From THE DAILY COLONIST, Aug. 7.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Charged With Desertion.

Capt. Smythe, of the bark Serica, and Officer Campbell of Esquimalt, arrested five of the Serica's crew, yesterday, charged with deserting and refusing duty. The case will be investigated this morning before E. Baynes Reed, J. P.

Fairhaven Excursionists.

On Saturday next the steamer Yosemite will bring the members and friends of Hesperus Commandery, K. P., of Fairhaven, on an excursion to this city; and on the 29th the Victoria Knights of Pythias will return the compliment by paying a visit to Fairhaven.

Turkish Bath Company.

At a general meeting of the Turkish Bath company, held, yesterday afternoon, at the office of Mr. T. C. Sorby, the report of the provisional directors was presented and adopted, and the following directors appointed: Messrs. Henry Croft, Dr. Hasell, T. C. Sorby, G. C. Mesher and C. F. Jones.

Police Court.

Things were a little more brisk than usual in yesterday's police court. The programme was opened with David Irving's case, which was dismissed, as the evidence taken in it was so conflicting. A vagrant named John Gleisy was fined $25, after which two drunks were disposed of, and an assault case was dismissed.

Appointments.

The British Columbia Gazette announces the appointment of Edward L. Kirkland as Assessor and Collector under the "Assessment Act," for the Westminster, New Westminster city and Vancouver city electoral districts, and Collector of Provincial Revenue, under the "Revenue Tax Act," for the Westminster electoral district; and William L. Fagan to be Assistant Assessor and Collector and Assistant Collector of Provincial Revenue for same districts.

Rich Lava Specimens.

One of the most unique and interesting specimens that has ever been brought to this city is a piece of lava that is now in the possession of Mr. Andrew H. Glide. It was found in Alaska in the crater of a living volcano by Mr. W. Moore and carries a variety of mineral. In the chunk can be clearly distinguished by the practical eye traces of gold, silver, iron, copper and sulphur. The specimen is a curio worthy of a place in some historical society.

Prominent Railroader.

Erastus Corning, of Albany, N. Y., with his family, made the Alaskan trip, and stopped over in Victoria last evening. Mr. Corning is one of the most prominent and wealthiest men in the Empire State, and is a large owner and director of the New York Central railway. Mr. Corning was very enthusiastic over his trip to Alaska and was equally pleased with his experience in Victoria. He was of the opinion that he had never visited a prettier city. Mr. Corning and family leave this morning for the Sound and the East.

They Had a Ride.

Guests of the Driard, who were waiting, last evening, for the arrival of the Queen, in order to make the Alaskan trip, were hustled into the big 'bus, "Young America," and, with their baggage, were taken to the outer wharf to board the excursion steamer. On arrival at the wharf, it was found to be a false alarm. The Queen was not there, and the disgusted tourists were, with their baggage, conveyed back to the hotel. Some better arrangements should be made for the convenience of the public with regard to the arrival and departure of the Alaska boats.

Loyal Waverley Lodge, M U,

At the usual fortnightly meeting, held last evening, the introduction of the new D. D. G. M, Bro. S. J. Wave, P. G. M., took place, and he in a few words gave an interesting account of the work of the order, both in Canada and England, and stated the order wrs never in a more flourishing and prosperous condition than at the present day. Bro. Wave, who is an Oddfellow of some fifty years standing, is certainly an acquisition to the order in British Columbia. Bro. Past N. G. Fullerton replied, welcoming the new D.D.G.M. to this Province, and the full honors of the order were then given to him. A most enthusiastic meeting was brought to a close by speeches and singing.

Another Objection.

Some of the sealers are taking strong exception to the copy of the joint proclamation which was served upon their vessels when they were warned out of Behring's Sea. The arrangement entered into between the representatives of the British and American governments is set forth clearly enough in the documents, their names being correctly given, but when it comes to the appended signatures they are represented as "William F. Wharton" and "William Pauncefote," whereas it should have been "Julian." Communication has already been had with the Imperial authorities on this point. It is stated that several of the captains at the time objected to the regularity of the service on this account, but they were compelled to go out by *force majeure*.

Prefer to Keep the Works.

Capt. John Irving hopes that the City of Vancouver will not take up the award in the water works arbitration.

When asked why, by a COLONIST reporter yesterday, he replied because he could not consider the award satisfactory to the company. "Why," he remarked, "if we had invested our capital in Vancouver real estate at the time we put it into a system of water works for them, it would have returned 500 per cent. The people of Vancouver have certainly reason to be pleased with the award—if they recognize a bargain they will snap it up at once. In speaking for myself, and those I represent, we would prefer to keep the water works—there's more money in operating them than in taking up the award. I expect that the Vancouverites will deal liberally with us in the way of interest; we anticipate no trouble on that point."

Stabbing at Ladner's.

On Tuesday night, at Ladner's Landing, a Chinaman attacked young Wadham, the third son of Mr. E. A. Wadham, a lad of about 15 years of age, as he was returning from work, between McKee's slaughter-house and Mr. Wadham's cannery. The Chinaman rushed at the youth with a knife and stabbed him three times, in the cheek, in the breast, and in the right leg, before he had time to defend himself, but, fortunately, the knife did not reach a vital part in either of the wounds. In the excitement the boy did not seem to realize that he had been stabbed; he struck the Chinaman a blow on the head and knocked him into the ditch. Hearing the sound of the scuffle, several people went to the boy's assistance, and the Chinaman was secured, and taken to New Westminster. Soon after being stabbed, the boy fainted from loss of blood. He soon recovered, however, and the wounds, although painful, are not dangerous. The Chinaman says he mistook young Wadham for one of the boys who had been playing tricks on the men in the cannery, and that he had no intention of injuring the youth.

The Provincial Exhibit.

It should not be forgotten that everything which it is proposed to exhibit in the east this year should be in the hands of Mr. Gosnell by the 25th inst., if it is the intention to carry out the programme as proposed.

Tolmie School.

A special meeting was held on July 27 for the purpose of electing a trustee in the place of Mr. James Tolmie, and Mr. Russell being nominated, no opposition was offered to his election as trustee for the ensuing term. Mr. Jobson was elected secretary of the Board.

Experimental Farms.

The latest pamphlet issued by the Department of Agriculture is the evidence of Mr. James W. Robertson, Dairy Commissioner, on the establishment of branch experimental dairy stations, given before the Select Committee of the House of Commons on agriculture and colonization.

Goes North Again.

On the 17th of the present month, the steamer Islander will leave for the North on another excursion trip, for which a number of passengers have already booked. Those who were passengers on the trip completed a few days ago are enthusiastic in their praise, and this is the best advertisement the company could desire.

Held Up on the Street.

William Day, one of the tramway conductors, came to the police station in a state of great excitement, early yesterday morning, and reported that he had been held up on Government street, and robbed of about $20 in small change, and the bag containing it. He says that he was going home, after making the last trip of the night, and was between Pembroke and Discovery streets, on Government, when three men made their appearance, demanding his cash, and presenting a revolver and a club as vouchers. He hesitated for a minute, but, seeing that the highwaymen were determined, and apparently desperate, characters, handed over his money. The robbers allowed him to keep his watch and chain. The description he gives of the men is a very vague one.

W. C. T. U.

Continuation of the Annual Sessions of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at Vancouver.

Presentation and Adoption of Departmental Reports—The Refuge Home Committee.

MORNING SESSION.

The second day's proceedings of the annual meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, now being held in Homer Street Church, Vancouver, were opened on Wednesday with devotional exercises.

After routine the question box was discussed for a few minutes and laid over in order that the convention might listen to an address from Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education for Ontario.

Mrs. H. Spofford, corresponding secretary of the Refuge Home, read her report, on motion it was accepted.

Mrs. Spencer's report on Social Purity was then read and adopted.

The following were appointed a committee for the Refuge Home, with power to add another member: Mesdames D. Spencer, Humber, G. Grant, Capt. Grant, C. Hayward, J. Robson, J. L. Beckwith, Burkholder, Flett, McGregor, Spofford and Shakespeare.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following reports were then read and adopted:

Scientific Temperance Instruction, by Mrs. H. G. Hall, of Victoria.

Literature, by Mrs. W. H. Spofford, of Victoria.

Press, by Mrs. A. M. Sexsmith, of North Arm.

Sailors, Lumbermen and Miners, by Mrs. Thain, of Vancouver.

Unfermented Wine, by Mrs. Johnson, of Vancouver.

Legislation, Petition and Franchise, by Mrs. Gordon Grant, of Victoria.

Prisons, by Mrs. D. Robson, of Westminster.

Hospitals, by Mrs. McNaughton, of Victoria.

Young Women's Work, by Miss Empy, of North Arm.

Flower Work, by Miss A. Humber, of Victoria.

Narcotics, by Mrs. C. L. Street, of Chilliwhack.

The reports of standing committees were laid over.

The reports of Local Unions were read and received as follows: Victoria, Mrs. Spofford; Vancouver, Mrs. M. Thain; Chilliwhack, Mrs. Chadsey; North Arm, Mrs. Sexsmith, and Westminster, Mrs. Cunningham, as were also the Young Ladies' reports of Westminster and Vancouver.

The evening session was principally devoted to prayer and Scripture lessons, it being the regular prayer service, Miss Scott, of India, giving an address on her mission work in that country.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Crease).

Griffiths v. Boscowitz—Plaintiff's application for payment by Boscowitz to him of $367.50 and $117.50. Stands over. Eberts & Taylor for plaintiff; Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

Gray v. McCallum—Plaintiff's application for examination of defendant before the registrar. Order made, subject to what may be said to-day.

In the matter of the real estate of Henry Harland, deceased—Application for confirmation of sale of real estate of deceased. Granted. C. D. Mason for applicant; L. Crease for purchaser.

Russell v. Russell—Adjourned summons for the postponement of trial. Order made. C. D. Mason for petitioner; C. E. Pooley, Q. C. for respondent.

McDougall v. Robson — To postpone date of trial. Stands over till to-day. Belyea & Gregory for plaintiff; Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

The Victoria Lacrosse Club are arranging an excursion from Seattle for Saturday next.

ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

Fashion's Favorite Watering Places in Their Rise and Decline—A Garden of Pleasure.

The City of Twenty-Story Buildings—Edison and Flying Machines—Eastern Money Markets.

"What a peculiar idea many Eastern people have in regard to the geographical position of Victoria," remarked Mr. George P. Baldwin, who has just returned from the other side of the continent, as he settled himself for a chat with a COLONIST man yesterday.

"They seem to think," he continued, "that Vancouver Island is somewhere near Alaska—at least as far away as the Sandwich Islands. When you tell them that the capital of British Columbia is within five hours' ride of the railway terminus they look surprised, and in four cases out of five don't believe you. Victoria is well talked of in the Eastern cities just now—which is a promising sign—and from what I have seen myself, I should say there is more interest taken in this city than in those of Puget Sound."

"General business in Chicago, and from Chicago east, is in fairly good condition, but St. Paul, Minneapolis and Kansas City are unquestionably dull. The Western crop prospects, however, were never better, and it is expected that, after the harvest, everything will pick up, and good times will prevail. The New York money market to-day, is in the most peculiar condition that it has known in many years. There is plenty of money there, and cash on call loans is very cheap, but it is almost impossible, with the best railway collateral, to negotiate a loan of even four months, as there seems to be such a feeling of unaccountable uneasiness prevailing among the bankers of the American metropolis. Money for business purposes is unquestionably easier to get in Chicago than in New York. I believe that an immense amount of capital will finds its way to this country as soon as the existing feeling of insecurity passes away—the fact of there being so much money held precludes the possibility of a panic. The Wall street men who heretofore have been largely identified with investments in the West say that they are not anxious to push them now, for fear of injuring the value of the securities.

"What changes each year sees in America's watering places! Long Branch this year is deserted. Its wet blanket was the suppression of all gambling, and the closing up of the race track and every place where liquor was sold. The only people now sojourning there are the owners of cottages, and the Branch is becoming too dull for them to endure it. Manhattan Beach and Brighton Beach are gayer, brighter, more fashionable and more populous than ever before. Gilmore's band, as usual, is at the former; while Brighton has Seidel and his famous orchestra, without doubt the best in America. A new pleasure resort of another kind has just been opened in Hoboken—just across from 42nd street. It is called the Eldorado, and is a combination of summer resort and spectacular show, very much the same as the show which has made Staten Island popular for years—only that it's bigger, more gorgeous and more complete. An immense amount of money has been expended in the details, and some idea of the magnitude of the show can be gained from the fact that in one act there are 600 ballet girls dancing in line.

"Chicago is still busy building. One syndicate is erecting large iron blocks all over the city. They have now in construction some 12 buildings, running from 17 to 20 stories in height. I saw the plans of one block, the contract for which had just been let, to be 26 stories high; and the architect told me that the weight upon the foundations would not be as great as that on the foundations of an ordinary granite block of seven to eight stories.

"The World's Fair grounds and buildings engage the attention, day and night, of about 5,000 workmen. The foundations are laid for nearly all the blocks, and when they get to the actual construction of the buildings proper, they will triple the number of employes. It is stated that since the last census there has been an influx of fully 150,000 to Chicago, and still they come. An immense number of new hotels are going up on every hand, and the Chicagoans expect to reap their golden harvest during the great exhibition.

"You have no doubt noticed that the Chicago company formed for the purpose of manufacturing flying machines has not been a success. Edison says that the only successful flying machine must be in the shape of a bumble-bee. Many, he says, have no doubt seen a bumble-bee fly into the window of a railway car, while it speeds along at the rate of a mile a minute. The bee flys out again, keeps in company with the train, and re-enters the window as often as it feels inclined. Now a bumble bee has very small wings, and so one must be forced to the conclusion that its shape is A1 for purposes of aerial navigation. Another thing the great electrician has to say in connecting flying machines with modern warfare, is that he can send up an air vessel loaded with dynamite, from a besieged city, and by the use of electricity can guide it, and tell where it is at all times, so that if the dynamite is dropped he can tell before hand where it will fall, within ten feet, Edison believes that an army of a quarter of a million could be blown to atoms by the use of one such vessel. By the way, talking of war agents, I saw that dynamite gun in New York. An old vessel was anchored a mile or so off, and at the fifth shot we saw her rise in the air, and fall in two great pieces—never to float again. It certainly looks as if the next ten years would witness a revolution in war vessels and agents of destruction of all kinds."

FROM THE FROZEN NORTH.

Return of a Hudson Bay Agent from the Arctic Circle.

An arrival on the Mexico, yesterday, from the North, was Mr. K. N. L. McDonald, who came from the very confines of the Arctic circle. For four years Mr. McDonald has represented the Hudson Bay Company in the frigid zone. He organized the post at Cassiar, and established several other posts within the Arctic circle for the Hudson Bay Company. He started from his station early in June, but, owing to delay in the way of transportation, he was unable to get away until July 1st.

High water in the Stickeen river had interfered very much with navigation, and the steamer Alaska, which plies on that stream, was greatly delayed on several trips. Mr. McDonald left Dease Post, of the Hudson Bay Company, on July 1st. Mining in the Cassiar district, this season, thus far, does not present encouragement and the season has been very unprofitable, but the possibilities appear good before the season closes. Two prospectors went down the Liard river, but what success they have met with remains to be seen.

Last winter was a very mild one and, added to that, sickness prevailed among the Indians. The disease was la grippe, and it has prevailed for over two years. In some tribes fully one-half of the adult population has succumbed to it. The mildness of the winter and the sickness among the Indians, and the decimation of the natives, resulted in a poor season for furs, and, as a consequence, the company has not much to boast of from that section.

Mr. McDonald has concluded his labors in the frozen north, and is now *en route* to headquarters at Winnipeg, to report for orders. He leaves, to-day, over the C.P.R.

LITTLE LOCALS.

The police force was engaged yesterday in industriously serving summonses.

Recent heavy rains have extinguished the bush fires in the neighborhood of Westminster.

Mr. Morris Moss yesterday shipped six sacks of sealskins and two bales of furs to San Francisco.

The "C" battery man who was sent to jail a few days ago, on a charge of lunacy, is reported to be out again.

Rev. F. Hansen, of Port Townsend, German Lutheran pastor, will preach in Harmony hall next Sunday at 2 p.m.

Miss Tierney, daughter of Wm. Tierney, formerly of this city, is dangerously ill at Vancouver, and her life is despaired of.

The appeal from the order of Mr. Justice Drake, in the case of Keen vs. the Corporation, will be heard in the Divisional Court, to-day.

It is expected that Emily Rosson will be sent to the convent on the Fraser by her parents, who will prosecute Capt. Caffire for harboring her.

The plum crop in Chilliwhack this year will be a very heavy one. A shipment has been made to Westminster, the fruit averaging five to the pound.

Pelly, the friend of young Benwell, who was murdered near Woodstock a short time ago by Reginald Birchall, is in Vancouver. He thinks of settling in the province.

The Pandora avenue Church Epworth League have arranged to attend the funeral of little Miss Rae in a body, her mother being a prominent member of that organization.

An Order-in-Council of the Dominion Government, has made Comox District, including Union, an outport for customs purposes, of the Nanaimo Customs District. The name of the sub-collector has not yet been made public.

A couple of drunken men last night tumbled into the excavation at the corner of Government and Johnson streets, where the Wilson-Dalby block is being erected. The men fell upon a pile of bricks, but sustained no injury.

Capt. L. Smith, who has for some months past been pilot on the Islander, has just resigned that position, having been appointed captain of the new tug that Mr. Andrew Haslam is building at Nanaimo. Mr. John Glaholm has been appointed in his place on the Islander.

Officer Smith, last night, took from a man named Murphy, whom he saw in a shooting gallery on Government street, what might prove to be a very dangerous weapon, in the shape of a four-foot stick sharpened at one end. The man objected at first, but soon relinquished it. The officer says that Murphy was some days ago wanted for a trifling offence, but escaped arrest by shipping on the Thermopylae, which is now loading coal at Nanaimo.

NOTES FROM ALASKA.

Arrival of the Steamer Mexico from the Northern Land.

The steamer Mexico arrived, last evening, from Alaska, having had a very pleasant journey up and down the coast. She had on board 127 excursionists, who made the trip to the land of the midnight sun, and who were delighted with the sights they saw. There were no incidents of worth on the voyage.

At Silver Bow Basin, three miles from Juneau, the old abandoned placers have again proved their richness. Hydraulic machinery has been placed in the old diggings and put to work, and the first clean up, on June 1st, realized $30,000. When the steamer left another run was about ready to clean up, and it was expected that it would amount to $100,000.

Capt. A. M. Brown, of the U. S. army, and Mr. C. Green have taken an outfit and miners to Golovin Bay, where they have valuable mining properties. It was one of the most complete outfits for the operation of mines that has ever been manufactured. The miners, helpers, mechanics and employees, who were taken to Alaska to operate the mines, numbered 58. Over $250,000 have already been expended in the mines, which are owned by St. Louis, Denver and Pittsburg capitalists.

NOTES.

The city of Juneau is agitating the sewerage question. The citizens are demanding a complete sewerage system, and water works also.

Alaska has rebelled against the liquor prohibition adopted by the United States for that territory. The press and citizens urge that prohibition cannot be enforced, with a thousand miles of sea coast. A stringent license law is advocated with a severe penalty for selling liquor to Indians or minors.

The weather was very hot in Alaska.

Capt. J. C. Hunter, in command of the Mexico, has completely recovered his health.

Strawberries have appeared in the Juneau markets. They are a native fruit and are very fine.

Charles H. Isham was a passenger down on the Mexico. He is the special census agent for Alaska and is on his way to Washington.

Hon. J. N. Dolph, of Portland, United States Senator from Oregon, was one of the tourists who made the round trip on the Mexico.

The Juneau City Mining Record urges Alaskan residents to take advantage of the circular issued by the United States land office and to perfect their titles to their lots.

Frank F. Myers, editor of the Mining News, Juneau City, is getting out a good paper. On the arrival of every steamer he gets out a special edition with the passenger list. His enterprise is appreciated by the residents and tourists.

Bradstreet's Report.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8—In the province of Quebec, the general trade outlook has improved, and in Ontario the movement of staples has begun to increase. The wheat prospects throughout are excellent, and Bradstreet's advices are that the Canadian surplus will amount to 22,000,000 bushels. The Dominion reports 29 business failures this week, against 20 last week and 25 this week last year. The total number from January 1st to date is 1,140, against 995 last year.

THE CREMATORY.

Is It a Nuisance?—Letters From Persons who Have Seen How the Engle System Works.

As many of the citizens of Victoria wish to obtain information with respect to the burning of garbage by the Engle furnaces, we publish the following circular, sent by Mr. Mohun, Sanitary Engineer, to persons in cities in which crematories have been in operation, and the answers which he received:—

[COPY.]

SANITARY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 11th, 1890.

SIR,—I am instructed by His Worship the Mayor to ask you to be good enough to furnish any information in your power as to the working of the Engle crematory in your city.

The questions on which we are mainly desirous of obtaining information are:

1st. Does it rapidly and effectually destroy all filth and garbage?

2nd. Are the noxious gases invariably so completely destroyed as to prevent any nuisance arising from them?

3rd. Is it economical in its working?

If you will kindly answer these questions you will confer a favor on, sir, your most obedient servant,

(Signed) EDWARD MOHUN,
Sanitary Engineer.

J. F. Kennedy, Esq., M.D.,
Sec. of the Iowa Board of Health.

[COPY.]

DEAR SIR,—In reply to the foregoing questions, I have the following to say:—

To the first question—Yes.

Second—None from the burning, or the smoke caused thereby. There is necessarily from the handling of ill-smelling substances—proportionate to the lack of care used.

Third—That depends entirely upon the kind of garbage used. With soft coal, the price here at $2.50 per ton, from 10 to 25 cents per yard, meaning street sweepings, vegetables, dead animals, etc., and does not include night soil. The cost of night soil would range from 20c. to 35c. per yard. The tests made here are not entirely satisfactory, from the fact that the crematory in use here was constructed after a contract had been made by the city with another party for carting off and otherwise disposing of the garbage. Its use here, therefore, is experimental as yet. The city has bought of the company the plant, and will put it to its fullest capacity as soon as its present contract ceases, Dr. S. S. Killington, of Minneapolis, can you more reliable data than I, as they have one there in full operation. Respectfully,

J. F. KENNEDY, M.D.
Sec. State Board of Health of Iowa.

[COPY.]

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, CITY HALL,
Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 18th, 1890.

MY DEAR SIR,—Yours of Feb. 11th received, requesting information relative to the Engle Crematory. In answer I would say, first, that from the tests made by me, prior to adopting the above mentioned crematory, I was positive that the Engle Crematory was the only one which could be successfully adopted in large cities, and it effectually consumes the smoke and gases when properly constructed under the supervision of persons conversant with the said furnace, and, after one year of practical experience with the furnace, I am convinced of its success in that line. When my furnace would be loaded with upwards of fifty tons of the vilest of organic filth and the fires lighted and in operation, it was impossible to discover any smoke escaping from the smoke stack. It does rapidly and effectually destroy all filth and garbage and refuse, and leaving nothing but a fine ash. No nuisance can arise from the crematory if it is properly built and enclosed, and an efficient corps of laborers are employed. The expense of maintaining and operating my furnace was less than three thousand dollars a year, with fuel and labor included. The furnace constructed by me was based upon the Engle patent and designed by myself. It differs materially from the other furnaces. They are being extensively adopted by our Southern States, and I am now in communication with Leipzig, Germany, with a view of introducing the furnace there.

The total cost of construction would not exceed five thousand dollars, unless given by contract. I am safe to say that the royalty and construction of your furnace, independent of the buildings, would not exceed five thousand dollars. In your country the building ought to be effected for seven or eight hundred dollars. I am an enthusiast in this matter. If there is anything I can do to aid you in accomplishing your end, I should be pleased to do so. Perhaps I could get you better figures than anyone else, and I would gladly give you the benefit of my experience. Respectfully yours,

(Signed) S. S. KILVINGTON, M. D.,
Commissioner of Health.

Edward Mohun, Esq.,
Vancouver, British Columbia.

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY, L.I.,
Feb. 23rd, 1890.

SIR,—In answer to your request, I am of opinion that the Engle Crematory is one of the best things any city can have for destroying filth of any kind. In reply to your questions, I would reply as follows:

1st. It can be built large enough to destroy anything as rapidly as you wish.

2nd. There is no nuisance in anything arising from them

3rd. It is economical in its working. Two men could attend one of them very well; we have one man, and he is not busy half he time.

It certainly is one of the best things I know of, and can be built large or small, according to the necessities of the place where used.

Yours truly,

(Signed) JOHN Y. KANE,
Superintendent.

Edward Mohun, Esq.,
Sanitary Engineer.

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City Engineer's Office,
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.,
Feb. 22nd, 1890.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter to Dr. C. Kinworthey, former Health Officer of this city, was handed to me for reply. I will begin by answering your questions.

1. It does rapidly destroy all garbage, filth and dead animals.

2. When properly handled it destroys everything, without being a nuisance to the surrounding neighborhood.

3. It is as economic in its workings as any cremator that I know of. I enclose a record of the performance of the cremator from August 8th, 1889, to January 25th, 1890, shewing a cost of 31 cents per cubic yard; this is in excess of what it should be on account of the repairs, which, however, were paid by the Engle Company. The materials used in building our furnace were not such as they should have been, and the last year's experience has shown the Engle Company its defects, and while they were not bound by their contract to do more than burn 24 cubic yards in a day we have averaged half as much again, and finding that the lining of our furnace was defective they are going to rebuild it at their own expense. We use pitch pine wood for fuel, costing about $4.25 per cord. We pay the firemen $35 per month. If there is any other point upon which I can give you any information shall be glad to do so.

Yours truly,

(Signed) R. N. ELLIS,
City Engineer

Mr. Edward Mohun,
Sanitary Engineer, Vancouver, B.C.

Work done by the Engle Cremator, Jacksonville, Florida, from August 8th, 1889, to January 25th, 1890, and cost of operation:

No. cubic yards of garbage burned	3,924
No. bbls. of night soil burned	2,095
No. of horses, mules and cows burned	75
No. of days in operation	122
No. of days under repairs	14
AVERAGES.	
No. of cubic yards of garbage burned per day	32.17
No. bbls. of night soil burned per day	17.21
COST OF OPERATING.	
Wages of firemen and laborer	$ 503 33
Cost of fuel and removing ashes	1,135 97
Repairs	235 50
Total	$1,874 80

Average cost per cubic yard of material burned, calling one bbl of night soil equal to one cubic yard of garbage, 31 cents.

No account being taken of the dead animals, or the value of the ashes.

[Signed] R. N. ELLIS,
City Engineer.

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CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, Florida,
City Engineer's Office, March 26th, 1890.

DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 17th to hand. In reply to question, will say that our population is about 25,000, increased to 30,000 during the winter, and the area from which the garbage and refuse is taken is about 12 square miles.

We pay for the collection of garbage and the sweeping of about five miles of paved streets $7,500 per annum.

(Signed) R. N. ELLIS,
City Engineer.

E. Mohun, Esq., Sanitary Engineer,
Vancouver, B. C.

RAYMOND TOURISTS.

An Alaskan Party, New in Victoria, Enthusiastic Over the Beauties of the City.

"Popularity" might most appropriately be inscribed in the advertisements of the Raymond tours, judging from the expressions of pleasure uttered by the members of the party now at the Driard en route to Alaska. Mr. H. S. Van DeCarr, who is one of the most extensive paper manufacturers in the United States, and who lives at Stockport, N. Y., when talking, last night, to a COLONIST reporter, was most enthusiastic in his praises of the comforts extended by the Raymond people. The party came out over the Canadian Pacific and will return via the Northern Pacific railway. All of them were infatuated with the grand scenery along the C.P.R., and their praises of the beauties of Victoria were superlative. The party will leave on the Queen, this morning, for the Alaska trip. Mr. William A. Edwards will conduct them and Mr. Coolidge Barnard, who represents Mr. Raymond, remains here to make arrangements for the party's return over the N.P.R., via Seattle, Tacoma and Portland.

SAN JUAN ISLAND.

Enormous Fruit Yield—Twenty-Five Tons of Strawberries Shipped from Friday Harbor.

FRIDAY HARBOR, Aug. 5.—The strawberry season is over, and as first expected there were some 25 tons shipped from here, Mr. G. B. Drigg shipping over 13 tons from four acres, which brought him 10 cents per pound on the wharf here. Apples, prunes and pears are getting ripe very fast, and a large crop is assured. Quite a number of our fruit growers have their prunes sold as well as the choice apples. The soil on our island is well adapted for these kinds of fruits, as all the sub-soil has an abundance of lime deposit, with clay and some iron, and it is safe to say that in a few years our island will be one vast orchard.

Farmers are busy in the valley harvesting their hay and oats which are very fine this year. Some of the oats will yield over one hundred bushels to the acre in many places.

While over on Orcas Island last week I noticed quite a number of people from Seattle who were spending the summer up here, as well as people from the other Sound cities who are sojourning on our islands to enjoy the bracing atmosphere.

Dr. Sloggett, one of the most experienced doctors on Puget Sound and a traveler who has been in all parts of the world, has just given his opinion to several medical journals in the East that the climate of the Puget Sound islands and the Archipelago de Haro especially is the best and most bracing of any in the world, exceeding the Channel Islands of England as well as the great summer resorts of the Mediterranean.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Aug. 6.—A miner named Geo. Hall was seriously injured last evening while at work in the Southfield mines. His injuries are mostly about the body.

The Government bridge at French Creek is completed.

Diver Llewellyn will commence to-morrow, at Departure Bay, a search for an anchor which was lost by the ship Empire a few days ago.

The machinery for Capt. Roger's new boat has been shipped from the East.

The Nanaimo Gas company and Mr. Shaw, of the Electric Light company, are making great improvements so as to provide more light for this coming winter.

Ship Jeremiah Thompson sailed last night for San Francisco.

The steamer Mexico arrived from the North this morning.

S.s. Empire sailed to-day for San Francisco.

The reported arrival of the Danube from the North is unfounded.

The McGreevy Scandal.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 8.—At the Privileges and Elections committee meeting, today, John Henry Wood, merchant of Ottawa, said he was only joking when he offered to get the British Columbia contract for Baskerville for $10,000. Challon, confidential agent for Thomas McGreevy, followed, and said the judgment in the Supreme Court against his employer was paid out of the proceeds of Larkin, Connolly & Co's profits. He remembered paying the money, having got it from Robert McGreevy, besides $25,000 from Murphy.

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PURSUANT TO AN ORDER of the Hon. Mr. Justice McCreight, dated the 3rd day of July, 1891, the undersigned will receive sealed tenders addressed to him and marked "Tender, re Davey," up to noon on Monday, the 10th August, 1891, for the purchase of that portion of Section 21, Block 5 North, Range 2 West, New Westminster District, subdivided into town lots.

And he will receive up to the same time other sealed tenders addressed as aforesaid for that other portion of said Section 21, belonging to the above estate not so sub-divided.

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3rd July, 1891. jy10-w-1m

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