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Nearly One Thousand People Assemble in the Driving Park to Witness This Popular Event.

The word "Gymkhana" being interpreted meaneth "a race for animals," but, like all other terms incorporated into the language of the modern Anglo-Saxon, this one has been modified, extended and changed out of all recognition; in some cases for the better, in others the reverse. Yesterday's exhibition was a fair specimen of a gymkhana, and those who witnessed it spent an enjoyable afternoon. The weather was all that could be desired and the assembly was very brilliant in consequence. Good weather conduces to a cheerful, pleasure-seeking state of mind, and even small events are enjoyable. So it was yesterday; a large number of people assembled and witnessed the sports, listening the while to the excellent music furnished by the "C" Battery band. The band came to grief in the height of the excitement attending the races. At the most critical time their platform unexpectedly collapsed, and mixed up instruments and instrumentalists in the utmost confusion. Fortunately the only injury done was the dinting of a few of the instruments. Somewhere in the neighborhood of one thousand people swallowed as little of the dense clouds of dust as they could on the road out. Numerous private equipages dashed along, the occupants were crowded and many people had the courage to walk. When they arrived at the track it was found to be in splendid condition; the grand stand was soon crowded both by ladies and gentlemen, and the sports commenced in most sharp-on time. Confusion was the chief characteristic of most, if not all of the events, but the greatest excellence was in the tandem handicap race which was one calling for no mean skill in driving and keeping one's head at the same time. The competitors had to drive the leader and ride the wheeler, and in most cases, one horse being better than the other, there was a deal of amusing confusion. They were ranged in line, seven of them, fourteen horses, in all, and were finally started. G. Drummond, black, red hoops; B. H. T. Drake, dark blue and cerise; L. H. Webber, white, green sleeves; G. I. S. Warrender, red, blue cap; Lieut. Scott, white; J. D. Prentice, white, scarlet sash and cap; F. B. Pemberton, green, white sleeves.

Not ten yards had been covered after the word "go" had been pronounced before all the above colors were hopelessly mixed, into one indistinguishable mass. After the next ten yards, most of the leaders had broken loose and were sailing gayly round the track on their own account, their erstwhile masters galloping after in a vain endeavor to recover them. When the half lap was completed, the race practically belonged to T. B. Pemberton, and he came in first with his two horses under splendid control, although several of the riderless and masterless animals tore in ahead of him.

The boys' race was a spirited affair, and was not at all badly run. The entrants were: B. Harvey, G. D. and H. Ward, B. Powell, Burns, H. Pooley and J. Pemberton. They were nearly all well mounted and none of them bad riders. A first class start was made and away the ponies dashed. When they came round again it was in the following order: J. Pemberton, Burns, and H. Pooley. The crowd cheered and even a little money changed hands in a few bets.

The half-mile hurdle race was a little exciting at the start, but the hurdles having been kicked down by the second or third horse made it little more than a steeple-chase without any of the skill necessary to run one. The first and second to pass the judges' stand were J. D. Prentice and Captain Ogilvie, R. C. A., out of the following entries: Lieut. Warrender, R. N., red, blue cap; Lieut. Scott, R. N., white; L. H. Webber, white, green sleeves; J. D. Prentice, (1) white, scarlet sash and cap; Capt. Ogilvie, (2) R. C. A., dark blue and cardinal; Lieut. Burstall, R. C. A., brown and gold; M. G. Drummond, black, red hoops; C. A. Ward, red, yellow sleeves; C. S. A. Pearse, blue and gold; H. Dumbleton, cerise.

J. D. Prentice also secured the first place in the postillion race, but as there were only two entries and his opponent lost his horse half-way, the task was not a difficult one. It is only just to say, however, that G. F. S. Warrender, who rode against him, kept ahead with his horses all along, his loss only being nominal.

The menagerie, race, dogs, horses and cows excluded, was unquestionably a piece of cruelty. Four poor birds, tied and trammeled, were entered, but they were well nigh dead with the heat, and being dragged along by the neck was not conducive to their comfort. No one enjoyed it, but a crowd of small boys, in whom cruelty is an innate feature, and the poor things lay down helpless and half dead, while their tormenters goaded them on.

The bare-backed, hurdle race was amusing, confusing, in fact it was everything that was stupid, funny and laughter creating. Nine riders (in night shirts) had allotted to them the task of running over first hurdle, leading their horses, ride over the next, round a post and repeat the operation on the return trip. G. H. Ogilvie did it successfully. If there was any fun, though, it was in the "Soda water race":—Quarter of a mile with turn, over four flights. Start dismounted, saddle on arm; at fail of flag, saddle up, light cigar, open umbrella, mount, ride over two flights, dismount, open and drink a bottle of soda water, mount, ride home over two flights, cigar to be alight and umbrella open at the finish. Nothing could have been more thoroughly ridiculous. The start was good, and all the umbrellas, catching the breeze, were turned inside out, but somehow the smoke of the cigar got down several throats and caused some wry faces to be drawn. —Barclay came in first, with Lieut. Warrander, R. N., second, after a good deal of fun.

The concluding event was the side-saddle race, won by C. A. Ward, with Lieut. Warrander second.

On the whole a pleasant afternoon was spent; there was not much scientific horsemanship exhibited, but there were thrown into the sports plenty of vim and spirit, and the assembly was thoroughly good natured, all of which tended to make things generally run as smoothly as some of the riders rolled off the horses' backs and along the track.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Contest Narrowing Down.

Benj. Douglas has retired from the political fight at Westminster, and the fight has now narrowed to a contest of two—Messrs. Carbonld and Townsend. Both are confident of their strength, and have many friends and firm adherents.

For the Park.

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An Illegal Traffic.

Samuel Wilson was convicted and fined $50, with $4.50 costs, at the provincial police court yesterday morning for having liquor, presumably for sale, on the Indian reserve. The fine was paid into court and the offender escaped three months' incarceration.

Gone Up in Smoke.

In accordance with orders received from Ottawa, the consignment of Zola's novels seized in a local bookstore a few days ago, was yesterday destroyed by fire at the Custom House. The bonfire represented about $50 worth of books, and Inspector Young, in person, acted as chief stoker.

The Church will be Stone.

A meeting of the trustees board of the Pandora street Methodist church was held in the pastor's vestry last evening, when it was unanimously decided to build the new church of stone throughout, thereby increasing its cost and value by about $10,000. The contract price of the church was, before, $50,000; so that the new building now will cost in the neighborhood of sixty thousand.

Progress of Anacortes.

According to a telegraphic dispatch to the Tacoma Globe, the population of Anacortes is not less than 3,000, the city proper being composed of 354 buildings, including 83 tents, 72 dwellings, 21 saloons, 17 restaurants, 10 hotels, 20 lodging houses and 40 real estate offices. On January 20 there were but five buildings where the city now stands, with a population not exceeding 25.

Picked up at Sea.

The schooner Ruby A. Cousins, which arrived at Astoria from Eureka, Cala., on Saturday last, picked up about sixty miles west by north of Yaquina picked up five men adrift in two boats belonging to the sealing schooner Rosie Olsen, which left Astoria a short time since, bound north on a sealing cruise. The men were in a very bad condition, the crew of the Cousins until Saturday morning, when a craft was sighted and they were finally transferred aboard of her.

Mission Matters.

A lecture was delivered at Johnson's Landing school-house a few evenings ago, by Rev. Mr. Robson, on "The turning point of life." It was largely attended and highly appreciated.

The work of raising the trestle of the Mission Bridge is now in operation, and it is hoped that the bridge will be completed before high water. This year's freshet is expected to be above the average on account of the heavy snow and late spring.

A Spokane Falls Sensation.

Some time ago a man named Scoville, accompanied by a woman whom he alleged to be his wife, came to Spokane Falls. He opened an architect's office and he kept a lodging house. On Thursday they skipped out leaving bills to the amount of over $1,000 unpaid. It has since transpired that she is a sister of Charles J. Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield. The couple are on their way to Victoria, where they are now living under an assumed name.

Called to the Bar.

On Friday afternoon an examination of barristers at law candidates for admission to the bar of British Columbia, was held before Mr. Justice McCreight at New Westminster. The following were the successful candidates and the provinces in which they had graduated: Manitoba—Miles Cecil Percy Beck; and Robert Wilson Harris; Ontario—John Campbell and Adolphus Williams; Nova Scotia.—A. Morrison and Edgar Allison McGee; New Brunswick—Isaac Hoyte Hallet.

Buried Far from Home.

Sergt. Langley, of the provincial police, has received the following telegram from the brother of the late Thomas Christie, who was found drowned last Friday:

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These instructions will be carried out, and the poor fellow will fill a grave in a place far from home and friends, although in the country where he made his money.

A Bold Move.

Among the passengers for San Francisco to-day will be Charles Labelle, —"The Smuggler King"—who has been for an unwilling resident of Victoria for a couple of years, a sentence of fine and imprisonment for opium smuggling having been recorded against him at Detroit. The sensational circumstances of his case are still fresh in the minds of Victorians. His banishment from the land of the Stars and Stripes has become very irksome and he has now decided to go back to the States, expecting to be arrested. If he is he will fight the case over in the courts.

Freight and Trade.

Port Townsend is booming just now, and its incoming freight is very heavy in consequence. The City of Kingston yesterday had 75 head of horses for that city to be used on the railways in construction; as well as one carload of hogs, one of machinery, and two carloads of mixed merchandise. In consequence of the heavy Townsend freight considerable Victoria shipments had to be left behind.

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Our North Country.

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The Kingston's Master.

The Seattle Morning Journal says: "Captain Roberts is no longer master of the City of Kingston. This statement will undoubtedly cause considerable surprise in Sound maritime circles. Captain Roberts, it seems, after the collision at Port Townsend between the City of Kingston and the steamer George E. Starr, was relieved of the command of the former craft, and Captain Wood was given the vessel. He presided over her destinies for about two weeks, and now he too has given way to a new man. The Kingston's latest master is Captain Melville Nicholls, who attained to local celebrity by bringing the steamer around from New York. Nicholls will, however, not remain long in his place, as he is the man selected to proceed to New York to witness the launching of the new steamer City of Seattle and bring her around to the Sound. Just who will succeed Nicholls as master of the Kingston nobody seems to know, but the Journal's marine reporter is in a position to state almost positively that Captain Roberts will again be given command of the steamer.

"C" BATTERY BARRACKS.

The Officers Quarters Being Constructed—Other Government Buildings Required This Year.

Since the fine weather set in the construction on the officers quarters at Work Point for "C" Battery, is being rapidly pushed by the contractors, Munday & Woodward. The stone foundations are nearly finished for the long building, and the commandant's residence is well on the way. The plan of the building is not possessed of much architectural beauty, but the structure is being erected in a most substantial manner, and the "quarters" will be much more comfortable than the average Victoria house. Double walls, two layers of building paper, and plaster will make in all about one foot in thickness, and the cold blasts of winter will have little chilling effect on the residents. A COLONIST representative paid a visit to the barracks yesterday afternoon, and could not but remark the excellence of the site for the purpose intended and admire the beauty of its location. To the south-east can be seen the grand Olympian range, the waters of the Straits and wooded shores lying between. To the east a splendid view of the business portion of Victoria, solid and substantial, and the residences on the high ground, is obtained. Dunsmuir Castle standing out in bold relief. The shore at the point is rocky, but at Rose Bay is a beautiful sandy beach, which will no doubt be taken full advantage of when the battery is definitely located in its new quarters. The commandant, Lieut.-Col. Holmes, and his family are residing in one of the three "huts" erected for the men some two years ago.

The space for the parade ground has been cleared, but the stumps are still in the ground. This is immediately in front of the new barracks, and while the parade a tennis court, and on the north a recreation ground for all sorts of games will be made. However, this will all take considerable time.

The report has learned that only the officers quarters are arranged for this year. If this intention is adhered to at the end of the summer the officers and men of the battery will be in about the same position as at present. A parade ground of stumps and mud will prove but a sorry place for drill purposes. Without hospital, canteen, cook houses, guard house and other necessary buildings, the good sleeping accommodation provided will scarcely warrant the term "comfortable quarters." It struck the visitor as being most absurd and reprehensible that a sufficient appropriation for fully completing the buildings and parade ground was not made at one and the same time. The manner in which the constructive work has been made is only calculated to greatly increase their total cost. Another $25,000 with the appropriation for the building of officers' quarters would have erected all the smaller buildings, but with the present system of constructing them, piece-meal, they will cost double that sum. The pay of the privates of "C" battery is 50 cents per head per day, a salary well calculated to instil habits of economy and morality among them. With this pittance at the present time they occupy most uncomfortable and unpleasant quarters, and it seems the determination of the minister of militia that at the new quarters they will still remain subject to discomfort and inconvenience. Surely comfortable and attractive quarters in every respect should be provided for men who receive such small compensation. The strength or standard of the battery can never be sustained if the life is not made attractive. No doubt the militia department is well and frequently informed of the necessities of Battery "C," and if the corps had been located at Victoria, "F.Q.," instead of at Victoria, B.C., its wants would have received the most careful attention. As an instance of neglect the battery here, although a requisition has been sent in again and again, is not provided with a telephone, whereas Batteries A and B of Kingston and Quebec have a couple of them paid for by the department. In the eyes of the department "C" Battery is a step-child, and should be content with little.

In the course of events, perhaps, a change of ministers will require to be made, all the necessary improvements for placing "C" battery in possession of barracks equal to those furnished in England to the regulars, will be completed. When such is a fact there can be no question that they will then be the most attractive military quarters to be found anywhere, for, added to good housing and conveniences of life, the site is most picturesque, and the barrack grounds will be one of the attractions of the beautiful city of Victoria.

The officers' quarters will be finished by 1st August next, and it is to be hoped that the militia department will see the error of its ways and make the other needed improvements, so that officers and men may at last move in and rejoice in having a permanent abiding place.

MUTINOUS JAP SAILORS.

Men Who Amuse Themselves by Defying, and Afterwards Beating Their Officer.

Seebee, Ymanchi, Otula, Harrato, Tomaka, Ido, Assabeedeme, Sun, Nogume, and Skamatosass, are all Japanese sailors who questioned the authority of their mate, Olaff Marten Lundberg, while their ship Penelope was in port. Circumstances show that one of the men went on shore without permission, and on being informed by the mate that he had disobeyed orders, he told the officer that he would do so as often as he pleased, and that he (the mate) had no authority while the ship was in port. Words followed his defiance of official authority in which the remaining Japs took part, the result being a lively scuffle, in which the mate played a prominent defensive role. He was knocked down and cut about the head slightly, in addition to which his assailants drenched him with water. Assistance soon came from the white portion of the crew, who produced their shooters, cowed the Japs and drove them down below. A couple of shots were fired in the air to render more effectual the threat if the Japanese came up or attempt to come up they would be shot down. They heeded the advice until Sergeant Langley and one of his men, along with city police officer Walker came aboard and secured the mutineers. They were lodged in jail and brought before Mr. Robert Ward, J.P., to answer to the charge of mutiny and assault. Mr. Tazawa was sworn in as interpreter, and Mr. Mills appeared for the prosecution. The case was, however, remanded till this morning at ten o'clock.

AU REVOIR.

Heart's friend—'tis a dreary thing parting,
And the future it stretches out gloomy;
But if salt drops to eyelids are starting,
They have not yet o'erflowed the brim.
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For years it may last, the fierce thunder
That throws us apart and adrift;
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The darkest cloud some day will lift.
Au revoir.

So grasp once our hands and then sever,
Thou straight to thy post—I to mine,
And in this life it paints for ever,
We'll meet again over the line.
Au revoir.

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A Seasonable Hint.

During the breaking up of winter, damp, chilly weather prevails, and rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, sore throat, croup, quinsey and other painful effects of sudden cold are common. Hagyard's Yellow Oil is a truly valuable household remedy for all such complaints. wfs

"ERMINIE" THE EXQUISITE.

Scores a Brilliant Success by Our Local Company.

Welcomed by a Large, Enthusiastic and Appreciative Audience at The Victoria.

Erminie metamorphased; Erminie changed in many parts almost past recognition, but Erminie still popular, was presented at The Victoria theatre last evening by the local amateur opera company. Who that had heard it at the Opera Comique a little over three years ago would recognize the Erminie of to-day as it is seen in various parts of the globe adapted to the requirements of the particular circumstances surrounding its production? But then who can resist the charm of its music, the natural pathos and humor that bubble up from beginning to end, and the fascination it possesses for sincere lovers of a light yet pleasing story? A large and very enthusiastic audience greeted it last evening in its almost new dress. The curtain rose on a pretty scene, of brilliancy and animation. The costumes were in the main correct to their time, but some years before the period of the opera, and it should be remembered that people's fancy changes considerably in the matter of dress during the course of a few years. An opening chorus is like the keynote to a piece of music; there could scarcely be a more pleasing effort than Erminie's, and last evening's chorus was good, in time, in tune, and not over done. The first act contained a deal of matter, was rather comprehensive and covered a great deal of time. One or two matters could be remedied; for instance, an old man like the Chevalier Cadeaux, a polished courtier would never make love to a lady of Erminie's rank and beauty before a score or so of laughing, bouncing lads and lasses. And yet the song "When love is young" was sung with a chorus. Still it was pleasantly sung, but it requires acting and elocution to make it thoroughly appreciable. Then the thieves, Ravennes and Cadeaux, the life and soul of this equisite little opera, have been seen to infinitely worse advantage in professional productions than they were last night.

The second act was also considerably altered, but to the casual looker-on it was very acceptable, and full of brilliancy in the main. As is the performers, a great deal may be said to their credit; there were but few if indeed any, falterings, and about as many short-comings. With regard to the ladies, everything was perfection; it always is so. Mr. Herbert Kent took the role of the marquis, and was appreciable to some extent, especially in his song "All for Glory. Miss Heathfield was a charming Erminie, collected and self-commanding as Erminie should be. She was soon a great favorite, but she deserved the praise awarded her. Her toilette was simply faultless, but that was not all. She did especial credit to her part, which she performed with grace and dignity. Indeed her self-possession at times cost one or two passages. She also sang sweetly and correctly. Mr. T. H. Lang was seen for just one minute as the Viscountpte de Brissac. Mr. S. Y. Waston need but little make him a good Eugene. The performance of Messrs. C. W. Rhodes and C. A. Lombard as Ravenues and Cadeaux respectively, was meritorious to a degree; the former has a good presence and a fair voice; the latter every quality for his part. His humor seemed perfectly natural and created roars of laughter just as natural. Marie (Miss Annie Shaw) was a character of whom a great deal more might have been seen without lessening the esteem in which she was held. Her voice is of pleasant tone, agreeably pitched in a compass which she never exceeds, and thus always keeps in tune. She avoids affected emotion, keeps as accurately to the music as the orchestra will allow her, and at the same time does not sacrifice musical accuracy to expression or vice-versa. She also sang from "The Gondoliers," a rather difficult piece, though not one to be popular. Still she was also recalled for it. Miss Florence Pauline made a pretty Cerise, though her part was altogether eliminated and she was unable to exhibit that love, so noble, so self-sacrificing, which a sister can alone exhibit; a scene which is one of the most beautiful features of Erminie. The remaining roles were—Mr. H. Yates, Chevalier de Brabazon; Mr. C. A. Rattray, Dufois; Mr. C. Waterman, Sergeant; Miss Burns, Clementine; Mrs. G. Simpson, the Princess. The chorus was very creditable, on the whole; the orchestration was good throughout, except in the chorus once or twice, and they gave some of the sweetest passages of the opera very touchingly and expressively.

To sum up, if to-night anything like last night's performance is given, and there is no possible reason why there should not, a very full and appreciative house is guaranteed.

THE MAINLAND DELEGATION.

To THE EDITOR:—Will you allow me to say that your report of the interview between this delegation and the government is very far from being accurate. Justice is done to neither side, and, naturally enough, I daresay, those speakers who were strangers to the reporter suffer more than those he was accustomed to "take."

Let me give you just one sample: The attorney-general having stated that no difference worth mentioning could be proved between the population of the island and that of the mainland—neither voters' lists, number of school children, nor amount of taxes proved it—I am made to reply that the voters in New Westminster district "and the lower constituencies" were almost exactly one-third of those on the island—and then the report branches off to something else.

Now, my answer was that the voters in the lower Fraser constituencies numbered exactly 500 less than those of the whole island (I find the exact numbers on the 28th April will be, lower Fraser, 6,556; island, 7,111), while the public accounts show that these constituencies contributed to the revenue over $50,000 more than the whole island; so that, taking the attorney-general's own means of estimating, it would be fair to call these constituencies equal to the whole island, and if, as he said, there was no difference worth mentioning between the whole of the mainland and the island, it followed that all the mainland, outside the lower Fraser "was not worth mentioning," yet the new bill proposed to give that part eleven members.

The whole report may be judged by this sample. J. C. BROWN.

Victoria, April 26th.

Advices from all sections of the New Westminster district are to the effect that spring ploughing and seeding are now well advanced.

Autumn Anxieties.

I HAD a very bad cough this fall, but Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam cured me completely. E. ROBINSON, Washago.

Pectoral Balsam cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, asthma, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles. wfs

A Cure for Toothache.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum is guaranteed to cure toothache instantly. Prepared by J. A. Gibbons & Co., Toronto, and sold by druggists. Price, 15 cents.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Married.

At the residence of Mr. John Emery, Cordova Bay, was celebrated on the 26th inst., the marriage of his youngest daughter, Sarah Ellen, to Mr. John Sinclair. Rev. D. McRae performed the ceremony in the presence of a numerous company of friends.

A Preliminary Announcement.

The next convention of the Provincial Teachers' Institute will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 15th, 16th and 17th, when essays on educational topics, readings, recitations, music and explanations and exhibitions of school work will form an attractive programme.

The Westminster Election.

Mr. W. H. Ladner, M.P.P., has announced himself as a candidate for the vacant seat in the House of Commons for Westminster district. There are, therefore, three gentlemen now in the field, Mr. G. E. Corbould, Mr. W. B. Townsend and Mr. Ladner. The News Advertiser says it is rumored that Mr. T. Cunningham, M.P.P., is "in the hands of his friends," if he can serve them in the matter.

Medical Council.

The election of members of the Medical Council of British Columbia for the ensuing three years took place in this city yesterday, when the following gentlemen were returned, the ballot standing in the order named: Dr. Milne, Dr. McGregor, Dr. Tunstall, Dr. Hannington, Dr. Davie, Dr. Lefevre and Dr. Smith. The council will meet next Tuesday, elect officers, and consider applications to practice in the province.

A Serious Charge.

Secretary McCombs, of the Seattle Relief Association, has been suspended pending an investigation of charges preferred against him by the officers of the association. It was found that eighteen persons credited with having received $20 each had no address in the city, and reporters were unable to ascertain their whereabouts. The supposition is that all such cases were fictitious, and McComb's shortage will amount to thousands of dollars.

Special Accommodations.

The C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Rainbow, which was to have left Westminster yesterday, has orders to bring back the Cleveland minstrels to this city, she having been specially chartered for their use. The minstrels appear here on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Arrangements are being made by the amateurs for a special train on the E. & N. to await the conclusion of their production of Erminie at Nanaimo on Saturday evening, and bring them home to this city.

The Seized Seal Skins.

A San Francisco dispatch says: "O. J. Porter, the United States marshal of the district of Alaska, is in the city awaiting the arrival of the steamer St. Paul, which is expected to reach here early next month. The steamer will bring 2,600 seal skins, seized by the revenue cutter Rush last year in Behring sea from five contraband vessels. The skins, which for some time have been two more will be sent in. The approximate value of $20,000. They will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, and the receipts will go into the government treasury."

Japs for the Jail.

In the Provincial court yesterday morning, Messrs. Robert Ward and Wm. Dalby, J's P., presiding, all the circumstances connected with the case of the ten Japanese sailors of the Penelope, charged with defying an assault upon the mate, were fully entered into. The majority of the prisoners denied knowing anything about the affair, but all were proved to have played more or less important parts in the fight. The ringleaders of the gang was sentenced to two months' imprisonment; five others were sent down for six weeks, and four escaped for want of sufficient evidence.

A Sailor's Rights.

An interesting point of international law was brought up by the recent transfer of one of the sealing schooners from American to British register. A sailor who had signed articles under the Stars and Stripes claimed his wages after the Can