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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Political.

Mr. Geo. Thomson will contest Nanaimo district for the local house.

Mr. Begg, the crofter's representative, and Mr. T. Fletcher, a resident of the district, will contest Alberni.

Married at Nicola.

A Kamloops despatch of last evening says: Mr. W. H. Whittaker, our talented young lawyer, was married to-day to Miss Nettie Whiteford, at Nicola. They will start to-night for Victoria on their honeymoon.

Accident on the Walla Walla.

James Smith, a longshoreman, was accidentally killed last night at 10.30 on the steamship Walla Walla, by the falling of a hatch. Deceased was fifty-two years old and a native of Philadelphia. He was a member of the Longshoremen's union and had been on the Pacific coast for thirty years.

Reading Coal Lands.

Mr. W. B. Dunnison, ticket and freight agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway in Nanaimo, has just bonded 646 acres of coal lands in Cranberry District, and which is owned by Louis Stark and A. J. Richardson. The land is supposed to be some of the best coal land in the district.—Free Press.

"They're All Right."

Early yesterday morning the two Klootchmen who were tumbled out of their canoe during the night, and were presumed to have found a watery grave, returned to their sorrowing relatives none the worse for an unpleasant cold salt water bath and a long swim. They received congratulations calmly yesterday, and to the sensible remark "Why we thought you were drowned," simply answered "halo." It takes a very great quantity of water to drown a well regulated Klootch.

McLaughlin-Christensen.

At the home of Capt. Christensen, No. 9 Montreal street, was celebrated at 8 o'clock last evening the marriage of the captain's daughter, Miss Eliza Margaret Christensen, to Mr. Wm. McLaughlin, manager of the Victoria Lumber yard. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Donald Fraser, in the presence of a large number of interested invited guests. The bride was attended by Miss Jennie McLaughlin and Miss Logan, while her brother, Mr. James A. Christensen, acted as best man. After the marriage several hours were most agreeably spent by the wedding party, ere they departed, wishing bride and bridegroom unlimited happiness. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin will make their home in Victoria in the midst of their very many friends.

A Coming Boon.

Jas. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and son arrived over by last night's Islander. Mr. Wilson, who is superintendent of the C. P. R. telegraphs, is over here on an official visit, and will stay for about a week. He says that the repair of the broken Straits' cable will be commenced after the 24th, and will be carried through at once. The break is on the opposite side of the Straits, near Dungeness Spit, about a mile from shore, and it may occupy only two hours in repairing or it may take two weeks, as the water at that place is rather deep. The cable barge Electron will be brought into requisition for the work. When completed this effort will prove a boon to Victoria and other places in communication with her. The rates of telegraphing will thereby be reduced from $1.75 to 55 cents per message between here and Port Angeles, and from $1.25 to 75 cents between this city and Port Townsend. The present high tolls are caused by having to transmit telegrams by way of Vancouver and Seattle.

WESTMINSTER METHODISTS.

Proceedings of the District Conference—Encouraging Reports From the Missions.

(Truth)

The general business of the meeting was opened at Westminster on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. E. Robson, chairman of the district, presiding. The following lay delegates were present in addition to ministers: James Cunningham, Westminster; J. Bunting, Vancouver East; James Tuttle, Richmond; John Kirkland, Delta; Henry Davis, Langley; A. C. Wells, Chilliwack.

The first business taken up was the reading of reports relating to finances and membership of the various churches in the districts. The total membership is 928, a net increase of 186. Number of Sunday schools 11. Local preachers 15. Amount of money contributed—for ministerial support, $6,742; for missionary purposes, $1,834; for superannuated ministers, $288. The following church property has been acquired during the year: Four new churches, one new parsonage, several city lots and other eligible and valuable church sites. The amount, being to the handsome sum of $40,200.

The lay representatives appointed to attend the annual conference to be held in Vancouver, May 21st, are Messrs. Jas. Cunningham, A. C. Wells, W. Shannon, W. Woodward, James Tuttle, D. Gillanders, J. Bunting, and O. B. Ackerman. All ordained ministers of the district are also members of the conference.

Rev. C. Bryant was elected to the stationing committee. Rev. J. Calvert was elected a member of the Sabbath school committee, and Mr. James Cunningham lay member to the missionary committee.

By resolution the conference was requested to appoint an additional minister to the Langley Mission.

A heartily supported resolution was moved by Rev. C. Bryant, requesting the annual conference to memorialize the next general conference to appoint a general-superintendent of missions for British Columbia. Many strong speeches were delivered in favor of the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Encouraging reports were read of the spiritual state of the missions in the district, Rev. C. M. Tate bringing a very interesting report respecting his labors for the Indian tribes on the Fraser river.

A resolution of heartfelt thanks and appreciation was tendered to the Rev. E. Robson for his services as chairman for the past three years.

The annual camp meeting at Chilliwhack in connection with the Chilliwhack Methodist Church was announced to be held on the 29th inst. A hearty invitation from the people was given to every one to attend. The meeting then adjourned, the various members separating with thankful hearts that the year past had been so successful.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

BASEBALL.

The poor playing of the Portland club in its present tour has disgusted everybody, and it is given out that radical changes will be made. It is said that the team will be changed from top to bottom, and will have a new manager and a new battery. Officials of the club refuse to say anything beyond that the nine will be strengthened.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE STANDING.

The standing to date of the clubs of the Pacific Northwest League is as follows:

Teams.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Tacoma	6	1	.857
Spokane	3	3	.571
Seattle	2	4	.333
Portland	1	6	.142

BROTHERHOOD.

BROOKLYN, May 15.—Brooklyn, 7; Chicago, 6. Battery, Van Haltern and Cook; umpires; Goffrey and Barnes.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, May 15.—Rochester, 1; Columbus, 2. Batteries, Barr and McGuire, Gastwright and O'Connor.

SYRACUSE, May 15.—Syracuse, 6; St. Louis, 2. Batteries, Keefe and Briggs, Ramsey and Earles; umpire, Barnum.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Electric Tramway.

At a meeting of the directors of the Electric Tramway Company, held last night, certain details of arrangement were perfected, with the object of extending the line from the end of its present track to Esquimalt.

Iron Ore at Westminster.

On Thursday, while the Westminster chain gang were excavating for a new water reservoir just north of the new gaol building, they struck a large bed of iron ore of excellent quality. An assay of the ore will be made and its value ascertained.

C. P. R. Extension.

It is reported that the Canadian Pacific expects to be in Seattle by October 15, by way of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern, and that large machine shops and a roundhouse will be put up at once at Smith's cove for the accommodation of the Canadian Pacific locomotives.—Post-Intelligencer.

Arrival of a Sealer.

The Wanderer, Captain Paxton, arrived yesterday with about 70 skins. The captain reports very foggy weather for a number of days past. Three days ago he passed Captain Spring, who reported good news in the shape of a lucky run for his two vessels, the Cape and Favorite, with about 250 skins each.

Political Rumors.

In East Kootenay Mr. C. Law is mentioned as an Independent candidate. Vancouver city has made no choice, neither has West Kootenay, though on the spot Mr. Farrell is spoken of. The probability is that there will be a local candidate on the government side. In Cariboo it is announced that Hon. Mr. Robson is not unlikely to be nominated.

Victoria Building Society.

The twelfth drawing in connection with the above society took place at Harmony Hall last evening and resulted in No. 149 being successful, the shares being held by the following members: A. E. Shore, Charles Whittet, Lydia Emory and J. W. Jones. Messrs. E. C. Johnson, Henry Moss and D. G. Walker presided at the drawing.

Washed Ashore.

A private letter received from Eucalet states that the body of an Indian, apparently about 30 years of age, was washed ashore there a few days ago. The corpse, up to the time of writing, had not been identified, and no facts concerning the affair could be had. The dead bore a severe wound just above the right ear, but whether before or after death was unknown.

The Provincial Museum.

There continues to be a large number of visitors to the Provincial Museum, many of them belonging to the city and province. According to the registry, not a few strangers, have been attracted to it, and, as the curator remarked, the inquiries they made showed how deeply they were interested in the unique specimens of fish, flesh and fowl, which may be said to be indigenous to the Pacific coast.

Canadian Pacific Shares.

Canadian Pacific shares have advanced since the annual report was issued from 78½ to 83 in New York, an advance of 6 per cent. in 3 days. In London the price is 85, or nearly double what was originally paid for the shares. As the profits this year amount to over $6,000,000 or £1,200,000 sterling, the price of the shares is not unlikely to further advance.

The Late Mrs. Doughty.

The late Mrs. Ann Doughty, whose demise took place on Thursday last, was a native of England, but a resident in Victoria for the past quarter of a century. For the past seven years she has been an invalid of a confirmed character. She will be mourned by a husband and only son, to whom she was a model wife and mother. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 1:30 from Christ Church Cathedral.

A New Steamer.

The News-Advertiser says: On Wednesday evening a handsome new steamer, built by Mr. Coulson for Mr. C. W. Murray, of the Royal City Planing Mills, was launched in the presence of the owner, the builder, and a number of friends. The boat, which rides beautifully on the water, was christened the "Ezlon." She is 75 tons burden, is 80 feet over all, with 15 feet beam. The full cost of building her was $10,000. She will do a general trading business along the coast, and will make her first trip in about ten days.

From Skeena River.

Early yesterday morning, the Skeena river steamer Nell, Capt. Madden, arrived in 10 days from Fort Simpson. Her down cargo consisted of 20,000 boxes, which were left at Westminster. The Nell reports that operations at the canneries are already commenced, but only a light pack is being prepared for. A Skeena river Indian, named Jim, was recently badly injured by the fall of a tree, which broke both of his legs below the knees. After receiving an over-hauling the Nell will take up the plant for Mr. Willis-Croft's new saw mill at Fort Simpson.

New Westminster Court House.

A number of tenders for the erection of the New Westminster court house have been received by the Lands and Works Department, all of them, however, being much above the figure named in the appropriations. It is expected, however, that the lowest will be accepted, as the difference between the estimate and the amount of the tender being mainly due to the fact that the plans were altered from the original, to make the new building accommodate all the government departments in that city, which have been hitherto in detached wooden buildings. The building will occupy a commanding site, and will be an ornament to the royal city.

Murder Will Out.

At length the full circumstances in connection with the murder of Henry T. Sunbury, near Vancouver on the night of the 28th March, are in possession of the police of that city, and the strong probabilities are that before many days the perpetrators of the crime will be safely lodged in jail. During the time that has elapsed since Sunbury's murder Chief McLaren, Sergeant Haywood and Officer McLeod have been working silently, but without intermission, on the case, and the result of their efforts was that Sergeant Haywood has been sent north on the steamer Skidegate to arrest the murderers, who are at present at Fort Rupert.

After Thirty Years.

Mr. C. S. Finlaison was utterly unaware of what was in store for him yesterday when a messenger said to him curtly: "Mr. Milne would like to see you in his office, Mr. Finlaison." The latter took off his spectacles, placed a weight on the papers that lay on his desk, and proceeded to obey the call. He thought it was on some matter of business routine that he was required. On reaching the Collector's office he saw the whole custom house official staff present. Collector Milne approached him with an attenuated parcel, which he presented to Mr. Finlaison, supplementing it with a short speech, which complimented the recipient on his long term of service and testifying to the general esteem in which Mr. Finlaison was held. The parcel proved to be a handsome ebony cane with a massive embossed gold head, on which was inscribed, "Presented to C. S. Finlaison by the Customs Employes, May 1890." In response, Mr. Finlaison expressed the regret he felt at the severance of his connection with the Customs, and he thanked the staff warmly for the kind feeling manifested towards him.

ABOUT BOILING FOOD.

There is in boiling and frying foods a very simple problem in physics, which most people ignore, viz., that of latent heat. When a piece of meat, a vegetable or other article of food, which is at the ordinary temperature, 60 degrees to 75 deg. F., is placed in boiling water or fat, the temperature of the solution is lowered proportionately to the mass and temperature of the article introduced, and it is not until the mass has absorbed more heat from the fire that the solution again comes to the boil.

If care is taken, either by introducing the food in small quantities at a time into the boiling solution so that very little lowering of the temperature takes place, or by a preliminary heating of the food before adding it to the solution, and in every case allowing the solution to boil before introducing any fresh material, the sodenness of improperly boiled or fried foods will be avoided.

FOOTPADS AT WORK.

Mr. A. N. Nelson Attacked While Walking to the C.P.N. Wharf late Morning and Roughly Handled.

A lusty cry for help at a few minutes after midnight attracted the attention of the watchman on the C.P.N. wharf. He quickly investigated, and found lying on the road about midway between Wharf street and the dock, a tall, grey-bearded man, from whose head and face the blood was flowing freely. He was picked up and carried aboard the Islander, where Dr. Milne was soon in attendance upon him. It was found that half-a-dozen stitches were necessary in dressing the wound, one of which extended to the skull. The other was in the face. Both, the doctor declared, had been produced by a blow from some blunt instrument.

The injured man, who was immediately recognized as Mr. A. N. Nelson, of Westminster, when he had been made comfortable, stated that he had been walking down to the boat when two men—whose faces he could not recognize and whose clothes he could not describe—sprang upon him from behind. He had a loaded cane in his hand, with which he defended himself, at the same time shouting for help. One of the men made an effort to put his hand in their intended victim's pocket; the other struck him twice over the head with a heavy stick. Their attempt at robbery was frustrated, and both footpads then took to their heels.

Officer Levin was summoned by Dr. Milne, and lost no time in investigating the affair as thoroughly as possible. He could, however, obtain no practical clue. Mr. Nelson was subsequently removed to the Oriental Hotel, where he will remain until fully recovered from the effects of his adventure.

THE STRAITS CITY.

Return of Mr. Lubbe—All Matters Definitely Arranged for the Construction of the V.P.C. & C. Railway.

Mr. Theo. Lubbe, vice-president of the Victoria, Port Crescent & Chehalis railroad, returned on the Kingston from Tacoma last evening. To a representative of The Colonist Mr. Lubbe stated that the arrangements for the construction of the line were all completed, and the total stock subscribed for. Work would be commenced at both ends of the line and pushed on to a rapid completion. There could be no question as to the strength of the company, as could be seen from the names of the gentlemen forming the directorate and trustee board. The country through which the line was to be built was rich in agriculture and timber wealth, and this and the fact of the line terminating at the nearest available point to the sea, would build up a large city at Port Crescent. The line from Port Beecher to a connection with the Island railway and with Victoria would also be built, giving this city its long desired connection by rail with the American system of roads. For some weeks work has been in progress at Port Crescent, and now that the question of railway construction was definitely settled there would, no doubt, be considerable stir in building at the new town.

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.

Partial List of Possible Government Candidates.

Among the candidates spoken of as likely to present themselves on the Government side at the approaching Provincial elections, are mentioned the following:

Esquimalt—Hon. Messrs. Pooley and Higgins.

Victoria District—G. W. Anderson and D. M. Eberts.

Cowichan—Hon. Theo. Davie and Mr. Alexander.

Nanaimo—Messrs. Haslam and Thompson.

Alberni—Messrs. Mollett and G. A. Huff.

The Islands—Mr. Musgrave.

Cassiar—Messrs. A. J. McLellan and Cunningham.

New Westminster City—Mr. Thos. Cunningham, Mayor Brown and Mr. Scoullar.

New Westminster District—Hon. Mr. Robson, and Messrs. Kirkland and Henderson.

Yale—Hon. Mr. Vernon and Mr. G. B. Martin.

Lillooet—Messrs. Smith and Morrison.

East Kootenay—Col. Baker.

Cariboo—Messrs. Jos. Mason and I. B. Nason.

Victoria City—Hon. Mr. Turner, Mr. Simeon Duck, Capt. Irving, and Wm. Dalby.

METHODISM IN THE PROVINCE.

Quarterly District Meeting—The Conference at Vancouver.

As has already been mentioned in the Colonist, the annual Methodist conference of British Columbia will open in Vancouver on Wednesday morning next, May 21st instant.

On Thursday the usual quarterly meeting of the Victoria district was held in Pandora street Methodist church, Rev. Joseph Hall, president of the conference, in the chair. There were present the following ministers: Revs. J. Hall, J. E. Starr, J. P. Bowell, W. W. Baer, M. J. Stevens, G. H. Morden and J. E. Gardiner. Rev. J. P. Bowell was appointed secretary, and the Rev. W. Baer assistant secretary.

The district comprises the subjoined circuits: Victoria, Wesley Church, Gorge Road and Nanaimo, with the Mission at Maple Bay, Comox, Wellington and the Chinese mission at Victoria.

The following is the status of the probationers according to the marks obtained out of a possible 100. W. W. Baer, 83½; M. J. Stevens, 74; Geo. H. Morden, 67½; J. E. Gardner, 67½.

Rev. W. W. Baer, and M. J. Stevens were recommended for reception into full standing, Rev. G. H. Marden and J. E. Gardiner were continued on probation, Mr. C. M. Hill Sutherland being received as a probationer in his first year.

An interesting discussion, generally taken part in, followed, in which were brought up the position, the duties, the responsibilities, etc., of the Christian minister, most of those present giving their own experiences and anticipations with respect to it.

In the afternoon the following lay representatives attended: Messrs. D. Spencer, J. Jessop and George Berridge, of Victoria, with Mr. T. Blood, of Nanaimo. Very satisfactory reports from each circuit and mission were presented, which showed that, during the financial year, of which this was the closing meeting, $20,191.55 had been raised by the circuits and missions for connectional and local purposes, the value of the Methodist Church property within the limits of the district being $111,890, upon which the entire debt was $31,200. The amount raised for missions was $1,092.50, an advance on last year. Considerable expenditures had been made on church buildings. Church membership had made a very fair increase, while a greater amount of spirituality and devotion had been developed.

The following were appointed lay delegates to the annual conference: Messrs. A. J. McLellan, John Jessop, David Spencer and Thomas Blood. The meeting elected the following representatives: On the Stationing committee, Rev. Joseph Hall and Rev. J. P. Bowell; on the Missionary committee, Mr. S. Gough; on the Sabbath School committee, Rev. J. P. Bowell and Mr. A. J. McLellan.

VERY FAR REACHING.

Incorporation of the Victoria, Port Crescent & Chehalis Railway Company.

(Tacoma Globe, May 15th.)

The latest railway project filed, and one that is far reaching in its ends, so far as the Northern Pacific is concerned, is the "Victoria, Port Crescent & Chehalis," incorporated late yesterday afternoon by T. Lubbe, Paul Schulze, E. N. Castillo, H. S. Huson and James M. Ashton. The trustees of the company are Thomas F. Oakes of New York, Paul Schulze of Portland, Or., Joseph Hunter and T. Lubbe, both of the city of Victoria, C. F. Clapp of Port Townsend, J. E. Lutz of Port Crescent and E. N. Castillo, H. S. Huson and James M. Ashton, of Tacoma. Such names reveal the strength and purpose of this undertaking. The Northern Pacific proposes to occupy the great peninsula washed on its north by the Straits of Juan de Fuca. The proposed line commences at Port Crescent on the south shore of the straits and runs south through the counties of Clallam, Jefferson and Chehalis to a point at or near the mouth of the Chehalis river. The articles of incorporation provide for branch railroad and telegraph lines from the main line to any point or points on the Pacific ocean, or such branch lines to any point on the western slope of the Olympic range of mountains, or over said mountains, and to any point within the state on the eastern slope.

A prominent feature of the undertaking is the building and operating upon the Straits of Juan de Fuca of boats, barges and vessels, which means, as explained by Mr. Schulze, that freight in bulk will be transported from Crescent bay to Port Beecher, on Vancouver island, seventeen miles distant from Victoria.

Four million dollars is the capital stock of the Victoria, Port Crescent and Chehalis Railroad company and is divided into shares of the par value of $100 each, Tacoma is specified as the principal place of business for the company.

The president of the new company, Paul Schulze, when seen by a Globe reporter, replied to the request for additional information to that contained in its articles of incorporation by saying:

"We have just organized the company. The board of trustees has met, and the following officers were elected: Myself as president, T. Lubbe, of Victoria, vice president, and Walter Oakes as secretary-treasurer. The object of the company is two-fold—first, to develop the country west of Crescent Bay, and along the Olympic range and between that range of mountains and Gray's Harbor, which is very rich in agricultural, timber and grazing resources; secondly, to give Victoria a direct connection with the Northern Pacific system. We have had this scheme under consideration for nearly two years, but it was only when we saw the Northern Pacific had decided to build to Gray's Harbor, and now that this decision has been made and the contract is about to be let, the time has arrived for connecting the Straits of Fuca with the Chehalis valley and thus with the Northern Pacific system. The road is partly located: two parties are now in the field, one locating the line from the Straits of Fuca south and the other one from the Chehalis river north. It is expected that twenty-five miles of road will be constructed during the present year, and the whole line, about one hundred and fifty miles in length, within two years. Less than two years ago there were hardly any settlers in the region which this road is to traverse, but within the last twelve months settlers have been flocking in, and, practically all the surveyed lands have been taken up.

"The Straits of Fuca are narrowest between Crescent bay and Port Beecher, on Vancouver Island, the distance being less than ten miles, and seventeen miles of railway will connect Victoria with Port Beecher, so that upon the completion of this road, freight can be shipped to and from Victoria in bulk over the Northern Pacific railroad."

COLUMBIA-RIVER SALMON.

The Pack Estimated at 250,000 Cases—An Excellent Method for Opening Canned Goods.

V. Cook, of the canning firm of M. & V. Cook, Clinton, Or., was seen at the Driard last night by a Colonist representative. In conversation, Mr. Cook stated that an outside estimate of the Columbia river pack for the present year is 250,000 cases. Several years ago there were thirty-eight canneries on the lower Columbia. Of these many had ceased business, and this season only thirteen canneries were packing. There had been considerable delay in starting on account of the strike of the fishermen, and this firm had decided not to can below the knees. After receiving an over-hauling the Nell will take up the plant for Mr. Willis-Croft's new saw mill at Fort Simpson.

The pack of salmon this year will not exceed 100,000 cases, and the quality will be inferior to that of last year. The fish are very small, and the fishermen are receiving 25 cents per fish, while last year they received 50 cents for the same size fish. The cannery men will pack all they can get at that price, and there is a large demand for fish to ship fresh to towns along the railroads and the Sound. The high water, which brings up plenty of fish has interfered with the success of the wheels at the Cascades, washing the cribbing away from some, and the wheels in general are not catching many fish. High water and the troubles arising from the strike of the union fishermen have proved a blessing to the fishermen above the Cascades, but disastrous to all below.

Unless the price of fish is reduced to 75 cents all along the river the pack on the Columbia will be small.

Mr. Cook's visit to Victoria is for the purpose of introducing a patent can, which is now being used on the Columbia river. The patent is a French one, the right for the coast having been purchased by the Franco-American Patent Can Opening Company of Oregon, in which Mr. Cook is interested. The contrivance is a simple but most effective one. In making the body of the can, a strip one-eighth of an inch wide is raised around the can, the sides of this strip being slightly scored. A half inch of the strip projects outside when the can is complete, but does not interfere with its quality in any way. The fish is packed in the ordinary way, and the tin sealed and labeled. On the top of each can is placed a plain key having an aperture in the centre of the shank, and held in place by a sticker label. When it is desired to open the can, the key is taken, the end of the raised strip is placed in the aperture and the strip is cut from the can taking the top completely off, and permitting the emptying of its contents in good shape. The device is such a convenient one that it will, of necessity, come into general use. It does away with a very unpleasant work with a can-opener, jack-knife, or meat axe. Now, when a housewife wants to open a can of fish, fruit, or vegetables, it is with great trouble and danger to the hands, and when the feat is accomplished the can has a jagged edge. With the key-can, in half-a-minute, it is possible to take off the top of the can and have the contents emptied. British Columbia canners have established a high reputation for their goods, and will undoubtedly take advantage of the key-can so that they may also possess this excellent method of presenting their goods to the public.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

In the annual report of the Canadian Pacific Railway there appeared the following remarks, which will be read with interest: "Many sensational reports having been paroublished of impending legislation at Washington inimical to Canadian Pacific Railway interests, the directors announced at their annual meeting that in their opinion there was no good cause for uneasiness. It was not to be believed that a body like the Congress of the United States would be moved to such a course by the false or exaggerated statements concerning the action and policy of the road emanating from parties whose sole object was to check legitimate competition."

C. P. R. LANDS.

The position of the Canadian Pacific railroad land grant on December 31st last was: Original grant, 25,000,000 acres; surrendered to the government under agreement of March 30th, 1886, 6,793,074, leaving a balance of 18,206,986 acres. The sales to December 31st, 1889, were 3,542,323, less cancelled in 1889, 10,253, total, 3,532,070. Quantity of land unsold, 14,674,916 acres. The Manitoba Southwestern land grant at the end of last year stood as follows: Original grant, 1,366,424 acres; sales to Dec. 31, 1889, 99,874; quantity of land unsold, 1,209,550.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

HERE AND THERE.

THE WRESTLING FAKE.

The suit of J. R. Smith to recover the $45 stake money from R. J. McKinnon, the stakeholder, came up before Justice Rivers for trial at Seattle on Thursday morning. Smith placed his money on Cameron, on an alleged straight up, on the result of the Quinn-Cameron wrestling match. He now believes that his tip was not straight and wants his money back. There was no evidence taken, the case being tried on the pleadings. Judge Rivers took the case under advisement. The pleadings of the defence denied none of the allegations of the plaintiff. The claim of the plaintiff was resisted on the ground that betting is not a valid transaction.

BASEBALL.

LEAGUE GAMES.

NEW YORK, May 16.—New York, 1; Cleveland, 5.

BOSTON, May 16.—Boston, 0; Chicago, 5.

BROOKLYN, May 16.—Brooklyn, 6; Pittsburg, 3.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—Philadelphia, 1; Cincinnati, 5.

BROTHERHOOD GAMES.

BOSTON, May 16.—Boston, 4; Cleveland, 10.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—Philadelphia 10, Pittsburg 11.

BROOKLYN, May 16.—Brooklyn 8, Chicago 5.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION GAMES.

ROCHESTER, May 16. — Rochester 6, Columbus 2.

SYRACUSE, May 16.—Syracuse 4, St. Louis 7.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—Athletics 2, Louisville 6.

The Tacoma club has again defeated Portland. In the game at Tacoma on Thursday, Portland only scored 3 runs against Tacoma's 10. The standing of the Northwest League now is:

Team.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct
Tacoma	7	1	.875
Spokane	5	3	.625
Seattle	3	5	.375
Portland	1	7	.125

THE TURF.

FOX-HUNTING IN ENGLAND.

A London correspondent says:—"It would seem that the past fox-hunting season throughout the British Isles has been one of the most successful for many years. Foxes have been plentiful in most counties, and what is of equal importance farmers have been friendly to the sport. Frost has not interfered very much with hunting. Though the number of masters of hounds who have resigned at the close of the season is not so many as last year, yet several of importance are announced prominently, amongst whom are the Earl of Portsmouth, who hunted his own hounds for over 40 years; the Earl of Pembroke, who is succeeded by the Earl of Radnor; Captain Chespe (who resigns the Linlithgowshire and Stirlingshire), Sir William Eden, the Hon. H. C. Legge and Captain Fitzroy. It speaks well for the state of affairs in Ireland that hunting has gone on in that country almost uninterruptedly during the season now closed, whereas in former years several packs had to be withdrawn owing to the opposition of the league."

HORSE BREEDING IN RUSSIA.

Le Sport recently published some very valuable information with regard to horse breeding in Russia. The writer of the article states that the total number of horses in Russia is over 21,000,000, of which 15,000,000, or one for every adult inhabitant, are fit for work. But there is a considerable difficulty in obtaining the number of horses required for the army, the reason being that the Remount Commissions pay such a low price. The creation of stallion depots by the state is designed to remedy this condition of things, and in addition to 3,964 private studs, which comprise about 11,600 stallions and over 100,000 mares, there are now eighteen of these state depots, which contain about 1,500 stallions, all placed at the disposal of local breeders at fees ranging from one to ten roubles, the value of the rouble being now about half a crown. The administration of the Haras also endeavors to encourage breeding by distributing about 100,000 roubles in prizes for shows and races. The most valuable prizes are those named after the emperor, the empress, the Czarewitch, and other distinguished personages who have rendered services to the breeding interest, while the weights are fixed according to the English scale. But the distances are not the same, for the flat race is range from two and a half miles to four furlongs, while some of the steeplechases are more than twelve miles.

LORD BERESFORD RESIGNS.

A short time ago we mentioned that Lord Marcus Beresford contemplated resigning the post of official starter to the Jockey club—which he has held for several years—in order to take the management of the racehorses belonging to the Prince of Wales and Baron de Hirsch. We are now enabled to announce that his lordship's resignation is an accomplished fact, and that the jockey club will next week entrust the starting flag, tentatively, to a fresh hand—probably that of Mr. Arthur Coventry. It is understood that Lord Marcus Beresford will initiate his successor into the mysteries of the art in which he has proved himself such an adept. At the same time his engagement with the Prince of Wales and Baron de Hirsch commences, we believe, immediately, and the horses belonging to His Royal Highness and the Baron will be forthwith removed from Kingsclere to Newmarket. The many friends of Lord Marcus will wish him all success in his new enterprise.—*London Sportsman.*

FROM NORTHERN PORTS.

The Steamers Boscowitz and Sardonyx Arrive from the Naas and Skeena Rivers.

Steamer Barbara Boscowitz, from the Naas and Skeena rivers, arrived yesterday afternoon, having made the round trip with the finest of fine weather in less than ten days. No news of importance was brought from the North, and the only ship spoken was the Sardonyx, which was passed at Departure Bay bound down. She broke two blades of her propellor on a rock at Cunningham's wharf, and was delayed two days by the mishap. She also lost an anchor and chain at Smith's Inlet. The Boscowitz' freight consisted of a quantity of box lumber for Mr. Smith, several large bales of furs for Mr. Henry Simpson, and several tons of mineral rock from a new location in Johnston's Straits, which Mr. Ralph, the prospector, is taking to San Francisco for crushing and analysis. Among the passengers down were—Rev. A. E. Price and wife, Rev. G. F. Hopkins, Rev. A. E. Green, Rev. A. N. Miller, D. Jennings, Henry Simpson, and W. Ralph. About two hours behind the Boscowitz, the Sardonyx arrived. She had nine first-class and a number of steerage passengers, and a heavy freight.

A Boon To Mankind.

The quickest, surest and best remedy for rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, sore throat, sprained and lameness, is Hagyard's Yellow Oil. It quickly cures sprains, bruises, burns, frostbites, chilblains, etc. For croup, colds, quinsy, etc., give it to 20 drops on sugar, and apply the oil externally also, when immediate relief will result. w.fo

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Summary Conviction.

John Henney has been found guilty of supplying intoxicating liquor to Indians on the South Saanich reserve, and has been sentenced by Indian Agent W. H. Lomas to six months' hard labor.

Business Change.

Mr. Lionel Dickenson, for some time past a member of the firm of A. J. Rowbotham & Co., grocers, Douglas street, yesterday succeeded to the entire business, the senior partner, Mr. Rowbotham, retiring from active commercial life.

A Bride From Over the Sea.

Mr. J. W. McLeod, with Campbell & Simpkins, received a telegram from Winnipeg yesterday containing the pleasing intelligence that his affianced had reached that city on her way from Ireland, to join him. He left for Vancouver this morning, and there will be united in marriage to his love from over the sea.

"We Mourn His Loss."

The last San Francisco steamer carried from Victoria one passenger, who would be gladly welcomed back by numerous creditors. He who has gone was employed in an office on Johnson street, and had managed to contract debts in every part of the city. It is doubtful if he will ever be seen again here.

The Suspected One Skipped.

The police officer who has been looking up the circumstances connected with the recent fire over Rock Bay, reports that the clearest proof of incendiarism was obtained, as well as plenty of indirect evidence pointing to the incendiary. The man who is suspected of committing the deed has left the city, going, it is thought, over the Sound.

Tramway Notes.

The provisional directors of the New Westminster and Vancouver Electric Tramway company met in Vancouver Friday afternoon and had some discussion regarding preparations to begin construction. It was decided to hold a general meeting of the shareholders on Saturday, 31st inst., in Westminster city, when the final step will be taken. The whole of the stock in this company has now been subscribed.

For the Jockey Club Races.

Six very handsome horses arrived yesterday afternoon on the City of Kingston for the Jockey Club races, on the 23rd and 24th. They are the property of Mr. B. O. Shelburne Walker, a wealthy and enthusiastic horseman and extensive breeder of thoroughbreds. About twenty-five horses are now in training at the club ground for the approaching meeting. The list includes some well-known "flyers" and several dangerous looking "dark ones."

Unreliable Tape Lines.

The much talked of "six inches of land" case has been finally disposed of in the Supreme Court. Mr. Pitt's application for an injunction restraining his neighbor Mr. Phillips, using his (Mr. Pitt's) building to support the joists of a new building, being granted. From the evidence produced in the case the exact boundaries of all property between Government and Wharf streets, on Yates, have never been accurately settled, the surveys made in the early days depending on measurements taken with unreliable lines.

Supreme Court.

Rowland against the City of Victoria—Judgment was delivered in this case yesterday by Mr. Justice Drake, allowing the demurrer of the corporation to the plaintiff's action with costs. The contention of the city was that the Court had no jurisdiction to entertain a suit against the city in respect of any acts done under the authority of the Water Works act. This view was sustained by the learned judge and judgment was rendered accordingly. Mr. Bodwell (Davie & Bodwell) for plaintiff; Mr. Taylor (Eberts & Taylor) for defendants.

His Life Was a Failure.

Wm. Ritchie, who is said to have been the proprietor of a small jewelery store in this city at one time, committed a suicide in San Francisco on Friday by taking poison. A bottle half-filled with sulphate of morphine was lying by his side. Ritchie arrived in San Francisco about three weeks ago, unaccompanied, in search of employment. He had lived some time in Victoria, three years ago, where he kept a jewelery store. The place did not pay, and he sold out and departed. He was not successful elsewhere in business or in his domestic affairs either. He was about 35 year of age.

Obituary.

The sad intelligence was received in this city yesterday of the death of Mr. John E. Venables Vernon, of Clontarf Castle, in the county of Dublin, Ireland, which occurred on the 29th of April. The deceased gentleman, who was in his 77th year, was a deputy lieutenant of his county, and in early life had a distinguished university career. He visited this province in the year 1874, and accompanied his wife, Hon. W. G. Vernon, Mr. Charles Vernon, both now residing in Victoria, to their ranche near Okanagon Lake, where he spent some time before returning to the old country. Colonel Edward Vernon, commanding the 5th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusileers, is now the eldest son of the late Mr. Vernon, succeeds to the entailed estates.

A General Change Round.

The Kingston, if it were endowed with life and understanding, would be called superhuman, so great a feat has she accomplished in performing the round trip that has puzzled and baffled her rivals. Now she is going to take a well deserved three days' rest and refreshment under the care of the Albion Iron Works. She will take advantage of the customary stop over of Saturday to Sunday and extend the time till Tuesday. Provision has been made, however, to keep up the travel by putting the Islander on the route for the Sunday and Monday trips. The latter boat will leave here this evening at 8:30 for the Sound ports, taking the Kingston's freight and passengers, and returning Monday evening to repeat the journey. The Yosemite will make the Tuesday morning trip for the Islander to Vancouver and return, and go back to her Westminster trip on Wednesday morning. By this arrangement, which is of a mutual "unrestricted reciprocity nature," no time will be lost, and the Kingston will return to her work like a giant refreshed.

The Alleged General.

The man Frank Dubois, who is at present serving a term of three years in the Provincial penitentiary, and who was mentioned the other day by a Victoria paper as having held a commission in the French army as a general, has probably been given credit for more distinction than he deserves. He is only 36 years of age, so that at the time of the Franco-Prussian war, eighteen years ago, he could have been but a lad, and could never have figured as a general. But it is questionable if he has ever had any military experience whatever, having nothing at all of the military bearing about him. He is, however, very well educated and a good linguist. He speaks Italian fluently, and is more or less familiar with several other European languages. He is a socialist, and it would appear, an accomplished scoundrel. He was sentenced at Victoria on Nov. 6th, 1888, to three years' imprisonment, for obtaining money under false pretences. He has a wife and family somewhere in the United States, and he lately had intelligence of the death of one of his children. For about eighteen months longer he will be a free boarder at Her Majesty's expense.—Westminster Truth.

BIG RUN OF FISH.

Extraordinary Ascent of Salmon in the Columbia.

PORTLAND, May 15.—The salmon canning business on the Lower Columbia is still in an unsatisfactory condition. A number of canners have accepted the terms of the union and are paying $1 each for fish, but most of them are using their own boats and nets and taking fish only from people who owe them, and the boats are restricted as to the number they can bring in. Some canneries have refused 500 fish per day, as there is the greatest run of fish in the river ever known at this season. No canner cares to pack many fish at $1 each, but the canners who have customers for fancy brands East must fill the order or lose trade.

On the upper river, from Kalama to the Cascades, the union rules are ignored and the fishermen are making much money selling fish at 3 cents a pound. The canners will pack all they can get at that price, and there is a large demand for fish to ship fresh to towns along the railroads