Canal, from the Columbia lake to Kootenai river. It will there meet a steamer coming from Jennings, on the Great Northern, to Fort Steele, thus making through steam connection between Jennings and Golden, a distance of about 270 miles."

PENNSYLVANIA FLOODS.

At Least Three Millions Worth of Damage Done and Ten Thousand Homes Injured.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 23.—The losses here, as estimated by conservative men, are \$3,000,000. This includes \$1,500,000 on logs, \$25,000 on sawed lumber and the balance on property throughout the city.

Mayor Elliott has called a public meeting for to-morrow, to take action looking to the care of the homeless. Probably fifty houses along the river front were rendered uninhabitable, and the families are being cared for by the more fortunate. It is estimated that the homes of 10,000 people were invaded by the water, and are in such a damp condition as to make them undesirable. There is an ample supply of provisions and the city is not in want.

Do you wear impermeable and tight-fitting hats that restrict the blood vessels of the scalp. Use Hall's Hair Renewer occasionally, and you will not be bald.

CABLE NEWS.

Liberal Midland Federation to Wage War on Joe Chamberlain—Latest From Samoa.

McCarthy on the Vote on the Budget—French Politics—Terror in Servia.

LONDON, May 23.—Lord Rosebery arrived at Birmingham to-day, where he was enthusiastically received. It is understood that his advent means the creation of a new Midland Liberal federation which will wage war upon Joseph Chamberlain.

The Fall Mall Gazette publishes a letter alleged to have been written by a person enjoying intimate relations with several members of the cabinet, who says Lord Rosebery is unequal to the task of holding the cabinet together, owing to his fear of Sir William Harcourt. The writer says Lord Rosebery is trying to supplant him in the leadership of the House by Mr. Asquith.

The Government will be asked in the House whether it has reached a decision in regard to sending representatives to the international conference at Ottawa; also as to the results of Alexander Ross's Crofters' settlements in Canada, complaint having been made that they had been all treated by the agent of the Imperial colonization board.

Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone is suffering from a relapse of his recent cold.

A practical test of the bullet proof coat made by John Dowe was made at the Alhambra, London, to-day, before the Duke of Cambridge and others. The Duke declared it a complete success.

Sydney advices from Samoa up to May 17 are that King Mafaitoa gave the Aana rebels until May 19 to lay down their arms.

They refused he would attack them at Aana. Government troops are ready for action and the rebels seemed inclined to fight.

A reign of terror prevails in Belgrade and throughout Servia. Wholesale arrests are hourly made. Among those arrested are radical deputies accused of conspiring to put Prince Karageorgievitch on the throne.

John McCarthy, of the Irish National party, has issued a whip warning his followers that the vote on the budget may decide the fate of the government. It urges every member to be present.

French Socialist Deputy Auzet and an Anarchist had a free fight in the streets of Tarbes last night. The Anarchist was subsequently attacked by the crowd.

President Carnot and declined to withdraw his resignation. Deputy, president of the chamber of deputies, will consult M. Carnot this afternoon. All the papers agree that M. Perier rode for a fall. Le Masin says it will not be the last Socialist victory.

The Socialist and Radical press says M. Perier refused to avoid an inevitable fall. Le Masin publishes an interview in which M. Perier declares that when a ministry lost its authority with the chamber it ought to resign.

Dean Vaughan has announced that he will resign the mastership of the Temple on July 1st.

The anti-slavery society of London has learned that the slave trade between West Africa and the islands of San Thome and Principe continues despite Portugal's pledge at the Brussels conference to end it. No Portuguese steamer leaves Benguela or Novo Redondo without a partial cargo of slaves for Lando or Sao Thome. In most cases the slaves are sold to owners of coffee plantations. The trade in young children is especially large.

A large can containing a gallon of petroleum and a quantity of powder and other explosives, bits of iron, nails, etc., with lighted fuses attached has been found under the main entrance to the house of Abbe Garnier, editor of Le Peuple Francaise, of Paris.

Advices from Belgrade say that M. Pasic, the Radical leader, who was recently implicated in a plot to place Prince Kara-georgievitch on the Serbian throne, is expected to return to Belgrade at the end of the week to support the Radicals in opposition to the new order of things.

Margaret Lacey, the promoter of child emigration to Canada, died in Liverpool to-day in her 43rd year. She has been ailing for six months.

The details of the English Syndicate contract for the Italian alcohol monopoly are known. The syndicate has 50,000,000 lire capital and will pay the government 40,000,000 lire annually. Ten million lire will be deposited and bonds representing 60,000,000 lire will be ultimately taken up by the syndicate as guarantee.

English underwriters offer 70 per cent. for re-insurance of the British ship Senegal, which left San Diego in ballast for Tacoma on March 15 and has not since been heard of.

Two thousand coal porters who struck on Saturday at Port Said for higher wages rioted in the streets and fought the police. Some 25 strikers and several policemen were injured. All the workmen are greatly excited and the whole police force has been ordered out to patrol the streets.

The East Prussian Conservative union executive committee voted for the Russo-German commercial treaty in the Reichstag. In moving his expulsiion an officer of the Reichstag declared amid cheers that the Emperor's approval of Doenhoff's action in nowise bound the Conservative party, whose attitude was quite independent. In the past, he added, the party's independence in matters of principle had proved the salvation of the German empire and it was likely to be such again.

Letters from St. Petersburg say that the plan to hold manoeuvres around Smolensk next fall has been abandoned, owing to a discovery of documents which point to a plot to kill the Czar during his proposed visit to the town.

The Italian chamber of deputies yesterday began the debate on Baron Sonnino's financial proposition. The item concerning the reduction of interest on government bonds is strongly opposed. Ninety-one ministers will make speeches on the finance bill that the government has decided to abolish the three courts of Cassation, twenty courts of appeal, fifty minor tribunals and about 200 prefectures. This step will be taken for the sake of economy. The chamber approved the army estimates by a vote of 229 to 89.

The linguistic blue ribbon of the British army seems to have passed to Major Percy Massey, of the Carbiners. Before going on the staff of the college he qualified for a military interpreter in Russian and French, and qualified after a good examination in German, as well as Hindustani, a higher standard. At the recent language examination he passed as an interpreter in Turkish, with by far the highest marks ever given.

He is now engaged in the study of Arabic, Italian and French.

A dispatch from Simla says the currency

association has sent a memorial against foreign council bills upon the market in exactly the same way as the slack export season. The signers say the action of the government's deleterious exchange, and is causing a panic and paralyzing trade. Professor James Bryce has been appointed President of the British Board of Trade, in succession to Rt. Hon. A. J. Mundella who resigned a few days ago. Baron Tweedmouth succeeds Prof. Bryce as chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

The volcano on the island of Stromboli, Italy, is showing great activity. The eruption is increasing in violence and there are frequent earthquakes. The people living on the island have left their houses in terror. The government has sent two vessels to the island to relieve the inhabitants in case of need.

Truth, in an article endorsing the Lanoe's views on the Manchester ship canal, makes an unmeasured onslaught upon the work. "The canal," it says, "is little better than an open sewer. The water is in a filthy condition, receiving as it does the sewage of the city and a number of towns, thus endangering the lives of thousands employed in the vicinity. Owing to the filthy state of the canal the Queen's contemplated voyage had to be abandoned."

LONDON, May 23.—One of the doctors who examined the body of Anarchist Henri who was guillotined Monday morning, expressed the opinion that he died of syncope, due to intense excitement, before the knife was released. Henri's body will be cremated by the authorities to prevent a repetition of the Anarchist manifestations when Vallant was buried.

Codina, Cerezo, Sogas, Barnat, Villarubia and Mir, Anarchists, were executed at Barcelona on Monday morning outside the citadel of Mont Juoh. Sogas and Cerezo, who were the prayers of the priests, and their Anarchist friends were placed in line with their faces to the wall of the citadel. At the first volley from the troops only four of the convicts fell dead. A second volley was necessary to kill Sogas and Codina.

The German federation council has not yet taken the bill to repeal the anti-Jesuit law, although the Reichstag sent up the measure weeks ago. This delay has caused increasing anxiety in certain circles, and the federal government have been flooded with inquiries as to the significance of the council's hesitation.

Notice has been given that the government is to be questioned regarding amendments to the customs act with a view to enabling the colonies to conclude preferential trade arrangements with one another.

The Cologne Zeitung says that never before have the Berlin and Frankfurt bourses experienced such a stagnation of trade. In Frankfurt the total transactions of one day last week covered only 200 shares. The new bourse taxes have increased the depression, as the parties to contracts have failed to make any general agreement as to how the taxes shall be shared, and therefore have hampered by the necessity of special provisions for every bargain.

There was considerable uproar in the French Deputies to-day over socialist Deputy Guilede's demand for urgency on the part of the Chamber of Deputies, which was finally referred to the ordinary labor committee. Premier Perier then demanded the order of the day, pure and simple, which was rejected by 265 to 225. All the cabinet withdrew, and it is reported they have resigned.

The Graphic says that an operation will be performed on Mr. Gladstone's eyes within the next ten days. Mr. Gladstone will remain in town while recovering from the operation.

It is said that Prince Krapotkin, the celebrated nihilist, returned to Russia in disguise some time ago and was arrested some three weeks since.

Round Yates' body will be cremated at Woking cemetery on May 24.

The Queen has knighted Mr. George Williams, president of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Williams was the chief mover in the formation of the association and the honor is conferred upon him in connection with the Association's jubilee.

HUDDART'S SCHEMES.

LONDON, May 22.—Specifications for the ships for the New England and Canada mail service have been completed and will be sent to the following ship building firms: The Armstrong Company of Newcastle, the Fairfield Company of Glasgow, the Naval Construction Company of Barrow; Swan & Hunter of Newcastle, and J. & G. Thompson of Glasgow. The specifications are for five large steamers, four for the Atlantic and one for the Pacific service. Probably three more will be added to the Pacific line, making possible a fortnightly service, if the warlike conference recommends that Australia subsidize the Canadian-Australian company and the recommendations are carried out. The dimensions of the Atlantic vessels are: Length, 572 feet; breadth, 62 feet; depth, moulded, 42 feet; load draught, 30 feet. The vessels will be two feet deeper than the Campania, but will carry 900 tons less coal than the Campania, owing to the shorter voyage. Each vessel will have accommodations for 300 saloon passengers, 200 cabin and 1,000 steerage passengers. The engines will be of 21,000 horse-power, and the speed in ordinary weather will be 20 knots.

James R. Huddart, of the Canadian Pacific mail route to Australia, and party have been on a cruise from Milford Haven under the auspices of the Great Western railway, the Pembroke dock board and the local chamber of commerce. After a short trip seaward the party inspected the approaches to the docks and the docks themselves. Mr. Huddart did not give any opinion of the harbor as a docking place for steamship lines.

SANDOW AND THE LION.

Every Precaution Taken to Give the Man Ninety-nine Chances to the Brute's One.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—Over 3,000 people assembled at Central park last night to see the much talked of wrestling match between Sandow, the perfect man, and Col. Daniel E. Boone's tame Lion Commodore.

Commodore was muzzled, his paws were encased in big boxing gloves, and he was so handicapped that free action was almost impossible. When Sandow entered the iron cage the lion was lying on all fours, and no amount of teasing could get him to stand or lose his temper. Sandow lifted him from the ground and swung him around and around, but it was of no avail. After ten minutes of this farce the match was given to Sandow. Boone was in the cage all the time with a pistol in each hand.

WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

Government to Be Pressed to Pass the Bill This Session or Next.

LONDON, May 23.—The South Wales Liberal Federation has resolved to ask the Government to pledge themselves to pass the Welsh disestablishment bill either this session or the next. An amendment expressing dissatisfaction with the Government was rejected.

RIOTOUS MINERS.

Strikers in Illinois Grievously Maltreated Men Who Are Disposed to Work.

Great Excitement Prevails and Further Trouble Is Seriously Anticipated.

LA SALLE, Ill., May 23.—Great excitement prevails at La Salle to-night over the action of the striking miners, who are taking the law in their own hands and destroying the property of the mine owners and attacking the Company's men who are employed in keeping the mines open. After the riot on Tuesday evening, in which some eight men, mostly miners, were badly used up, John Brogan it is feared fatally, Sheriff Taylor and a posse of fifty deputies took possession of the mines, and have kept the strikers at bay. This afternoon word was passed among the strikers that the La Salle coal and carbon shaft was furnishing coal to the Illinois Central railroad, and in half an hour a motley mob of 500 Italians, Poles and Hungarians gathered at the shaft and emptied the chutes down on the railway track. Sheriff Taylor attempted to stop the proceedings, and was attacked by them, and a hand to hand fight took place in which it was feared for a few minutes that the sheriff and his deputies would be badly injured, but the La Salle police rescued them before greater injury than a good pounding was inflicted. The crowd was so compact that to use revolvers or clubs was out of the question and further trouble is expected.

BRADYVILLE, Pa., May 23.—This town was surrounded by 200 striking coal miners yesterday morning and only 30 non-union miners were allowed to work. The mob shot into a house where non-union men had taken refuge. It is not known if any were injured or not, as the mob has surrounded the house and will not allow the imprisoned men to come out. Fully 2,000 strikers have surrounded the town. Supt. F. Saxman, of the Derry plant, arrived this afternoon with twenty deputies, but if any attempt is made to operate the plant trouble will result, as the strikers are armed and declare that they will not allow the non-union men to enter the mines.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the Colonist.)

LONDON, May 21.—Mr. W. R. Meredith arrived on Friday night, and was received by the mayor and officers of the Conservative association and hundreds of Conservatives. He was escorted by a torchlight procession and several bands to his brother's residence, where he addressed the crowd. The East Middlesex Liberals have nominated R. W. Jackson for the Legislature.

QUELPH, May 21.—William Ross, a wood dealer of this city, who claimed to have been gagged and robbed of \$800 and beaten senseless by three masked highwaymen, who afterwards threw him into a swamp, has confessed that he had concocted the story of the affair himself as a means of covering up his losses of money in business transactions.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 22.—The excitement at Bay de Verde is intense. Persistent attempts are being made to arouse sectarianism and it is feared that the election will not conclude without further disturbances. Polling takes place to-morrow and ten additional police officers have been sent there from this city to preserve the peace. To-day the legislature was again prorogued until May 30. This is designed to give the government time to decide upon its course consequent on the results of the election.

HAMILTON, May 23.—Owing to the scarcity of coal, as a result of which the Grand Tr