

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

British Ship "Columbia" Lost on Point Blanco While En Route From Swansea.

Sweeping Reduction in Freight Rates—The "Maude" Returns From the Coast.

The British ship Columbia, 1694 tons, laden with general cargo, en route from Swansea for Portland, has been reported a total loss, together with her cargo, on Point Blanco.

October has been an active month in shipping, in fact it has been one of the most important months of the year.

The steam barge Katie came in from Salt Spring island yesterday with 600 boxes of apples, 10 tons of potatoes and seven tons of oats.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company has made a sweeping reduction in freight rates between San Francisco and Victoria.

Mr. Henry Croft, who has just returned from a three weeks' trip to the Kootenay country, is strongly impressed with the fact that the coast cities should make a great effort to obtain a share of the large and rapidly growing trade of that rich mineral country.

Mr. Croft also made a trip to the Nelson district and the rapid progress there was very marked, the mines being steadily developed and the owners making money in spite of the low price of silver.

Mr. Croft is of opinion that it is imperative for the coast people to obtain direct railway communication with the Trail Creek country if they want to get their share of the trade.

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"This false!" he shrieked. "Who ever heard of an artist making money?" "Detroit Tribune."

"Wine," said Chollie, "always goes right to my head." "Shows an almost human instinct, doesn't it?" said the disagreeable girl.

"In looking for a soft place."—Indianapolis Journal.

THE CITY.

The quarter mile race for the T. B. Hall challenge cup presented to the Victoria Football Club, will be run next Saturday at Caledonia Park.

The Rossland mining company with capital of \$2,000,000, incorporation of which was gazetted last Thursday, is the R. E. Lee Gold Mining Co., not the Robert E. Lee Gold Mining Co. There are two companies, the Robert E. Lee Co. having registered some weeks ago.

The winter time table on the E. & N. railway goes into effect to-morrow, the daily north bound passenger train leaving here at 8 a.m., and the express from Nanaimo arriving at 12:20; while the Saturday extra departs from here at 9:20 and arrives from up the line at 7 at the evening.

The Rugby football match between Victoria and the Fifth Regiment team yesterday at Caledonia Park, was rather a walk-over for the Victoria, who won by a score of 30 points to nothing.

During the past week a branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was established in St. James' parish, the rector admitting 18 members and two associates.

The fire department destroyed all that remained of another old landmark on Friday. The large planing mill, erected many years ago by Hayward & Jenkinson, at the corner of Langley and Broughton streets, on the site of the old Hudson Bay stockade, was pulled down and the debris burned.

The Songhees Indians were in sorrow yesterday over the death of one of their most notable tribesmen. Joseph Etienne, who passed away, was a grandson of the late Chief Jinn, who was appointed in early years by Governor Douglas. Joseph was 56 years of age and was much thought of by his brethren.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jubilee hospital yesterday, a decision was made to the directors through their secretary and treasurer the sum of \$475 to be used for furnishing the sum of other theatre, this amount being the proceeds of the ball, lacrosse match and other entertainments held during the past summer.

William Ashe, a Vancouver expressman, sought the assistance of the Victoria police last evening in the hope that they might aid him in the recovery of his wife. Mrs. Ashe, according to his story, left the Terminal City about one week ago in company with a well known Vancouver hotel man, going to San Francisco. Thither Mr. Ashe will follow by the first available steamer with the intention of recovering his wife and wreaking vengeance on her companion.

APPENDED is the memorandum of the value of business passing through the Victoria custom house during the month just closed.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Free goods, Dutiable, Total, Produce of Canada, and Not produce of Canada.

The provincial board of horticulture at their session yesterday took action toward augmenting the discretionary powers of quarantine officers, with reference to the time allowed for the reshipment or destruction of infected nursery stock.

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL. ASSOCIATION PRACTICE. A good practice game was played at the Hill yesterday between the Y.M.C.A. eleven and a mixed team.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Intermediate Football Association will be held in the Y.M.C.A. parlors next Saturday at 8 p.m.

The above match, played yesterday, resulted in a win for the Barracks by a score of 6 goals to 1, although the game was not so one-sided as the score indicated.

The gentlemen's events in the autumn meeting of the Victoria Golf Club were decided on their links at Oak Bay yesterday, resulting as told in the appended scores.

OPEN EVENT—GENTLEMEN. Score. 1. W. E. Oliver..... 91

OPEN HANDICAP. Score. H.C.P. Result. 1. H. S. Griggs, Tacoma 97..... 18

CLUB HANDICAP—A CLASS. Score. H.C.P. Result. 1. W. E. Oliver..... 91

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Consolidated Sable Creek Mining Company—Lumber Ships to Load at Hastings.

Salmon Fishing—Important Repairs to Wharves—Vancouver Markets—Hallowe'en Concert.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 31.—In the case of Jun Kee, who claims \$800 damages, owing to his store being flooded with water on the occasion of the burning of the unsanitary shacks on Dupont street, it has been explained by the chief of the fire brigade and the health inspector that Jun Kee's front door was repeatedly shut, and was as often opened by some unknown person, with the result that the premises were flooded with water.

The Y.M.C.A. held a hallowe'en concert this evening. The following talented ladies and gentlemen lent their assistance: Messrs. T. Parkinson, D. Evans, J. Herald, J. H. Gowan, the Y.M.C.A. quartette, J. Nesbitt, Mrs. Vermilyea, Miss Mabel McFarlane, Miss Olmstead, Miss McKee, and Miss Hunt.

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COPPER AND GOLD.

The Recent Finds at Kamloops Attracting a Great Deal of Attention.

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