

## THE CITY.

The inland revenue collections at this port during April totalled \$14,910.83, this sum being made up as follows: Spirits, \$7,905.46; malt, \$2,106.35; tobacco, \$4,224.61; cigars, \$680.40; and inspection of petroleum, \$3.

At the meeting of the Victoria Stock Exchange managing committee in the Board of Trade building yesterday details were arranged as to the fees for brokers and the rate of commission. Several companies were called to the list of stocks that will be called.

The committee of the new Stock Exchange of British Columbia met yesterday to consider the proposed constitution. It is now being prepared for adoption at a meeting to be held next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at Pioneer hall, when the election of officers takes place.

Between eleven and twelve o'clock last night the steamship Danube, Capt. Meyers, returned from the North with a light cargo and the following saloon passengers: Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Hetherington, Miss K. Shelly, Mrs. Christenson, A. H. Pollard, J. Cartnell, W. H. Triggs, Bishop Perrin, Miss Perrin, D. Brown, Miss Jacobsen, C. Billbrough, C. Christenson and Mrs. Hall.

From the Victoria Public Library 1,978 books were lent out during the month of April, 993 of these being issued to ladies and 1,045 to gentlemen. The greatest number taken out in one day was 157, the average being 32. The names of 28 new members of the library have been entered on the register, but no new books have been added to the shelves other than a few cheap volumes in payment of fines.

Yesterday the Coast sealing season came to a close, and it is probable that within the next week the greater number of the all the Coast sealers will be home. No more hunting will now be done this side of the Japanese coast until August 1, when the vessels will be permitted to resume work. Behring sea will be patrolled by pretty much the same fleet of American and British cruisers as saw duty there last season. The latter will comprise H.M.S. Pheasant and Satellite with probably a third. When these vessels will sail is not known, but it is thought that it will not be until after the return of H.M.S. Royal Arthur, which is now out on a short cruise, having left Esquimaux for Vancouver Thursday. The Pheasant is at present preparing for her trip North, and may possibly be the first to get away.

## WONDERFUL APPARATUS.

An automatic can making machine to facilitate the manufacture of these articles is on view at the Albion Iron Works. The invention, which turns out cans at the rate of 65 to the minute, is a wonderful improvement over the old methods in vogue at the salmon canneries of making cans by hand. The inventor is Mr. Hume, the well known cannery owner of Wedderburn, Rogue river, Oregon, who is also interested largely in the salmon canning business. His idea was to get a quick and perfect method of making cans by machinery and he has succeeded admirably, and at his Rogue river cannery has already one of his machines in use. Mr. Hume has made arrangements with the Albion Iron Works to manufacture these machines and it is expected that a ready sale will be found for them in this province. The first test was made on Thursday, Mr. Hume, who represents Mr. Hume, explaining the process of turning out the cans. First of all the tin plates are fed into the machine at one end and are cut automatically to the required dimensions. This passes to the forming horn which turns the flanges on the strips of tin, one up, the other down. The tin being then curved round cylinder the flanges are lapped together and a bumper closes the ends. The can then passes on to the soldering apparatus, an ingenious contrivance which first puts on the acid and then solders the seam as neatly as possible. A reel holds the wire solder, and an automatic cutter chops off the amount required. The solder is melted by either a gas or gasoline flame. The can now runs through a cooling cylinder and receives its bottom from a press which punches out discs for heads and bottoms. The bottom meets the can at the header, as it is called, one disc at a time, dropping into place just as the can comes along. The bottom is pressed on the can, it passes along into a chute and is carried away ready to be filled. The machine has space for thirty-eight cans, and as already stated sixty-five cans a minute is the capacity. The machine turns out round cans, but by changing the shape of the horn and header shape may be made, cheapness and quickness being the two great advantages of the method.

## SHIPWRECKED AND FROZEN.

When the steamship Danube sailed for the North on her last trip she carried a passenger from Rivers Inlet to Fort Simpson who had as full an experience of shipwreck as ever man survived. Sam Harris, who is well known here, started North from Fort Simpson in company with another fisherman, who went by the name of Steamboat Harry, a little over a month ago. They were bound for one of the Northern canneries in expectation of securing work, and they voyaged in a little sloop that had been used for fishing purposes. All went well on the trip until Smith's Inlet was reached, when the little vessel was overtaken by a gale. The snow descended first, and the heavy rapidly gave the fishermen the sea rising rapidly gave the fishermen no alternative but to enter the inlet—a dangerous task under the circumstances. The inlet is said to be full of little islands and treacherous currents, and when the sloop entered it became unmanageable. Disaster resulted, and the two fishermen soon found themselves at the mercy of the waves. Harris reached shore alive, but his unfortunate companion perished in the sea. He was, however, more dead than alive when a big sea hurled him ashore. For five days he not only endured painful exposure, but felt the pangs of hunger most terribly. He was found on the beach in a half-frozen condition close to the scene of his misfortune by some Indians, who carried him to River's Inlet. When the Danube left Fort Simpson it had not yet been determined whether or not the poor fellow would have been so unfortunely, but it was feared that they would have to be taken off.

## WASTED ELOQUENCE.

One by One the Aldermen Forsake the Charns of Aid Macmillan's Discourse

Until Left Without a Quorum the Speaker Concludes to Adjourn.

It was not exactly in regulation order that last evening's special meeting of the city council came to an end. The Mayor and all members of the board were present, and, in committee of the whole, were discussing at some length Ald. Williams' motion, announced at a previous meeting, to provide for a special levy on improvements for health purposes. Alderman Macmillan, the first and last speaker on the subject, considered that the matter should be left in abeyance until at least the Jubilee hospital grant was fixed by the council. The statement made in the Colonist concerning lower taxation this year than for the past six years, he alleged to be misleading and inaccurate, and he instanced the taxation on several of the larger properties in town in support of his argument. In the course of his address the Mayor reminded Ald. Williams that the time allowance had expired, and that the information he was giving was available to anyone who wanted it in the city assessor's office. Alderman Macmillan thereupon took his seat with a promise to His Worship that he would take another opportunity to lay his information before the council. Ald. Humphrey next rising said he believed taxation would come heavier this year than last, and in this respect he agreed with the alderman who had preceded him. Here the Mayor cautioned the Alderman to pay better attention to the sense of English language. What the paper had stated and what he said was that the gross levy of taxation was less this year than for six years past. Ald. Partridge in a concise address agreed with the Mayor, while Ald. Marchant followed with a speech which he claimed to be a fair statement of the occurrence of which Ald. Tarks was quick to take note. In the course of his remarks he announced that his own taxation had been increased 25 cents this year. Ald. Wilson took objection to the sarcastic manner in which Ald. Humphrey had referred to his personal taxation, and concluded by saying that the present taxation was "putting it upon" the poor man. Ald. Marchant again spoke at length on the subject. Afterwards Ald. Macmillan asked if he would be in order to speak again, and proceeded to give a semi-political speech. Before he commenced, however, Ald. Tarks reached for his hat and left the room. At the same time Ald. Partridge sought the back of the council and a pipe to banish loneliness. Ald. Glover in an apologetic manner soon afterwards took his departure, while Ald. Wilson followed Ald. Tarks through the door. Ald. Marchant then going back to talk to the two aldermen in the rear of the hall, the Mayor reminded the deserted alderman speaking that there was no quorum, whereupon Ald. Macmillan concluded his remarks, and all the aldermen resumed their places, the meeting adjourning with the consoling remark of Ald. Marchant to Ald. Macmillan that he had been "wasting his sweetness on the desert air."

In the earlier part of the evening the market by-law amendment was considered and finally passed. The streets committee recommended that T. F. P. be awarded the contract for street sprinkling, and this was adopted. The report stated that two tenders had been received for a street sprinkler with steel tank. One was from the Studebaker Company, of Portland, Ore., for \$567, and the other from Geo. Hemans, London, Ont., for \$400. Ald. Wilson was in favor of the Studebaker machine, as he said it was superior, the Archibald wheels being worth \$200 more than the other make. Ald. Humphrey did not believe in getting the sprinkler from the States. There were always some who seemed to think they could get things better outside of this country, but as far as he could learn the London sprinkler was a first-class one, and he would prefer to get it.

Ald. Williams was in favor of a provincial made sprinkler, but as the proposed sprinkler would require patent attachments that would of necessity have to be imported, he would support ordering one from London, Ontario.

Ald. Humphrey then moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the London sprinkler be bought, while Ald. Wilson, seconded by Ald. Macmillan, moved that the Studebaker be bought.

The amendment was eventually lost and the motion carried, only Alderman Wilson voting against it. A report from the Old Men's Home committee recommended that Isaac Crete having complied with the necessary regulations be admitted, and this was approved. Ald. Partridge's motion that certain rickety verandahs on Douglas and Yates street be removed passed without opposition.

Messrs. Chas. Hayward, Wm. Wilson, E. G. Tilton and Capt. Irving have returned from a trip to Texada island, where they visited some of the mining prospects at the northern part of the island. They landed at Sturt Bay on the east coast and walked across to the west side, where the steamer again met them. About half way they came across the Victoria mine, a free gold claim, which the owner, Mr. Raper, is working by means of a crude arrastra driven by water power. Some prospect work is also being done on the group of claims on the west side of the island, and one of them, the Golden Slipper, is being worked by a man named Miller in much the same way as the Victoria. Indications of gold quartz were found all across the island by the party, the general character being free milling.

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## THE CITY.

An excellent concert programme is to be presented at the Colquhoun on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Colquhoun Club.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Southern Railway Co. was held yesterday, when the old board of directors were re-elected.

Amongst several heavy shipments leaving yesterday, was one of thirty tons of mixed groceries; this lot being shipped by Wilson Bros. to H. Geigerich, of Kaslo and Sandon.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., of Ottawa, formerly a resident of this city, was joined in marriage on April 22 to Miss M. K. O'Connell, of New Bern, N.C., the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. G. Vardell at the New Bern First Presbyterian church.

DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER E. M. Krienke, of the Knights Macabees, is in the city from Vancouver for the purpose of organizing a subordinate lodge of that order in this city. New Westminster and Vancouver each have a Tent with a good membership.

The fifth meeting of the Synod of British Columbia will be held in the First Presbyterian church, Vancouver, beginning on May 6 at 8 o'clock in the evening. In the absence of the moderator, Rev. A. Lee, the opening sermon will be preached by Rev. J. C. Henderson, of Calgary, ex-moderator.

The Mount Baker hotel, which under Mr. Virtue's able management has become such a favorite summer resort, opened last night for the season. Everything has been done to make the guests comfortable, and the cuisine and appointments are excellent in every detail. Many people went out from town to the opening promenade concert by the Fifth Regiment band, and as last year the band concerts will be a weekly attraction.

## SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

The novelty wheel races at Caledonia park yesterday furnished good sport for a limited audience, and although the two events could hardly be considered as bicycle races proper they were fairly well contested and made an hour or more pass pleasantly. Nine riders participated in the fast hundred yards preliminary heats, E. A. Wolff, T. G. Moody, Jr., E. W. Bradley and F. Penwill qualifying for the final in 10-2-5, 10-4-5 and 10-1-5 seconds respectively. The final was a fine struggle, which the race officials decided as a dead heat between Moody and Bradley, the heat being caught at 10-2-5. The repeat with only these two in it was lost to Bradley in the start, Moody catching his pace quickly and again winning in 10 seconds flat. For the slow race, Alley, Wolff, Russell and Gibbons qualified out of a field of thirteen, the latter dragging out the distance in 6 minutes. Alley won the final in 4 minutes, Wolff and Gibbons disqualifying by trespass on the limit lines.

The Victoria Wheelmen's Club last evening celebrated their opening of new club rooms with a reception to lady cyclists, of whom there were about twenty-five in attendance. The convenient arrangements and handsome furnishings of the premises were duly inspected and admired, and afterwards an informal concert programme was presented, to which Mr. J. Dobson, Miss Penwill, Mr. Ken and Mrs. Williams contributed, Miss Penwill and Mr. Powell acting as accompanists. The president, Mr. Powell, the energetic vice, Mr. Pierce, and in fact all the officers, extended the most cordial invitation to make their guests happy and perfectly at home, and their efforts were eminently successful. The presentation of the new club banner, provided through the generosity of Mr. J. Dobson, the gentleman's popular helpmate was one of the specially pleasing features of the evening. Another was the appearance of the celebrated white flyers, Messrs. Johnson and Bradley, who as cyclists of the refreshment department arrived in time to avert the terrors of starvation for the assembled company.

## THE GUN.

MINOR LEADS BY ONE.

In the A class shoot for the trophy at the Cliff House traps yesterday afternoon Mr. C. W. Macleure, of Port Moody, was the victor for 25 birds: Minor, 19; F. C. Macleure, 18; B. H. Johns and Adams (a tie), 17; Bickford, 13; Howe, 8. The second of the series of four shoots will be continued on Friday. There is also a trophy for B class shoots under the same conditions. There is no entrance fee.

## BASEBALL.

AGAIN NO GAME AT PORTLAND. What news from Portland? was the inquiry on every lip yesterday, and then the answer came: "No game." The result of the interrogation was slightly varied—to "What can be the matter at Portland?" There was nothing the matter with the ball team, so the telegraph subsequently disclosed—it was just Portland weather giving an exhibition of itself until the ground was too wet for play and a second postponement had to be ordered.

## SEATTLE DEFEATS TACOMA.

TACOMA, May 2. (Special).—The game to-day between Tacoma and Seattle was won by Seattle, which showed better practice and did great fielding. The respective batteries were Pastorius and Donovan, and Burr and Frary. There was a drizzle and rain throughout the game. The score stood:

Tacoma.....	R.	H.	E.
Seattle.....	5	9	6
	9	7	4

## CRICKET.

VICTORIA CLUB PREPARATIONS. Within the last fortnight the new practice ground of the Victoria Cricket Club on Cook street has assumed a much improved appearance. A two-horse roller has been at work and a quantity of black soil has been carted on to the ground and the turf has been taken up and relaid where necessary. The ground is now a well-mown, smooth area sufficiently large for several practice pitches. The playing material has been repaired and replenished, and everything is ready for starting practice. A groundman has been engaged and will be in attendance on every afternoon. Matches have

already been arranged with Vancouver, the Navy and the Fifth Regiment, and others will follow in due course. Very little will have to be done on the ground at Oak Bay, where the matches are to be played, on account of its naturally smooth condition. On May 9 and 16 two in-club matches will be played and will probably be the XI v. the next XVI, and members under 28 years of age v. members over 28. As soon as the committee are assured of a sufficiently large membership a schedule of second XI matches will be arranged and several in-club matches will be played in order to give matches to as many members as possible.

## CHESS.

HOW THEY STAND. The results so far in the Victoria chess tournament now going on are as follows:

	Won.	Lost.
R. Goward.....	3½	1½
Geo. Langley.....	5	1
R. H. Johnston.....	5	1
W. Scowcroft.....	4½	1½
A. W. Wallace.....	4	2
P. D. Goepel.....	3	3
A. S. Brown.....	1½	1½
Capt. Mitchell.....	½	8½
T. Lawrie.....	3	3
P. T. Johnston.....	4	9
C. A. Lombard.....	1	9
C. E. Clarke.....	0	1

## "POLITICS IN B. C."

It will be seen by the following letter to the Montreal Gazette that it is not so easy for Grit romancers to deceive the people of the East as to the political condition of this Province as they believe it to be:

To the Editor of the Gazette:—A Mr. F. J. Deane, representing an obscure Radical weekly paper, airs his views on the political situation in British Columbia through the columns of the Grit organ this morning. There can be no objection to Mr. Deane, or Mr. Anybody else, making himself ridiculous in predicting phantom victories for his party, but when he speaks of men like Col. Prior, Mr. Earle, Mr. Mara, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Corbould and Mr. Barnard as "mere puppets" he violates common decency as well as the truth. All of these gentlemen are too thoroughly known in the Province as leading, influential and successful men to be injured there by this Smart Alec's impudent falsehoods; but in the East it may not be so well known that they are generally respected and have larger interests at stake in the Province than ten times ten thousand Deanes will ever possess. Those of the present representatives who offer themselves for re-election are as sure of victory as Mr. Deane's presumption and self-sufficiency are of provoking laughter and derision amongst all who know him and them when his interview reaches the Coast.

(Bostock, Mr. Deane's employer), McInnis, Morrison, Templeman, Milne (the hero of many disastrous defeats) to represent British Columbia! Very like a whale, or, rather, a sea-Deane.

Ex-B. C.

Montreal, April 23.

## SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Mr. J. E. Macrae, local agent of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company, has received a cablegram from the head offices of Dodwell, Carill & Co., in London, stating that the steamship Braemar has been chartered to make two trips between Hongkong and Tacoma. She will leave Hongkong on her first trip June 5, Yokohama June 16, and will arrive here July 1. Remaining in Tacoma ten days, she will then go to Seattle, arriving in Yokohama July 26. She will leave Yokohama on her second Eastern trip August 27, arriving here September 1. Upon returning to Hongkong, October 15, her charter will expire. The Braemar is a new steel screw steamer of 3,170 tons, built in 1895 at Sunderland. She is owned by J. Warwick & Co. Her classification in Lloyd's register is 100 A1. She was built for freight purposes, but has powerful engines and is speedy. It is expected that she will go to Hongkong after discharging, which having gone to New York from Hongkong, no longer flies the N. P. flag. The Tacoma is nearly half way on the voyage from Yokohama to Victoria.

The schooner Walter L. Rich, Captain Robbins, is the first of the Coast sealers to return home. She arrived yesterday morning, bringing only 93 skins to represent her season's work. It was on the 19th of February last that the vessel left Victoria on her sealing expedition, and the ill-luck she has met with is well indicated by her small catch. Very rough weather prevailed during the last few days of the voyage, but it was favorable for the trip home. Consequently many other sealers are expected in by Monday. Most of the Rich's hunting was done north of the straits. The steamship Mexico from the Sound is due to sail for Alaska to-day. She left Seattle for Tacoma yesterday and will probably arrive here some time during the afternoon. It is thought that this will be the last trip North for the Mexico, as the City of Topeka according to present indications will afterwards be able to handle the passenger trade.

OWING to the frequency of late of false alarms, evidently turned in maliciously, the city authorities have offered a reward of \$25 for the apprehension of anyone so violating the fire prevention by-law.

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## THE JUDGE WAS HOOTED.

LONDON, May 2.—A Capetown dispatch to the Times says: "It is stated from Pretoria that the interdict upon the property of the reform prisoners has been removed, except in the case of Charles Leonard and Dr. Wolfe. Judge Gregorweski, who presided at the trial of the reformers, was hooted on his return to Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State."

In the Volksraad of the Orange Free State several speakers denounced the British Chartered South African Company and Cecil Rhodes, the would-be dictator of South Africa. They declared that the sending of British troops to Matabeleland was a mere pretext for troops into Africa.

President Steyn advocated the abrogation of all treaties with the company, which, he said, was a danger to South Africa. He advised calmness, however, and said he felt sure Mr. Chamberlain would do his utmost in behalf of peace. The Times in an editorial, protests against punishing Cecil Rhodes for his connection with the Johannesburg raid to appease the Boers, "who," says the

Times, "are eager for his downfall, not from hatred but from policy, he being a formidable champion of British ascendancy. It is inconceivable that he has been actuated by enmity to the Dutch. His whole policy has been based upon the cordial co-operation of the British and the Dutch. It is a time to deal harshly with the ablest and most devoted imperialist in South Africa."

The Times also has a dispatch from Pretoria, which says: "The progressive burghers think banishment and a small fine will suffice as a punishment for the convicted members of the Johannesburg national union. But the influence of the Hollanders causes difficulties." The Daily News says editorially: "Mr. Rhodes having assumed the role of a largely attended. Among the wreaths from the passengers on the wrecked train was one from Hugh John Macdonald, M.P."

PORT ARTHUR, May 1.—The funeral of Daniel McNeill, the engineer who was killed in the accident at Negipon on Tuesday, took place to-day and was largely attended. Among the wreaths from the passengers on the wrecked train was one from Hugh John Macdonald, M.P.