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## LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

**Large Transfer of Land.**

Heisterman & Co. on Saturday sold 432 acres of land opposite Mission City, to S. Tingley and associates for $24,000.

**And the Band Will Play.**

The Victoria Athletic Club, at a special meeting last night, decided to hold the annual club picnic on July 19th, on which occasion the brass band of the club will make its first appearance.

**Tenders Invited.**

Collector of Customs A. R. Milne intends to at once invite tenders for the erection of his three story brick block on Johnson street, which is to have a frontage of 45 feet and a depth of 100. The Fort street block will also be proceeded with shortly.

**On the Songhees Reserve.**

The new public school for the Indians, on the Songhees reserve, is now open, and about one dozen boys and girls are receiving instruction. The building is conveniently situated, and the attendance is likely to increase materially in the course of the next few months.

**All the News.**

Frank Campbell will in future conduct a well supplied news stand at his celebrated "corner," and the COLONIST can always be obtained there. This will be welcome news to the public, particularly to those who have found difficulty in getting the paper on Sunday mornings.

**To be Docked.**

Steamer Danube, as soon as she returns from the North and discarges her cargo, will be docked at Esquimalt to receive a general overhauling. As soon as the Danube comes out, the City of Seattle will enter to have her bottom cleaned and painted and to be examined throughout.

**Growing Steadily.**

As an evidence of the rapid growth of the business done by Victoria merchants, the agent of the Dominion Express Co. here says that during this year from $100 to $600 a month's increase in trade has been reported by the Victoria office over all previous years. This fact speaks for itself.

**Will Remain Open.**

It is altogether likely that, during the repairs to James Bay bridge, that structure will remain open to traffic, as it is said the strengthening of the bridge will not interfere with its use. As it is at present the only open route to James Bay Ward, the public would be much inconvenienced should it be closed.

**Their Annual Meeting.**

President J. A. Humbird and several other of the head officers of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co., are expected to arrive from the East shortly, to attend the adjourned annual meeting, on the 15th inst. The mills at Chemainus are now running, and the output is quite satisfactory. It finds a ready market.

**C.O.O.F.M.U.**

Pride of the West Lodge, C.O.O.F.M.U. held its regular meeting last Friday evening. A good deal of routine business was transacted, and 18 candidates were initiated. Fully 80 members were present, and some brethren from Waverley Lodge, who contributed greatly to the general programme of the evening. A special degree meeting was decided on for next Friday evening. The join was noted for a speedy church parade.

**To be Dedicated Next Sunday.**

The new and tasteful little church just completed for the Methodist congregation of North Saanich will be dedicated, next Sunday, Rev. Coverdale Watson preaching at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The architect, Mr. Thomas Hooper; the contractor, Mr. J. H. Matthews; and the painter and decorator, Mr. Mellor, have done their work well, and it would be hard to find anywhere in the province a prettier church than that at North Saanich.

**Gorge Road Methodist Church.**

On Sunday, without any special solicitation, the congregation of the Gorge Road Methodist Church voluntarily subscribed $7,000 towards the erection of a new church alongside the present one. The cost of the proposed edifice is fixed at $13,000, and there appearing to be no difficulty about raising the balance of the money required, it is expected that the trustee meeting to be held this evening will resolve to proceed at once with the new structure.

**The Chinese Mission.**

On Sunday evening, two young intelligent Chinamen were baptised in the Chinese Methodist mission church, on Fisgard street. The service was performed by Rev. Mr. Smith, of St. Andrew's church, assisted by Revs. Coverdale Watson and J. E. Gardner. Two other candidates also presented themselves for baptism, the same evening, and after receiving further instruction will be admitted to church membership. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was also celebrated, there being a good number of communicants.

**First Trip of the Season.**

The handsome excursion steamer Queen, James Carroll commanding, sailed from the outer wharf on her first Alaska trip of the season, on Sunday evening. She has not been changed in any respect since last season, and will run upon the same lines again this year, catering exclusively to the tourist trade, and carrying no freight. On her first trip she takes about 250 passengers, including two Raymond parties containing several Eastern people of prominence. The Queen is due back in about two weeks.

**Asking for Bad News.**

Almost every day, Collector Milne receives letters from bereaved fathers or mothers, sisters or wives, asking for particulars of the loss of their loved ones by accidents of the sea. Yesterday, a letter came to hand from Mr. W. A. Sandison, of Edinburgh, Scotland, whose son, Frere, was drowned off the schooner Geneva several months ago. This young man was a promising student of Toronto Medical college, and embarked on the sealing cruise, during which he lost his life, in order to provide funds to carry him through his final examination. He intended to settle in Victoria, and here practice his profession.

**Another Consideration.**

Captain J. G. Cox, in answer to the contention of Secretary Blaine that seals must be caught on the Pribyloff Islands to maintain the natives there, if a close season is decreed this year, says that not more than ten or a dozen natives ever winter on the Pribyloff Islands. The Indians employed by the North American Company are engaged in Omaleaks every year, and have the same means of maintaining themselves as the natives of British Columbia possess. The latter forsake the fishing which would otherwise provide them with winter supplies, to go sealing, and if they are called back from Behring's sea just as the season there is opening, will be forced to depend on the Government for winter food and clothes, as the fishing season will then be over. The killing of seals on the Pribyloff Islands has now commenced, and, if a close season is ordered this year, it will not be before the North American Company has reaped its own harvest.

**Rock Bay Hotel.**

Mr. Cornelius J. Soule is at work upon the plans for a new forty room hotel, to be erected at the corner of Rock Bay avenue and Bridge street. Whether the new hotel will be in brick or stone has not yet been decided.

**A Portrait of the Dead Premier.**

Mr. G. Barclay, portrait artist, is now at work upon an excellent crayon likeness of the Premier, Sir John A. Macdonald, which is to be presented to the city of Victoria, and will find a place on the walls of the Council chamber.

**Will Take Action.**

In commenting upon the decision of the Regatta committee on the Watts' protest, a Vancouver paper accuses one of the members of the committee of bearing a "shady" reputation. Legal advice has already been taken in the matter, and a suit for libel is promised to result.

**A Costly Bouquet.**

Frank Marooney is the name of a hanger-about-town who was seen helping himself to a bouquet from a flower garden on Pandora street early on Sunday morning. The spectator was a policeman, who charged him, in yesterday's police court, with petit larceny. The penalty was one month's imprisonment in the common gaol.

**A Valuable Contribution.**

Among the latest additions to the Provincial Museum is a very fine specimen of marble, from the Beaver Cove marble quarry, owned by two of Victoria's citizens. The specimen has been artistically prepared by Mr. Mortimer, of this city. It is understood that the quarry is very extensive and includes every shade of marble, from white to jet black, and that it is pronounced by competent judges to be of excellent quality. Already our public cemeteries contain several monuments taken from this quarry.

**A Missing Man.**

A correspondent writing from Sparta, Oregon, says: "On December 18th, 1890, Alexander Garand, a Canadian Frenchman, left Portland for British Columbia, and since that time no word has been received from him. As he had several thousand dollars, we fear he has been foully dealt with and murdered for his money. Alexander Garand was about 40 years old, 5 feet 9 inches high, dark curly hair, black mustache, and spoke broken English—French fluently. He was of a cheerful and confiding disposition. His wife is nearly crazy at his absence."

**W. Whyte Missing.**

Mr. Wm. Whyte, accountant of the E. & N. Railway, has been missing since Friday last. He left a note for Mr. James Dunsmuir, stating that he was short in his accounts, owing to some unfortunate real estate speculations. He enclosed several deeds of property to make up the alleged shortage. It is feared that Mr. Whyte's despondency over his land difficulties has temporarily unhinged his mind. No one knows where he is, but it is thought he has gone over the Sound. An audit is now being made of his books, but it is not expected that there will be any serious shortage.

**Fruit and Flowers.**

The local committee of the B. C. Horticultural Society met yesterday, and decided that the exhibition to be held this year in Victoria will be given during the last week of July or the first of August. As Westminster made a good show of fruit and flowers last year, and Vancouver did well the year before, it is to be hoped that Victoria will not be second to either now that she has the honor of the exhibition. Membership tickets, costing $2, entitle the holders to the Canadian Horticulturist free for one year, and can be obtained at any time from Mr. W. H. Fairbridge.

**Church Ventilation.**

Complaints have been made against the ventilation of certain of the city churches during these close summer evenings. It is suggested that the windows and ventilators are occasionally left unattended to during the interval between the morning and evening services, in consequence of which evening worshippers have the full benefit of the odors which have accumulated during the first part of the day. A little more attention in this particular would have the effect of preventing yawning and sleepy congregations, which are, sometimes, so distressful and annoying to the occupants of the pulpit, who, occasionally, are otherwise under influences that are not of the most cheering or reassuring character.

**A Tale of Terror.**

A young man who gave his name as Thomas McLeod, visited Provincial Police headquarters early yesterday morning, to tell a wild story of a tragedy, which he claimed to have seen enacted near Rocky Point. Revolvers and poison played prominent parts in the tale, and names and details were readily furnished. Officer McNeil was at once sent to Rocky Point to discover how much truth there was in the yarn. He returned in the evening with Lindley McLeod, who was alleged to have been butchered, and who claimed the giver of the information as his brother. The young man is supposed to be slightly deranged.

**To Arrange for the Tournament.**

Mr. D. R. Ker and several other influential citizens met with the firemen, in Chief Deasy's office, last night, to discuss the question of a firemen's tournament, which it is proposed to hold in connection with the fall exhibition of the Agricultural Association. The North-West Firemen's Association is anxious to come to Victoria, and have already refused an offer of $2,000 in prizes made by Vancouver. They will make Victoria the place of meeting, if $2,500 or $3,000 can be obtained for prizes, to be competed for by fifteen or sixteen American teams. The meeting, last evening, named a committee of twenty, who will come together again, Thursday, to map out the plan of campaign.

**Question of a Sovereign.**

In connection with the landing of the Chinese passengers by the S. S. "Zambesi," yesterday, there arose a misunderstanding, owing to the value which the Customs authorities placed upon the English sovereign. It is the custom to pay to the steamer agents, at Hong Kong, the head tax exacted by the countries to which the Chinese or coolies are sent. In most places the equivalent of the sovereign is $5, but here, for the Chinese tax, it is only taken at $4.85,—the bank rate,—and $4.87 for other customs payments. In most instances, however, the gold dollar is paid, which, of course, is worth its full value. The agents of the Zambesi, not being aware of this, accepted the sovereign at $5; but the collector here demanding the difference between the $4.85 and $5, a hitch occurred. The steamship people concluded that they were not responsible and, in consequence, the Chinamen,—who were one less in number than the law allowed,—were not permitted to land. After some delay, however, the money was forthcoming, and late yesterday afternoon, the Celestials were permitted to come ashore.

## THE PEOPLE'S DECISION

**To be Given To-day, on the Question of Granting $25,000 to the B.C. Agricultural Association.**

Anyone passing along Government street to-day, may, by glancing in the windows of Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co., see the plans of the proposed exhibition building, prepared for the British Columbia Agricultural Association by Mr. Cornelius J. Soule. If he is entitled to vote, he can then repair to the polling place and cast his ballot for the by-law which authorizes the city to grant the British Columbia Agricultural Association $25,000, which sum is required for the construction of the main buildings, sheds, etc., and the improvement of the new grounds at the Driving Park.

The plans show a main building 180 feet long and 60 feet wide, with two wings 60x28 each. A gallery 20 feet wide extends all round the interior of the main building, and is reached by four stair-cases, one at each corner. Each of these stair-cases is easy, the steps being wide and conveniently placed. In the centre of the building, twenty feet above this first gallery, and forty from the ground, will be a second gallery, reached by the four spiral stair-cases at the corners, which continue up in turrets to a balcony around the dome. The ground floor will contain 14,160 square feet, and the entire floor surface will be about 50,000 square feet. Large carriage porches will be placed at each of the two entrances, which are to be highly ornamental.

The front of the main building is a handsome one. There is a series of pediments, in each of which are two double windows, circular headed, with semi-circular windows above. Over the carriage porches, are balconies approached from the first gallery. In the centre of each end the building is a fine wheel window, while the other end windows correspond with those of the sides. A fine octagonal tower, 28 feet in diameter, rises in the centre of the building, with pilasters at each angle, and large circular windows between. The tower is finished with a double dome-shaped roof, and a flag staff. The height of the buildings to the eaves is 34 feet; to the apex is 54 feet; to the outside balcony is 68 feet, and to the top of the dome is 138 feet. The flag-staff rises to a height of 166 feet from the ground. At each end of the roof of the main building are small, open turrets, and surmounting each turret and pediment is a flag-staff. The building will face the north, and command a good view of the race track.

With Fort street widened, as it is to be, and the tramway running to the Driving Park, the new agricultural grounds could not be more conveniently situated; and the proposed buildings will, if erected, be highly creditable to the society and the city. The people will, no doubt, remember this when voting on the by-law to-day.

## SENTENCES PRONOUNCED.

**The First Whipping at the Post in British Columbia in Store for Alfred Alderman.**

Hon. Justice Crease pronounced sentence in the several cases tried at the Nanaimo Assizes, on Saturday last. The record of convictions was as below:

Thos. Wilson, undefended, was found guilty of forging the name of Andrew Haslam to a check for $60. The sentence was four years in the penitentiary. His lordship asked the prisoner if he had been drinking when he committed the crime, and his answer was "yes." This statement was corroborated by other persons present.

Ah Sing, defended by Mr. Yarwood, was found guilty of stealing one pair of mits and a pair of gloves, with a strong recommendation to mercy. The sentence was, six months in the common jail. The judge called the crown prosecutor's attention to the fact that it seemed Mr. Maryment, the loser of the property stolen, had received $5, and possibly $10, from the prisoner to let him go; which had the appearance of compounding a felony.

Alfred Alderman, convicted of outraging a child of tender years, said that he had no statement to make in his own behalf. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years, and to be whipped at the commencement of the term.

Wm. Fraser, convicted of larceny, was sent to jail for one year, the sentence to be made lighter if he assists the officers in recovering the missing goods.

The Paisleys, William and John, were found "not guilty" on three of the indictments, and were released to appear for trial on the remaining count, at the next assizes. Mr. F. B. Gregory (Belyea & Gregory), appeared for the defence.

## ON TO WESTMINSTER.

**New Railroad Project Discussed by the City Council.**

The City Council last evening held a special meeting to listen to the arguments of the promoters of the Victoria, Saanich and New Westminster Railway for additional aid.

The city of Victoria has already guaranteed the bonds of the company to the extent of $500,000, which now asks a cash bonus of the same amount in addition to the guarantee of the bonds. Hon. Amor DeCosmos, ex-Mayor Redfern, J. Stewart Yates, Richard Hall, R. Page, Alex. Wilson and others were present on behalf of the railroad. His Worship Mayor Grant, Aldermen Munn, Holland, Hunter, Renouf, McKillican and Coughlan were also present. Arguments in favor of the road were made by its friends, showing that by its completion much quicker time would be made between the city and the East than at present. The intention is to build the road from here to Saanich, from which there will be a ferry transfer to Point Roberts, and from there to New Westminster by rail. The ferry transfer across the Straits is about thirty miles, and it is the intention to carry freight cars across by boat. The time from here to New Westminster would be reduced by the new route to two and a-half hours.

The question of aid by the city was discussed at length, and the feeling of the members of the Council seemed to be to protect the city thoroughly, should the desired aid be extended. The gentlemen present representing the railroad expressed a desire to afford the city every security should the Council extend the desired aid, and announced their entire willingness to permit any and all roads to use the line under proper traffic arrangements.

The meeting was entirely informal, and the entire matter will be brought before the regular meeting for action.

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## LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

**Boats For Sealers.**

H. Foot, the boat builder, has just completed seven small boats for sealing schooners. They will be taken to Behring sea on the Danube.

**An Unfortunate Cut.**

Theodore Thomas, an employee at Foot's boat yard, met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon. While he was at work on a new "Columbia River" boat, a plank flew up and struck him in the face, making a serious cut.

**A Possible Rival.**

Street gossip has it that several Victorians are endeavoring to secure the incorporation of a new company to enter the field in competition with the National Electric Tramway Co. They would, at first, cater for city business only.

**Outgoing Passengers.**

The following passengers left for San Francisco, yesterday morning, on the steamer City of Puebla: Dr. Schoch and wife, Mrs. C. M. Westwood and child, J. Hinley, John Sloan, and Lieut. Henry O. Boger.

**Best Catch of the Season.**

Captain Alexander McLean, of the San Francisco schooner Hamilton Lewis, has written to his wife, who is now residing in Victoria, from some port up North, that on May 28th last, he had 680 skins on board and had still good prospects of securing as many more.

**Must Wait for the Assizes.**

The young Vancouverite, who is awaiting trial on a charge of committing rape upon Mrs. Witt, must wait for his trial until the Fall Assizes, as his offence is not included in the operation of the Speedy Trials Act. If it were possible a trial would be asked for at once.

**Will Run Together.**

It is now expected that the N. P. R. Co.'s new steamer Victorian will make her first regular trip to this city on Dominion Day, and will then be presented with the citizens' stand of colors. The arrangement contemplated is to have the Olympian and the Victorian make alternate trips, daily, between this city and Puget Sound ports.

**Appropriately Labelled.**

Ald. McKillican has had a neat glass plate prepared for the front of the City Hall clock, the painter and decorator being Mr. K. Lettice, and the inscription being as below:

THE
McKILLICAN CLOCK,
1891.

**Advertising That Didn't Benefit.**

Eight days ago, mention was made of the early and fine strawberries in Mr. Chas. Wilson's garden, Catherine street. Next night some boys visited the garden and stripped the beds. On Sunday evening they repeated the visit. The next time they come a hungry bull-dog will have the pleasure of making their acquaintance.

**Assaulted a Woman.**

After two drunks had been disposed of in yesterday's police court, Capt. Caffire, the ex-commander of the North Star, appeared to answer the charge of assaulting one Emma Lockardson. In her evidence, the complainant said that she went to Caffire's house, last Sunday, to get some money owed her, and was met by defendant, who ordered her out, then kicked her out, at the same time striking her in the face with his fist. A fine of $10 and costs was imposed.

**Simply a Suggestion.**

A Victorian who has always taken an active part in regattas, and is an enthusiastic admirer of the beauties of Victoria Arm has a suggestion, which he commends to the consideration of the gentlemen of the Park committee. It is that, in future races, the course be chosen above the Gorge, where a little dredging would make the Arm especially well fitted for fast rowing. The boats would then be secure from the barges, which increase in number as the years advance, and a good park could be secured at less expense than one below the Gorge.

**From the North.**

Steamer Danube arrived from the north, yesterday afternoon, after a fine trip. She brought no news, except that the canneries expect to be running in full blast by the 15th inst., and that the weather was very wet and changeable around the Skeena. The following passengers came down: Mr. Thompson, James A. Mahood, Thomas Gamble and Charles Benton. The Danube will go into dock to be generally overhauled before making another trip, and is then expected to go to Behring's Sea for the purpose of collecting and bringing down the catches of the Victoria sealers.

**For the Public Safety.**

Mr. Thomas Earle, M.P., has forwarded to the Marine Engineers' Association of this province, a copy of Mr. Tupper's bill, recently introduced in the House of Commons, to amend the Steamboat Inspection Act. The proposed legislation provides more stringent penalties for the employment of non-certified engineers, and specifies that any person riding upon a steamboat, other than a member of the crew, the captain or one of his family, shall be considered a passenger. The engineers of Victoria are much pleased with Mr. Earle's action in keeping them advised of all legislation affecting their profession.

**The By-Law Carried.**

Although the vote polled was not as large as had been looked for, the by-law, authorizing a grant of $25,000 to the B. C. Agricultural Association, was endorsed by the vote of the ratepayers, yesterday. It only took the returning officer six minutes to count the ballots, and the vote was then announced as below:

| | For. | Ag'nst. |
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| Yates Street Ward | 51 | 35 |
| Johnston Street Ward | 67 | 46 |
| James Bay Ward | 63 | 61 |
| Recent Extension | 34 | 9 |
| Total | 215 | 151 |
| Majority | 64 | |

**The Public Schools.**

The general annual examinations for promotion in the graded schools are proceeding under the direction of their principals. The little folks manifest great interest in them, and are gleefully looking forward to the approaching vacation.

The time for the teachers' examination is rapidly approaching. The candidates are more than ordinarily numerous, and it would appear as if there would be plenty of material for the school board to make their selections from.

There is more or less speculation on the street as to the constitution of the new school boards in the cities, and it is expected that at an early date the Government will make their nominations. The corporations will hardly be long behind them, and it is more than probable that within a very short time the schools and their entire belongings will be transferred to the successors of the present Trustees.

**Their Tribute.**

Messrs. Gilmore & McCandless have removed all the stock out of one of their windows, and, instead, have displayed on an easel a portrait of the late Sir John A. Macdonald, which has been appropriately decorated with crape.

**To Improve Their Wharves.**

Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co. are about to deepen the harbor in the vicinity of their wharves, and Mr. H. B. Smith, C.E., of the firm of Keefer & Smith, is now making an elaborate survey of the bottom. The work of dredging will be commenced as soon as the surveys are completed.

**Inward Bound.**

The Umatilla, now on her way up from San Francisco, has on board the following passengers for Victoria: Mrs. Dicker and daughter, Mrs. E. A. Hardsty, E. H. Jones, B. Gordon and wife, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. B. C. Mattock, A. Winstin, E. Hall, Mrs. Anthony and child, J. Bonnan, M. Bryson, H. Bounan, F. P. Keefer, P. Anderson.

**Contracts Signed.**

Messrs. Bishop & Sherbourne, yesterday, signed the contract for erecting Frank Adams' new residence on the Gorge road, which is to cost $8,000, and construction of which will commence at once. They have also received the contract for building three two story houses in Quebec street, costing $2,000 each, for the B.C. Land and Investment Co.

**Fell From the Roof.**

Two men, John Anderson and J. Devine, while working upon a new building for Mr. Rocket, now in course of erection on Pandora street, missed their footing and fell from the roof, yesterday morning. Anderson, who is a married man and the head of a family, had one leg broken and his head badly cut and bruised. His companion caught at a rope in his descent and so escaped serious injury.

**Mount Tolmie Park.**

There is talk of the owners of Mount Tolmie park presenting that beautiful piece of land to the city of Victoria, for the use and benefit of the public. The drive to Tolmie Heights is sure to become a most attractive one in the future, and, unless the offer of Mount Tolmie is hedged about with too many conditions, it will be gladly accepted. The policy of the present Park committee is to obtain as many breathing spots as possible.

**At Langford Plains.**

The members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church are leaving nothing undone that would contribute to the pleasure of all who attend the annual church picnic at Langford Plains, next Saturday. Included in the sports for the day will be a baseball match between the Blue Bells, and the Orange Leafs. The bicyclists will also have a club run to the picnic; the meet will be Trounce avenue, at 1:30 o'clock, and the pace will be made easy to all.

**Lacrosse Business.**

At a meeting of the Victoria lacrosse club, last night, Mr. W. G. Mackenzie tendered his resignation of the treasurership, which was accepted, Mr. S. Lowe being appointed his successor. A request was sent to the New Westminster club for the postponement of the game set for Saturday next, for at least one week. It was also intimated that the club will visit Fairhaven on the 4th of July. President Macquin threatens to resign unless the members evince more interest in the club than they have in the past.

**Railway Rumors.**

The question of further bonusing the Victoria, Saanich & New Westminster Railway will be the principal business brought before the City Council at its regular meeting, this evening. In connection with the matter of railway connection, it is rumored that a scheme is on foot for the building of a short line to Saanich, and the operation of a ferry to transport cars to Blaine, distant only 24 miles. In support of this new project, it is urged that three railroads to Blaine are already in operation, and the proposed line could be constructed more cheaply than the V., S. & N. W.

**The Cathedral Bazaar.**

The first bazaar and sale of the young ladies of St. Andrew's, R. C., congregation, opens to-day in Philharmonic Hall. More extensive preparations than ever before have been made, and success seems certain. Luncheon will be provided from noon to 3 p.m., and tea will be served in the afternoon. To-night the pretty cantata, "Flowers," will be presented by the boys and girls of Mrs. Bridges' class. Admission to the hall free during lunch hours. The programme for this evening contains, among others, the following features:—

Selection.....Bantley Family
Cantata, "Flowers".....Mrs. Bridges' Pupils
Song.....Miss Goddyn
Selection.....String Band

**In a Good Place.**

Rattray & Courtney, formerly of this city, are now fully established in the real estate, commission and insurance business, at Aberdeen, on Gray's Harbor. A personal letter received from Mr. Rattray contains a glowing description of the advantages, and an account of a host of improvements now going on in his present place of residence. He is confident of the rapid advance of the place, and regards it as an excellent point for investment. The Northern Pacific is now laying its rails into Aberdeen, and an electric motor line is being built from that city to Hoquiam, a town of 2,000 people, three miles distant.

**A Little Sensation.**

Just as Mr. Henry Saunders was about to lock up his place of business, and go home, last evening, a young woman entered, and, in a voice very much agitated, asked if she might be allowed to write a letter. Permission was given her, and also a sheet of paper and an envelope, which she quickly made use of. Then she hurriedly left the store, leaving the envelope sealed and addressed to a Victoria young man, on the counter, with a loose wrap she had worn. Thinking her action very peculiar, Mr. Saunders telephoned to the police station, and on the arrival of Officer Hildreth, handed the letter and cloak to him. The former, when opened, proved to be very brief. It assured the person to whom it was addressed, of the writer's lasting love, and implored his forgiveness, though for what was not mentioned. Suspecting that suicide had been committed, the policeman hastened to the railway bridge, where the young woman had been seen after leaving the store, where her farewell was penciled. There he was informed that she had stood for a few moments gazing at the water, and then retraced her steps toward town. Later in the evening, it was found that she had returned to the Clarence where she had been boarding, but only remained in for a minute. She was a little intoxicated when last seen, and it is thought intended to take her life, but changed her mind when she reached the water. The police arrested the woman about 11 o'clock and locked her up for safe keeping.

**The Town of Steveston.**

Mr. A. M. Beattie, auctioneer, of Vancouver, advertises a sale of Steveston town lots, to be held at that point on June 16. Steamers, furnishing free transportation, will leave Vancouver and New Westminster, at 8 o'clock, on the morning of the sale, accompanied by bands of music. The C.P.N. Co.'s steamer, from Victoria, will also convey passengers to the sale, further notice with regard to which will be given. Natural gas is now being burned at Steveston to illuminate the town, a considerable flow having been struck there. This fact, its favorable situation at the mouth of the river, and the completion of a proposed railway, making Steveston one of its stations, will assure rapid advancement.

**Church Accommodations.**

During the last two days the new Methodist church, on Pandora avenue, has been thronged with people on the look-out for pews, and the relative merits of this or that location have been discussed with almost as much interest as the qualities of dwelling houses are accustomed to be. Each pew-seeker has had to make application to the trustees for places, making a first and second choice, the first of which, whenever practicable, has been granted, while in default of either, in many cases, it will be found possible to allot the sittings immediately in front or behind those which are desired. To provide for this, every alternate row of sittings has been left for disposal by the trustees, who will, to-day, meet to take the applications into consideration.

## HON. JOHN ROBSON.

**He Leaves For Ottawa To-morrow On Important Official Business.**

Hon. John Robson leaves on Thursday (to-morrow) for the mainland en route for Ottawa, where he goes to discuss with the Dominion authorities a number of matters of great importance at present pending between the central Government and that of the province. These matters formed the subjects alluded to in the last letter from the deceased premier, published in the COLONIST of yesterday. Mr. Robson would, in response to that letter, have gone to Ottawa before now, had it not been for the condition of Sir John Macdonald's health. On Sunday last, however, he received a telegram advising him that it would be well to visit the capital immediately. One question he proposes to discuss is that of sealing and the manner in which British Columbia interests will be affected under the new British sealing law. To interfere with the sealers this year would, Mr. Robson holds, be ruinous. Some of the schooners owned in Victoria are already in Behring's Sea, others are on their way thither, and all have been fitted out at great expense, which will be utterly lost were they interfered with in the way proposed this season. Another important subject, Mr. Robson said, is the settlement of the Alaskan boundary and the disposition of a long strip of territory by the sea-shore, in regard to which the Dominion, if not the province, should have something to say. The Premier observed that with regard to the Songish reserve, an important part of which lies in the city of Victoria, the time has come when the matter of their removal should be settled both in the interests of the city of Victoria and of the Indians themselves. It was time, too, that the Federal government employ a revenue cutter on this coast to prevent illicit trade in whiskey and other deleterious compounds along the West Coasts of Vancouver Island and the Mainland. By means of this traffic the Indians have become demoralized to such an extent that it has been impossible for the government to maintain connection with Cape Beall, they having repeatedly cut the wires because they are under the impression that they interfere with their whiskey drinking practices. The delineation of the boundaries of the railway belt on the mainland is still unsettled, and it is necessary to have it finally determined. Then there are fishery matters that must be discussed at Ottawa, besides other things that press for consideration. Mr. Robson remarked that he had been named a commissioner to the Presbyterian General Assembly, which meets in Kingston from the 10th to the 20th inst., and he hopes to be able to attend it, so as to express his views on a number of church matters. Mr. Robson intimates that Mrs. Robson will accompany him to the East, where she had not been since coming out in 1864. The Premier stated that he hoped to be back in about a month.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA MINES.

**Opinion of an Expert on the Great Kootenay Country.**

Mr. John Miller, of Glasgow, Scotland, is at the Driard. He arrived in Victoria yesterday from the Kootenay mining district, where he had examined a number of properties with a view of making extensive investments. He represents a great deal of Scotch capital, and is an expert whose opinion is regarded highly. He spent over a month in the district, which he pronounces a great mining country, but one that will require a great deal of capital to develope. There are many excellent prospects, especially in the Toad Mountain, Warm Springs and Whitewater creek districts, but there has been but little development work. The Silver King mine, owned by Hall and others, is a very fine claim and is undoubtedly very rich. It is on the market, but is held at an exorbitant price.

Mining speculators from Butte, Helena and other American mining camps, are up in the Kootenay country, and every miner that has a prospect hole seems to think he has a bonanza. Mr. Miller says that the ore is abundant, but will probably run a low grade as the miners get deeper.

The great difficulty is lack of transportation facilities. Freights are very high and everything else in accordance. Mr. Miller will return to the mines in about three weeks to prosecute his examinations further before returning to Scotland.

## IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Drake.)

Canadian Bank of Commerce vs. Nicholles & Renouf—For leave to amend statement of defense. Ordered to strike out a paragraph and amend as requested. George Jay, jr., for plaintiff, Eberts & Taylor for defendant.

Re W. Lee, deceased—Leave to amend title and execute conveyance. Granted. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken for the applicant.

**The Key Stone.**

REGULAR action of the bowels is the keystone of health. The use of B. B. B. insures it and cures constipation, dyspepsia, etc. Miss F. Williams, 445 Bloor Street, Toronto, writes: "Have used your Burdock Blood Bitters for constipation and pain in the head with great success. I improved from the second dose."

## SONS OF ST. GEORGE.

**Installation of Officers of Milton Lodge, No 311—Enthusiastic Meeting.**

The installation of officers of Milton Lodge, No. 311, Sons of St. George, took place in St. George's Hall, Bastion street, last night, G. W. President W. E. Ottaway officiating.

The new officers are as follows: Thomas Bradbury, W. President; W. Greasley, Vice President; John Howard, Secretary; J. C. Richards, Treasurer; S. H. F. Robinson, Messenger; L. Leigh, Assistant Secretary; J. D. Shallard, Assistant Messenger; E. J. Foster, Chaplain; A. E. Wilson, Inside Sentinel; W. Kent, Outside Sentinel; W. Ottaway, Rep. to Grand Lodge. Before adjourning, Mr. Jno. F. Norris was elected an honorary member of the Order, and returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him in a neat speech.

## AWFUL SKIN DISEASE

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A face, from the hair to the neck on both sides, a raw mass of bleeding sores; two little hands and arms in the same condition; a body, around the waist of which was a broad band of bleeding eruptions, and from the hips to the tips of her toes the skin was so raw as to be absolutely sickening to the sight. Said Mrs. H. A. Stout to me: "I have tried everything suggested to me on my little daughter, who has been so afflicted almost from birth. I have had three doctors experiment on her, but she seemed to be getting worse every day. I was almost distracted. Every night I had to bandage her all over, and tie mittens on her hands to prevent her from digging the raw flesh with her fingers. Mr. Faulkner said he believed that CUTICURA REMEDIES would cure her. He offered to bear the expense. At that time she was worse than I had ever seen her, and there seemed no prospects of recovery. CUTICURA, CUTICURA RESOLVENT and CUTICURA SOAP have wrought a miracle. To-day her skin is smooth and fair, and I believe she has entirely recovered." The above is true in every particular, and I refer to Mr. C. W. Woolever, druggist.

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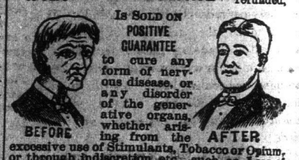


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GEORGE BYRNES.

Victoria, B. C., May 31st, 1891. je12-8t-w

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FRED. J. CLAXTON.

Victoria, B. C., May 31st, 1891. je12-8t-w

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT thirty days after date we intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease for timbering purposes the following described lands, situate in Alberni District, Vancouver Island, Brit ish Columbia:

Commencing at a post about 40 chains West of Alberni Canal, on Nahmint River, thence north 20 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 80 chains to post.

Commencing at a post on River at lower rapids, thence west 60 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 60 chains, thence north 20 chains to post.

Commencing at a post about four miles from Alberni Canal, thence south 30 chains, thence west 60 chains, thence north 30 chains, thence east 60 chains to post.

Commencing at a post on a small stream emptying into the Southwest Arm of Sproat Lake, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to post.

Commencing at a post above Nahmint River, thence east 20 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 80 chains to post.

Commencing at a post about two and a-half miles above the Lake, thence south 20 chains, thence east 200 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 200 chains to post.

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## NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE BLACK JACK QUARTZ MINING COMPANY, (LD.), BARKERVILLE, B. C., 22nd May, 1891.

THERE IS DELINQUENT UPON THE following described stock, on account of assessment levied 6th January, 1891, the amount set opposite the name of the delinquent shareholder as follows:—

C. Hageman, Certificates Nos. 173, 178, and 180, 181; 2,000 shares—$40.

And in accordance with law, so many shares of said stock as may be necessary will be sold at Barkerville on Saturday, the 14th day of June, at 2 o'clock, p.m., of said day, to pay the delinquent assessment thereon, together with costs of advertising and expenses of the sale.

WM. H. PHELPS,
Secretary

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