INTELLIGENCE.

...essen Returns With a ... News From Toad ... Mountain.

...were never looking ...Kootenay country than ... Mr. William Jensen, ...urned from that rich ...pot up by Bonner's ferry ...amer of the season, and ...proat's Landing to Nel...son. The weather is ...autiful and the snow is ...the ground. Every...he one conclusion—that ...on will be a notable one ...history of the Toad ...

...t mines that Mr. Jen...ng the trip was the ...

...UE BELL,

...g up better than ever. ...now in 600 feet, ...ctors of the claim ...erection of a smelter ...Work at the Blue Bell ...l winter, though the ...h feet in depth around ...

...rings camp, three miles ...ll on the shore of Koote...the Sky Line operations ...prosecuted during the ...w locations are being ...new discoveries made ...untain, at the back and ...Blue Bell, in all of ...ctors have strong con...

...VER KING

...n feet of snow still re...that the mine has been ...r and is now showing ...Several fine specimens ...ere brought down by ...are now attracting the ...ning men here.

...POOR MAN,

...Son, proprietors, on ...also showing up well. ...stamp mill has been ...50 yards of the mine, ...into service on the 10th ...bout 1,600 tons of ore ...dy for crushing, and ...s are expected. The ...or Man have a well de...the quality of the rock

...prospected and located ...uchmen last fall, be...d 49 Mile Creek, a ...run in 75 feet, on a ...actly similar to the ...carries considerable ...d sulphurides.

...HE NEOSHO,

...amp, the season's work ...with good indications ...nel has been started, ...ed as soon as the wea...and the ground con...wire and ruby silver. ...in the breasts of the ...s, who are confident ...ain is destined to be a ...The interest in the ...e growing, and West ...position has been received here, and ...they say that if a like feeling is manifested at the other points, the line will be begun immediately.

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...'S TROUBLES.

...hooner Allie I. Alger...ed at Port Townsend ...morning from a cruise ...and reported a mutiny ...

...been out about three ...een cruising along the ...Cape. About ten days ...Neah Bay for water, ...f the crew of twenty-...any further work and ...shore. As it would ...the return of the ...Townsend, Capt. Min...much trouble and ex...ved the Alger's owner ...be induced to resume ...ed them up and kept ...and water diet, but this ...l effect, and as it was ...n the boats without the ...r decided to return to ...ing, the men were al...shore, as to proceed ...ld cost much time and ...

...ught back 185 skins, ...een a very bad season, ...scarce, the catch made ...he men worked on per...f evidently were dis...e money they were ...ver, Captain Minor ...em $30 per month if ...n, and as they refused ...as their act is a direct ...s to the owner of the ...$1,500, and may be ...the opening of the ...orth, and the Alger ...the ground. A new ...obtained, however, and ...sailed yesterday.

...nple on Baby

...d. Bad with Eczema. ...Scalp covered with ...red by Cuticura. Hair ...not a pimple on him.

...y Guticura

...ough in praise of the ...es. My boy, when one ...o bad with eczema that .... His scalp was covered ...ich the doctors said was ...t his hair would never ...hiring of a cure from ...the use of the CUTICURA ...am happy to say, with ...cess. His hair is now ...s not a pimple on him. ...CUTICURA REMEDIES to ...st speedy, economical, ...skin diseases of infants ...feel that every mother ...d child will thank me

...DSUM, Norway, Me.

...Eight Years.

...you the thanks of one ...who has been cured by ...A REMEDIES, of an old ...ong spell of sickness or ...e. He was so bad he ...ld have to have his leg ...happy to say he is now ...ll as a dollar. He re...s name, which is H. H. ...JOHN V. MINOR, ...st, Gainesboro, Tenn.

...elling your CUTICURA ...s, and have the first ...ance from a purchaser. ...sses of scrofula I ever ...seen.

...LOR, Frankfort, Kan.

...Resolvent

...and Skin Purifier and ...Humor Remedies. Inter...A, the Great Skin Cure. ...AP, an exquisite Skin ...ally, speedily, perma...nically, cure every dis...of the skin scalp, and ...hair, whether itching, ...mply, scrofulous, or ...ll other remedies fail. ...Price, CUTICURA, 75c.; ...ENT, $1.50. Prepared by ...AND CHEMICAL CORPO...

...to Cure Skin Diseases," ...ns, and 100 testimonials.

...and Scalp preserved and ...ified by CUTICURA SOAP.

...Y MUSCLE ACHES. ...ches, Dull Pains, Strains ...kness relieved in one ...by the Cuticura Anti-...Plaster. The first and ...tananeous pain-killing ...ter. 30 cents. w-s

From THE DAILY COLONIST, May 8.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Nanaimo's Loan By-Law.

The $50,000 loan by-law for street improvement, which was submitted to the ratepayers of Nanaimo for assent, yesterday, was carried by a majority of 104.

Captain Jacobs Released.

At the adjourned hearing, in camera, of the case of Capt. Jacobs, yesterday, before Mr. Justice Drake, nothing new was elicited, and an order was made for his release in seven days after date.

The Schome Broke Down.

The North Pacific arrived last evening, having made a special trip from Tacoma to Blaine on Saturday. This was in consequence of the Schome having been incapacitated by a broken shaft, and being obliged to stay over at Tacoma for repairs.

The Kootenay & Columbia Railway.

The contract for the construction of the west half of this line, some 16 miles, has been awarded to Mr. D. McGillivray, the well-known contractor of this city. It is rumored that the other half will be awarded to Mr. H. F. Keefer. The bridge and timber work has been awarded to Genelle & Campbell, of Topping's Siding.—Vancouver World.

He's All Right.

The report current last week that Capt. T. D. Shorts, of Vernon, had been drowned, happily turns out to be unfounded. The captain is busily engaged getting his new steamer ready. It will run from the proposed terminus of the Shuswap & Okanagan Railway on Okanagan Lake to Penticton, connecting with the fertile ranching districts of Osoyoos and Spallumcheen and the Rock Creek mines.—Vancouver World.

At a Ripe Old Age.

Mr. Gabriel Sangre took a trip to Cobble Hill on Saturday, and shortly after leaving the train was found dead in the woods. It was proved that death was quite natural. Mr. Sangre, who was 78 years of age, was a very old and well-known trapper on this island where he has lived since the early 40's, when he was in the Hudson Bay Co.'s service. He leaves a wife and large family.

Having a Great Time on Shore.

One of the watches of H.M.S. Acorn, numbering eighty, came on shore for a holiday till Wednesday. She leaves this day week for Honolulu, where she will stay for about a month and then make for home, calling at the various southern ports on the way and reaching home about Christmas time. She will be replaced by H. M. S. Basilisk.

The Amphion goes to join the Mediterranean squadron when she leaves the dock.

A Satisfactory Reception.

Lyman Dwight and Frank Jaynes, whose mission to Victoria in connection with the proposed additional telegraph lines has already been spoken of in these columns, leave for Nanaimo to-day where they will ascertain the feeling of the people there, afterwards going to Vancouver and New Westminster for a similar purpose. They are both gratified with the manner in which the proposition has been received here, and they say that if a like feeling is manifested at the other points, the line will be begun immediately.

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Full of Years and Honor.

In the death of Mr. Donald McKenzie, Esquimalt district has been called upon to mourn the loss of one of its best citizens. He expired on Sunday morning after a somewhat protracted and painful illness, and will be interred this morning in Ross Bay cemetery. Blest with having filled nearly the allotted span of life, he also leaves behind a numerous family of children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren. Mr. McKenzie, a Scotchman by birth, was one of the early farmers of Canada, and was ever an industrious and enterprising citizen. He leaves also a widow, to whom he had been marrried nearly half a century.

Victoria West.

The Young People's Association of the Pandora Street Methodist Church, gave a very enjoyable entertainment in the new Methodist Church, Victoria West, last evening, when the following programme was rendered: Selection by Y. M. C. A. orchestra; reading, Miss Tite; vocal solo, Miss Durham; selection by Parfitt Bros.; violin solo, Mr. Fraser; piano solo, Miss Cusack; vocal solo, Miss Luney; reading, Miss Ada Mallett; selection, Y. M. C. A. orchestra; vocal solo, Miss Lewis; piano solo, Mrs. Critchley; recitation, Mrs. Baker. God Save the Queen.

The affair was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Look out for the next.

Seattle's Population.

The population of Seattle, by final report of fourteen enumerators, is 43,376. The district enumerated includes only the city proper and does not include Salmon Bay, Ballard, Smith's Cove, Green Lake, East Seattle, West Seattle, South Seattle, a portion of North Seattle, nor the three considerable towns of Fremont, Edgewater, Fremont and Latona on northern border of Lake Union. These several districts, which properly belong to the metropolitan district of Seattle, and which it is proposed to include within municipal limits, contains an aggregate population certainly not short of 9,000. This added to the total would make the population of the city 52,376.

Contributors to Provincial Museum.

Following are the contributors to the Provincial Museum for April:

Victoria—Mrs. D. Harte, Mrs. Glyde, Miss Nellie Newcomb, Mrs. Jay, Mrs. McTavish, Capt. Rudlin, John Switzer, J. Knight, Wm. G. Henly, W. T. McGrath, Master Bertie Vernon, Dr. Milne, Andrew Glyde, A. H. Maynard, R. Maynard, Dr. Hasell, Ashdown Green, Capt. Irving, Geo. Deans, Capt. Moffatt, Dr. McCandlish, Natural History Society of B. C., H. H. Wootton, Max Katzaner, agent for J. & A. Boscowitz.

Clinton—Ervin Edwin Bell.

Parson's Bridge—Mr. Weir.

Shawnigan—R. B. Holhead.

Plumper's Pass—T. Collonson.

Ashcroft—Hon. C. F. Cornwall.

New Westminster—Wm. H. Vianen.

Mayne Island—Isaac Tod.

Vestry Meeting.

An adjourned vestry meeting was held in the Episcopal church, Kamloops, on Thursday evening last, there being present Revs. Sheldrick, Schofield and Wright, and Messrs. Marpole and Grahame, wardens; Spinks and Lawrence, sidesmen; and Messrs. S. J. Tunstull, McCartney, Nash, Power, Drury, Dockerill, Martin, Rudd, Fulton, McGregor and Fortune. Messrs. Marpole and Grahame were re-appointed wardens; Messrs. Spinks and Lawrence, sidesmen, re-appointed; Mr. Griffith, Donald; Mr. Spinks, Kamloops; Dr. Bently, Vancouver, were appointed lay delegates to synod.

The necessity of procuring a third clergyman for the district was freely discussed, and, on motion, the secretary was instructed to communicate with his lordship the bishop of the diocese, requesting him to appeal for an additional grant from the S. P. G., on account of the great extent of the district.

The meeting then adjourned.—Inland Sentinel.

F. of Home.

The ladies' committee thankfully acknowledge the following donations in April: Milk, Mr. Roger, Mr. Jack (both daily); bread, Mrs. Oliver; cakes, jellies and sundries, the Married Ladies' club; eggs (weekly) Mr. J. J. Bussell; side of veal, jam and milk, Mr. J. J. Bussell; clothing, Mrs. James Dunsmuir, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. Musgrave; early vegetables, Mr. Andean.

The Dominion Express Co.

Goodwin Ford, superintendent of the Dominion Express Co. from Winnipeg to the coast, arrived down on Sunday night. He reports a very large increase in the business from this end of the line. Vancouver shows a considerable increase, Victoria about 30 per cent., while New Westminster business has increased over one hundred per cent. This is principally owing to the large shipments of fresh salmon from the Fraser to New York and other eastern markets. The spring salmon are a very fine fish and much earlier than the Sagueney salmon, and thus have control of the eastern markets. Mr. Ford is satisfied that a very large express business will be transacted with the coast this year.

The SS. Batavia.

The China steamship Batavia, which reached Vancouver at 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, brought 1,950 tons freight, including 484 bales of silk.

The following was her list of passengers:

From Hong Kong: Mrs. Germain and two children, Mr. D. Tod, Mr. J. Murchie, Mr. Goercke, Mr. Chin Cheang Quie, and 96 Chinese steerage.

From Shanghai: Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. P. T. Smith.

From Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Churton, Mr. J. H. Dawner, Mr. W. Blair, Mr. O. W. Willits, Rev. C. F. Cocking, wife and two children, Mr. J. H. De Forest and son, Capt. J. H. Pyne, Mr. S. Akusawa, Mr. T. Arai, Mr. E. B. Lees, Mr. N. W. Halcomb, Mr. T. William and 43 Japanese steerage.

New Steamer Route.

The following circular has been issued by the C.P.N. Co.:

TO OUR PATRONS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

The management of this company takes pleasure in announcing to its friends generally and to all the sawmill companies in the province, that it will place the steamer Rainbow permanently on the route to all logging camps and all points on Gulf and Johnson Straits, leaving Victoria every week on Thursday morning, commencing with Thursday, May 8th. The places of call on this route briefly, are as follows:—

Leaving Victoria she proceeds to Burrard Inlet, calling at both of the sawmills, from Burrard Inlet she goes to Nanaimo, thence to Comox, from Comox to Texada Island (for whatever may be offered), from thence to all logging camps on Discovery Pass and Johnson Straits, through Nodales Channel and Cardero Channel, respectively, up to Bute Inlet, and returning by the same route to Victoria. Rates for freight and passage will be issued at once.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

To be Held in Vancouver this Month—Some Important Business to be Transacted.

The British Columbia Methodist Conference assembles at Vancouver on the third Wednesday in May. It is expected that among the propositions to be brought before it will be one to petition the General Conference to appoint a superintendent of Missions for British Columbia. There are those, however, who think that inasmuch as there would be practically nothing to superintend except the Indian work the chairman of the district, who has thus far satisfactorily performed the duties of the office, would be fully able to continue as such, there being no more efficient superintendent than he is.

At the conference will take place the first election of three delegates to the General Conference, which opens in the third week in September. Speculation is rife among the brethren as to who will be sent east upon this business. The General Conference will, it is expected, have before it a motion to confer upon the general superintendent something approaching to Episcopal powers, his prerogatives being so far, very limited.

At the British Columbia conference of 1887, a preamble and resolution was concurred in adverse to the practice of negotiating with ministers belonging to outside conferences, with a view to securing their services without due consideration being given to the convenience or comfort of ministers and their families now in the field, or to such an arrangement of the stations as would ensure the most efficient administration of conference work. The resolution arrived at expressed the opinion "That in so small a conference as ours the pursuance of the course above referred to cannot fail to cause serious embarrassment to the stationing committee, lessen the efficiency of our church as a whole, and disturb, to some extent, the present state of good feeling and mutual confidence so happily existing between ministers and people and among the various circuits and missions of our conference. We would remind our people that our churches are not independent congregations, but a connexion, and that the principle of the itinerancy can be given its highest efficiency only when both people and pastors loyally surrender into the hands of the stationing committee, elected by the joint vote of laity and ministers, their right to choose—on the one hand what pastors they shall have, and on the other what congregation they shall serve."

In view of this resolution it is feared that there may be some trouble with respect to the proposed transfer of Rev. Mr. Maitland to Vancouver.

HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY.

Meeting of the Regatta Committee—The Programme Adopted.

Last night a meeting of the Regatta committee of the Queen's Birthday celebration was held in the city hall, Mr. R. Broderick presiding, when the following programme was adopted:

1. Naval ten-oared cutter race, two miles. Prize, $45.
2. Four-oared (amateur) inrigged boats, open to navy and civilians, in boats 22 feet and under, two miles. Prize, silver cup or medals of the value of $25.
3. Professional single outrigger skiffs, 18 feet and under. First prize, $30; 2d, $10.
4. Canoe race.
5. Professional shell race for the championship of British Columbia. Prizes, $30 and a cup, presented by R. C. Davis of the Victoria Gardens; 2d, $15.
6. Professional four-oared race, boats 22 feet and under, two miles. First prize, $50; 2d, $20.
7. Amateur championship of British Columbia in single outrigger skiffs, 18 feet and under. Prize, cup presented by Crane, McGregor & Boggs.
8. Naval ten-oared cutter race, two miles. Prize, $45.
9. Canoe race for Indians, canoes 30 feet keel measure, eleven paddles. First prize, $4 a paddle; 2d, $3. Two miles.
10. Four-oared (amateur) race in boats, 22 feet and under. Prize cup presented by Donaldson Bros., of the value of $40.
11. Klootchmen race, short course, seven paddles. 1st prize, $3 per paddle; 2d, $1.
12. Dingy race for civilians. 1st prize, $10; 2d, $5.
13. Peterboro, Rock Bay and birchbark canoes; not more than two paddles in each. Prize medals value $15; 2d, medals $7.50.
14. Double outrigger skiffs, 30 feet and under, two miles. 1st prize, $20; 2d, $10.
15. Swimming race. Prize $10.
16. Greasy pole. Prize $10.
17. Sailing race, boats under six tons; course same as last year. 1st prize, $50; 2d, $25.

The judges and starters were appointed for the regatta and sailing races, and other arrangements were completed.

Rules were also adopted defining the status of amateurs.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, May 7.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Our American Residents.

The names of all American citizens resident in the province are shortly to be registered in a record kept for the purpose at the U. S. Consulate. This is rendered obligatory by an existing statute, which has, however, been a dead letter formerly. The object is to protect the rights to property of non-resident Americans or their children.

The Late Mr. Donald McKenzie.

The funeral of the late Mr. Donald McKenzie took place from Mill Mountain ranch yesterday, with a very large attendance. A service was held at the house before the formation of the procession to the grave. The pall bearers were Messrs. W. McDowell, D. McArthur, D. McDonald, R. Bray, R. McCallum, F. O'Niel.

Not Settled Yet.

The verdict given on Monday in the Baxter-Jacobs case does not settle the matter in dispute by any means, but only opens the door to further legal action. The order of dismissal from imprisonment was made returnable in six days, during which appeal might be made. An appeal is to be taken at once, and the case will be thoroughly re-opened. The attorney-general appeals the judgment on behalf of Baxter, and his appeal is opposed by Mr. Belyea and Mr. Helmcken.

C. P. R. Bonds.

The Canadian Pacific proposes to issue $20,000,000 four per cent. bonds on the Duluth, South Shore, Atlantic and Marquette, Houghton and Ontanogon roads, and guarantee the bonds. It will retire all Marquette, Houghton and Ontanogon bonds and stock, leaving only the Duluth and South Shore Atlantic fives ahead of the fours. It will use the additional money in betterment and some new mileage in the way of spurs. The $1,500,000 Marquette, Houghton and Ontanogon sixes of 1923 may be called in at 105, and $576,200 sixes of 1903 may be paid at par from the proceeds of land sales.

Medical Men Meet.

The Mainland members of the Medical Council of British Columbia, with the exception of Dr. Tunstall, of Kamloops, who cannot on this occasion be present, arrived in the city last night to be present at the meeting of the council, which will be held this afternoon and evening. The afternoon business will consist of the election of officers of the council and the examination of candidates to practice in the province, of which there are four. In the evening, other subjects of interest to the profession in this province will come up for consideration.

Political Gossip.

It is understood that at a meeting of the supporters of the government held on Monday evening, the following ticket was decided upon to be brought forward for Victoria City at the approaching Provincial elections: Hon. J. H. Turner, Simeon Duck, Capt. John Irving and Wm. Dalby. Should this be the ticket finally decided upon, it will no doubt prove a strong one, and one hard to defeat in any quarter.

Our evening contemporary has intimated that the premier is looking round for a new constituency, as he dare not show his face in his old district. Should Westminster be guilty of anything so foolish as to discard the premier, he will experience no difficulty in finding another seat.

In a Floating Coffin.

Officer Hunter, of the city police, made a startling discovery yesterday while rowing up the quiet waters of the Arm. When nearly opposite Sayward's saw mill a floating box attracted his attention. He rowed to it, and found that it was securely tied about with cords. This circumstance heightened his curiosity and he lost no time in placing the box upon a convenient boom of logs. He then proceeded to cut the bandages, and on lifting the cover of the box found that it contained the partially decomposed body of a very young infant. He hastily returned the cover to its place, and brought the body to the city, where it was taken in charge by the provincial officer within whose jurisdiction it was found. Coroner Morrison will probably hold an inquest upon the body to-day.

The Cowichans will Come.

Indian Officer Tom James returned on Monday from Cowichan, where on Sunday he met the chiefs and braves of the tribe in solemn conclave. He laid before them the desirability of their holding their grand tournament of sports in Victoria, where the Queen's son might be a spectator, rather than on the reserve. The proposition was favorably met and gravely discussed, and the assurance was finally given the ambassador from Victoria that the Siwashes would all come, with their sisters and their cousins and their aunts from all sections of the province. The braves anticipate a big time, as 2,000 Indians have promised to accept the invitation of the Cowichan chief to be present. While James was in Cowichan he was also informed that seven canoes from that tribe would enter for the race arranged by the regatta committee. The Indian tournament is to be held on the 24th.

Presbytery of Columbia.

A pro re nata meeting of the Presbytery was held in the Presbyterian church, Kamloops, on Wednesday afternoon, there being present Revs. J. Chisholm and G. Murray; representative elder D. C. McMorris.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the call to Rev. P. Campbell from the Kamloops congregation.

Rev. J. Chisholm was appointed moderator pro tem and Rev. G. Murray clerk pro tem.

Rev. G. Murray, moderator of session, reported the steps taken in moderation for a pastor, and the result of the meeting. The call, with the signatures of members and adherents, was presented, and the Presbytery sustained the action of Mr. Murray, and also sustained the call to Mr. Langill.

A pro re nata meeting of the Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's church, Victoria, on Thursday next, the 8th instant, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of considering a call from Nanaimo congregation to Rev. Mr. Kelloch, and arranging and issuing the same; for the appointment of substitute commissioners to the General Assembly; the withdrawal of Dr. Warren, and the supply of the Delta.—Inland Sentinel.

THE CHAIR CONTEST.

The following letters have been handed us for publication by the Rev. Mr. Jenns:

Rev. Percival Jenns, Rector of St. John's Church.

DEAR SIR,—It affords the Times Publishing and Printing Company great pleasure, to present to you the Turkish easy chair accorded you by the popular vote of its readers. Trusting that you may live long to enjoy this splendid testimonial of your many friends and admirers, we remain, very respectfully yours,

TIMES PRINTING AND PUBLISHING CO., (Ltd.), WM. TEMPLEMAN, Manager.

GENTLEMEN,—I receive with gratitude the magnificent and comfortable chair that has been procured for me through the love and exertions of my friends; and, as a token of that sympathy and affection that ought to exist between clergy and laity, I accept it, and with your permission and approval will donate it to the Royal Jubilee Hospital, with the hope that many a patient during the time of his convalescence will derive comfort from it. But I am far from taking to myself the flattering notion that I am one of the most popular of preachers, for, do I judge it a disfigurement that I should be, a man who humbly tries, amidst many failings, to do his duty in the service of his Master, must, like his Master, expect a very considerable share of unpopularity, and may well expect that many readers of The Times would be more likely to cry "away with such a fellow," than "let us present him with a luxuriant chair!" Nor do I think that the proprietors of the said newspaper have shown that modesty, which we have a right to expect in high-class journalism, in pitting the clergy of the city to run one against the other for the popular vote, as on the twenty-fourth inst. they will probably do with the horses round Beacon Hill Park.—I am, gentlemen, faithfully yours, PERCIVAL JENNS.

Victoria, B.C., May 5th, 1890.

THE RELENTLESS SKEENA

Claims a Victim in the Flower of Youth—Sad Death of Robert Stapleton.

The scriptural phrase, "in the midst of life we are in death," is painfully proven every day; the last sad testimony being the unexpected death by drowning of Mr. Robert Stapleton at the Skeena, Sunday, week. He was on a visit, with his mother and sister, to Mrs. Carthew, and happening to stroll down to Carthew's wharf while waiting for the two ladies, he stepped on a plank overhanging the water, not, however, being able to see that the plank was a loose one. The result was that he was precipitated into the waters below, about ten or fifteen feet in depth. The unfortunate young fellow was unable to swim and he came up only once. Some Siwashes on the bank saw him and hunted round for him after he disappeared, but could find no traces. The alarm having been raised a man got a hook and happened to catch the body after the first trial, but only too late as he had already been under for about a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes. The body was sealed in a tin coffin, which again was enclosed in a wooden one, and was brought home by the deceased father, yesterday. Deceased was a general favorite and is much regretted.

The funeral takes place this afternoon from Mr. Hayward's establishment to Ross Bay cemetery.

REAL ESTATE.

The activity of the real estate market in Victoria has been one of the most remarkable features of the situation, and is partially accounted for by the fact that from 23 to 40 per cent. of the residents occupy their own houses, while, at the present time, there is scarcely a property to be rented save and except such as are in no way eligible. In consequence it is no wonder that prices have ruled high and are tending still higher, the only obstacle in the way of important and numerous transactions being the exaggerated opinions of some of those who have property to sell. There are several business houses which have thousands of dollars for investment; but for one reason or another the ideas of the money-owners are not met. The strength of the market is well illustrated by one case in which the recent purchaser of a property at $13,000 refused $20,000 for it three days later. Several capitalists from the other side, the Sound, it may be remarked, appear to have a greater fancy for Victoria than for such places as Seattle, Tacoma, and Port Angeles, where they regard the movement as less substantial and more speculative than it is with us. In order to make sure of their profits, or the annual return upon their outlay they have preferred to come to Victoria, and their keenness to take hold has had on immense influence in inspiriting owners. The prospects of the completion of the Canada Western has, moreover, been largely taken into account, and the advantages for an extensive building close to hand, have also had very great influence.

Property in the shape of building lots is everywhere wanted, the preference being displayed for James' Bay, the Esquimalt, and the Cadboro and Fowl Bay roads. There are many investors who, remembering the experience of capitalists who invested years ago in extensive properties at nominal figures, are anxious to buy ten, twenty and thirty acre lots on the outskirts, fully impressed with the conviction that there is an almost unlimited growth for Victoria. It is well to remember that this description of land is at present held at no means as high a price as like freehold similarly located as regards what are but little more than "paper towns" on the U S. coast. The men who are to-day selling are mainly those who, not long since, purchased for purposes of speculation, while the persistent and unreasonable, almost unreasoning, holders, only the men whose estates have grown upon their hands, in spite of their own apathy and neglect, from such an insufficient purchase price as 7c. to 10c. per acre, many years ago, to the handsome figures, at which offers are to-day made for them. The progress of the city has been solid and substantial, the people who have established themselves in and about it having been in the majority, possessed of some means. For this reason there is no such thing here as poverty and, in consequence, there has been a general disposition to obtain possession of real estate. It may be taken as a matter of certainty that there will yet be considerable increases in value, the opinion of persons well able to judge, being that within the next twelve or eighteen months an advance of 50 per cent. if not more, will have to be recorded. Because of the scarcity of houses not a few families have been compelled to board either in private houses or hotels. For the accommodation of such provision has to be made, but so far the early prospective supply is very far behind the demand.

It is believed that in one way or another not very far short of half a million dollars' worth of property has been disposed of within the last three months, the transactions of the month of April having been fairly well up to the average. It may be taken as beyond the peradventure of a doubt that there has been no inflation here, the demand having been perfectly legitimate and of such a character as must be met. There is a good feeling with respect to mainland property, particularly at New Westminster, which, though it may not boom, is making substantial advancement. Property on the Sound, although there has been much "wild cat" business, is reported as offering some great advantages, notably at Seattle, Port Townsend and Port Angeles, the former being greatly benefitted by the extension of the Northern Pacific railroad, while the latter is unquestionably destined to be one of the first cities on the Pacific. She is situated in the heart of a district that is rich not only in coal and iron, but has good agricultural surroundings, while her harbor when completed will be one of the best on the Pacific. With such admirable prospects before us it is astonishing to find that the "bears" should have had the audacity to raise their dolorous voices and to exhibit their insincere but melancholy countenances. There is not, and never has been, any reason for depression while everything points to a future to which the past has been but a circumstance.

A Seasonable Hint.

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TRADE AND COMMERCE.

Review of Monetary and Other Transactions

The Local Wholesale and Retail Trade in Meats, Groceries, Fruits, Hardware, Lumber, Coal, Etc.

FINANCIAL.

The demand for money for legitimate operations continues very fair, locally; but there is by no means as much pressure for advances on the part of speculators. Money is steady at 7@10, and sterling exchange 488@492.

Something like $1,430,000 will be distributed in bank dividends on June 2nd. About half the banks pay their dividends semi-annually, in June and December, and the remainder in March and September. The following dividends have recently been declared:

Bank	Dividend.	Value.
Montreal	5	$600,000
Ville Marie	3½	17,500
Merchants	3½	210,000
Ontario	3½	52,500
Toronto	5	100,000
Jacques Cartier	3½	17,500
Commerce	3½	210,000
Quebec	3½	87,500
Hamilton	4	40,000
Imperial	4	60,000
Standard	3½	35,000
		$1,430,000

The director of the U. S. Mint reckons the total product of silver in the United States in the year 1889 at $46,750,000 gold value, an increase of some $3,750,000 over 1888. He estimates the world's product in that year at $117,650,000, so that 40 per cent. of the whole world's yield came from the United States. A San Francisco contemporary says: "In sober truth, the world is short of both gold and silver. Commerce has outgrown the supply of both metals. There is not enough of either to satisfy the wants of the commercial countries in respect to a metallic currency. The world is now coining nearly $300,000,000 a year of the two metals and is only producing about $230,000,000."

The reduction of the U. S. national bank currency from $320,000,000 ten years ago to less than $240,000,000 to-day is, it is contended, leading to the birth of a number of schemes to supply the deficiency. The latest, the offspring of Senator Hiscock, of New York, proposes a new issue of legal tenders based on property. The bill authorizes the national banks to apply for and the general government to grant them an apparently unlimited amount of new national bank notes, which are to be a legal tender, on the deposit of State, railroad or municipal bonds, first mortgages on real estate, or warehouse receipts for pig-iron, cotton or wheat. Under the existing law the holder of United States may take them to Washington, and the government is required to pay him on demand national bank notes for 90 per cent. of their face value—such notes not being a legal tender, but being redeemable by the Treasury in legal tenders on demand. Under the Hiscock bill, State, railroad, and municipal bonds, real estate and merchandise are to be placed on the same footing as United States bonds and to serve as the basis of a legal tender currency.

The U. S. public debt statement shows the gross debt on April 30th, $1,595,842,297.41, and the net debt $1,015,520,770.28, a reduction of $7,636,901.72 since March 31st, and of $61,125,851.18 since June 30th last. Treasurer Houston's statement shows assets of $771,483,256.18 and liabilities of $653,310,166.98. The surplus is $35,930,622.91, exclusive of fractional coin. The receipts of the government during April were $34,017,041.40 and expenditures $29,907,923.74.

COMMERCIAL.

Drugs are generally high. New crop Jamaica ginger is coming in freely, but prices are sustained. Citric acid has been advanced 2 cents by the manufacturers. Cream of tartar and acid are in plentiful supply; but in only limited order. In all probability, however, the old prices will be maintained, as there is no special anxiety to sell, as we have before said. The retail price of camphor this spring is twice what it was in former years, because new uses have been found for it. Celuloid, which is coming into wide use, is composed of camphor and gun-cotton, a large quantity of gum being used in its manufacture. One of the constituent parts of smokeless powder is camphor, on which account the demand is enormous. The Japanese camphor forests are at present the only source from which camphor can be obtained in quantity, while the existing demand is so much greater than the available supply that there will soon be no camphor in the world if the makers of smokeless powder do not discover another substance to take its place.

Fish is in rather more limited supply, stocks being mainly confined to cod, salmon, halibut and oolachan, the latter being worth 10c and 12½c.

Drygoods have experienced a good sorting up trade in all lines of seasonable goods. Money has come in well, and values are sustained with a tendency to higher prices. Travelers report a satisfactory feeling in the country districts, which is the characteristic of sections outside the province.

In Hardware, the business of the season has been an improvement on that of last year, and the prospects are for increased prices all round, the consuming population of the province being largely on the increase. All through the Dominion, and the same may be said of the United States, there is a full movement in which builders' hardware takes a prominent place. The production of pig iron, both on this side and in Great Britain, continues very heavy.

The Grocery trade, as concerns distribution from this point, is a great improvement upon that of last season, the demand being of a general character, and purchasers are disposed to buy freely, while they are fairly well up with their payments. As a rule, prices continue steady. In New York and at other distributive centres, raw sugars are in good request, refiners having considered that the prices fully justified them in laying in stocks. Refined are also active and strong. Mr. Licht raised his estimate of the beet crop 40,000 tons, but the increase had little or no effect upon values. Since January 1 the receipts of beet sugar at New York have increased over 100,000 tons compared with the same period during 1889. Stock in all hands increased 8,871 tons, and is now almost the same as at this time last year, while consumption has increased nearly 50,000 tons on the first three months of 1890 as compared with last year. The total stock held in all the principal countries is put at 1,494,795 tons against 894,856, last year. In the east the position of canned vegetables is getting very close and the possibility is by no means remote of scarcity before the new supplies come in. San Francisco advices inform us that in what are considered the representative counties, despite the excessive rains which materially delayed seeding and damaged the cereal products, there will be an enormous yield of fruit of the very best quality. It is, however, worthy of note that several wheat counties have announced a decrease in acreage sown of from one-quarter to one-half. The yield of oranges, raisins and grapes is the largest on record, but peaches and almonds do not promise nearly as well. There is a good outlook for canning.

Meats of all kinds continue firm at unchanged prices, supplies being so far sufficient for all requirements. Home rendered lard is scarce, while lamb is not so plentiful as it is natural to expect. At western centres cattle have advanced 20@30 per cent., while hogs have undergone a decline of about 10 per cent.

Lumber is firm, and building materials generally are sought after, the local lumber mills having very considerable orders on hand.

Leather is dearer, and in consequence no diminution is to be expected in the values of boots and shoes or harness, which are firmly held.

In Ontario, German and Bohemian sugar beet seed has been successfully sown, and, if the expectations are realized, 7,000 acres will be cultivated next year, a quantity that would yield equal to the entire Canadian importation of raw sugar.

In the opinion of the San Francisco Alta, with free sugar in the United States, an enormous export trade in refined sugar can be built up, while the home market can be effectually held by the American refiners.

According to the Philadelphia Record, a corn-starch trust has been formed, capital $10,000,000, with nineteen factories in it. The trust owes its life to the duties on corn-starch and the ingredients of which it is composed. There is a duty of 2 cents a pound on imported starch. The McKinley bill increases the duties on dex-trine, burnt starch, gum substitutes or British gum, from 30 to 60 per cent.

It is announced that the Vanderbilts are likely to secure control of the Great Northern at the coming election and will extend the Puget Sound from Chicago, via Chicago, St. Paul, and Omaha; thence by the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern, on which the Great Northern has ninety days option to purchase. The Chicago and Northwestern will be extended to San Francisco, connections being made at St. Paul with the Great Northern by a line from Southern Idaho.

It is announced that well-known Western States capitalists, in conjunction with the Armours and other packers, intend to at once establish immense packing-houses in San Francisco. In their opinion butchering on the Pacific is still carried on in the primitive way, and it is easy to see the practicability of their scheme. A few millions of dollars have been secured, and they have resolved decided on a San Francisco plant, but also on smaller establishments in different sections, possibly one at least in the State of Washington.

The receipts of Lumber, etc., at the port of San Francisco during April were:

	1890.	1889.
Pine, feet	20,563,878	29,882,568
Redwood, feet	12,974,538	17,762,907
Shingles, No.	9,768,000	8,362,750
Railroad Ties, No.	97,294	39,478

The receipts of Lumber, etc., at San Francisco from January 1st to April 30th, compared with the corresponding time a year ago, are:

	1890.	1889.
Pine, feet	67,184,641	99,818,500
Redwood, feet	39,316,000	45,375,000
Shingles, No.	22,850,940	22,754,500