Weekly Colonist

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Frozen Wheat.

A letter from Clinton states that there is a good deal of frozen wheat in Lillooet and Cariboo districts.

Our Cedar.

Winnipeg *Call*: British Columbia cedar is becoming very fashionable in Winnipeg for furnishing the interior of residences. It costs $75 per thousand feet.

Our Cricketers Abroad.

A cable says says the Canadians succeeded in making a draw with the powerful and invincible Surry club. Canada scored 141 and 149 for two wickets, Saunders (not out) making 71 in the second innings. Surrey's first innings yielded 432.

A Tarantula Duel.

Two Mexican gentlemen of Tampico who had quarreled agreed to fight a novel duel. They shut themselves up in a dark room with one hundred tarantulas. In an hour the door was opened and the two men and about one half the spiders were found lying dead.

A Street Fight.

A Chinaman and a white man engaged in a fight on Douglas street yesterday afternoon, and as is usual in cases of that sort the former was worsted, receiving several severe blows. Policemen who witnessed the affair took the belligerants to the city gaol, where they were locked up for the night.

The C. P. R. Claim.

It is not yet fully decided whether the pending claim of the Canadian Pacific against the government in regard to the British Columbia sections of the railway will be submitted to arbitration or not. If the matter goes to arbitration C. G. Gregory, an experienced Nova Scotia railway man, will act on behalf of the government.

Astronomical Survey.

Otto Klotz and King, astronomers of the Dominion government, have returned to Ottawa from the West, where they have been taking astronomical surveys to determine the geographical position of certain points in connection with the Dominion land survey. The places already surveyed and determined are Victoria, Port Moody, Kamloops, Revelstoke, Field, Calgary and Wapella.

Caught at Last.

A bricklayer named Chas. Jones was ordered by the county court last May to appear on a judgment summons for a debt of $100. Jones defied the summons and did not appear. A warrant of commitment was made out for contempt of court, the man to be lodged in gaol for twenty-eight days. He disappeared, knowing that there was a warrant out for his arrest, and did not return to the city till last week. On Friday night Deputy Sheriff Langley learned his whereabouts and arrested him on the Work estate. Jones is now at the provincial gaol.

W. C. T. U.

The election of officers for the W. C. T. U., of this city, which took place yesterday, resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. H. Spofford; vice-president, Mrs. J. Flett; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. H. Bone; recording secretary, Mrs. A. Hendry; treasurer, Mrs. M. Humber. Superintendents of departments—Hospital work, Mrs. Burkholder; petitions, Mrs. H. Hall; literature, Mrs. Williams; press, Mrs. Shakespeare; juvenile work, Mrs. Spofford.

C. P. R. Aid.

A Toronto dispatch says: A letter has been forwarded to Lord Salisbury signed by 300 members of parliament, in favor of the Canadian Pacific mail contract. A reply is expected shortly. Apropos of the scheme Lord Tennyson has informed Baden Powell that the loyalty of the Canadians deserved every consideration from the government. The poet laureate speaks in terms of great praise of colonial loyalty about which he is always enquiring, and says the Canadian Pacific railway is a great and glorious work for the empire.

A Certificate of Character.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* bestows on H. F. Beecher, the collector of customs at Port Townsend, the following certificate of respectability:—"The murdered deputy collector's papers found among his effects proved Beecher to be a liar, an embezzler and an absurd and incompetent officer. The *Chronicle's* small-meshed drag-net shows him to be a public and private robber, a wholesale perjurer and a subborner of perjury, a corrupter and briber of subordinate officers, a bully and desperado, a colleague of forgers, if not actually a forger, a plunderer of the widow and father less, a smuggler and consort of smugglers, and, finally, a man of aggressive dishonesty, lost to all shame and moral responsibility, an overgrown boy, unbalanced, selfish, thankless profligate, with the manners of a logger, and the tastes of a 'tinhorn' gambler."

Osborne-Stockwell.

The above names head the bills of a company that will appear here Monday next, direct from the Alcazar theatre, San Francisco. The names are familiar and known all over the Pacific slope, and these gentlemen's reputations as actors are second to none. On their programme are noticed names of ladies and gentlemen, many of whom were here before, amongst whom are Frank Mordaunt, Hattie Moore, Harry Davenport and Helen Mason, and who have pleased Victoria audiences from time to time. Their repertoire consists of "The Shadows of a Great City," "The Golden Giant," and "Ranch 10." The first play was given in the Philharmonic hall two years ago. The place was crowded, and those who witnessed it went away highly pleased. The opportunity of any scenic display was very poor and, in consequence, no attempt was made in that direction. This time the play will be given as in large American cities, and the scenic effect, from all accounts, will be grand. This, coupled with the true merits of the drama, will no doubt ensure the company a successful opening.

Sad Drowning Accident.

On Sunday morning Thomas Williams, aged 15 years, whose parents live at North Saanich, was drowned. It appears that he went to the beach near the house with his two sisters to bathe, and, leaving the girls, went to a spot around a point, where he mounted a log, and before he was aware of the danger, was carried beyond his depth. Being unable to swim, he called to his sisters, who ran to tell their father, who came down to the beach. The boy had, in the meantime, fallen off the log and was clinging to it, crying out to the distracted father, who was also unable to swim. Hitting upon a plan, he ran back to the house and, getting a horse, attempted to make him swim to the log. Unfortunately, the horse refused to take to the water, and with an encouraging word, Mr. Williams left for Mr. McTavish's farm, about three miles distant, to get that gentleman's boat. Considerable time was thus occupied, and the distance being so long, half an hour had elapsed before the boat arrived on the scene, and by that time the boy had disappeared beneath the waters. All the afternoon fruitless attempts were made to find the body, and when darkness set in the grief-stricken parent and his friends were forced to give up. Yesterday further attempts were made, but with the same result, and it is thought the body was carried out with the tide. Where he was last seen the depth of the water is twenty-five feet, and as the inlet abounds with dog-fish, fears are entertained that the dead boy will not be seen again. This sad affair has cast a gloom over the residents of Saanich, as the lad was well known and liked, being a promising fellow and the pride of his parents, upon whom the blow has fallen with crushing effect.

Skipped to Victoria.

Oregonian: Wm. Bruce, the habitual wife-beater, has skipped to Victoria and his wife is now endeavoring to have the complaint she made against him withdrawn, so as he can return without fear of prosecution.

Writ of Replevin.

Sheriff McMillan went over to James Island last evening to serve a writ of replevin to a certain party in order to induce him to deliver 70,000 bricks. The writ was issued at the instance of Mr. J. J. Austin.

The Surplus.

Although the Dominion accounts for the last fiscal year are not quite closed, it is understood that only a few trifling payments are to be made, and that the surplus for the last year will be about $300,000.

Stirring up a Rebellion.

It is said by a Chicago paper that a number of the followers of the late Louis Riel, with Irish Fenians and American socialists, are taking advantage of the present disturbed state of popular feeling in Manitoba to incite the country to rebel and throw off the British "yoke." The object of the inciters is said to be annexation of the province to the United States.

H. B. C.

A few days ago the editor of a Port Arthur paper wrote about the first discovery of gold in Algoma, and the intelligent compositor made him write about "When God was first discovered in Algoma." The Algomans are indignant. This incident recalls a story told by a British Columbia pioneer about the visit of two Americans to the province many years ago, when the Hudson's Bay Company were in possession of the whole country, and when almost every building, fence, flag and vessel bore the letters "H.B.C." One of the visitors asked the other what these letters meant. The party addressed said he did not know, but that he presumed they signified: "Here before Christ."

Police Court.

C. W. Lawson, M. Kennedy, Wm. Courate and Annie, an Indian woman, were charged with being drunk. Lawson and Kennedy did not appear and their bail of $5 each was estreated. Courate was discharged and Annie was fined $5 or one week.

Gus Barry was fined $20 or one month's imprisonment for assaulting A. J. Briggs.

Kelly and Nelson were further remanded until to-day.

He Went Sailing.

Quite a commotion was caused on Sunday afternoon at Rock Bay by the reported drowning of a young lad named Julius Bonte, aged 14, the son of an Italian who has lived in the vicinity for several years. As our reporter neared the scene he heard frantic shrieks, and on going down to the beach saw a woman in all the agony of the deepest grief by the waters' edge calling for her "dear, dear son." The story told by the supposed victim's little brother was that in getting from a canoe into a sloop the former over-turned and that Julius held on the rudder while he went to raise the alarm. On his return his brother had disappeared. Nets were got out and every effort was being made to find the body, when our reporter went further up the Esquimalt road to fulfil his mission. Upon his return in about an hour he called at the house to learn if the body had been recovered. Approaching a group of boys he enquired if Julius' body had yet been found. "Here I am, sir," said the identical Julius himself who it seems had gone out for a sail and only returned to find his father and the neighbors dragging the harbor for no less a person than himself. The younger brother's story seems incomprehensible. It is not stated whether the aforesaid Julius was subsequently "interviewed" in the back shed by his parental ancestor, but we may well believe there was joy and gladness in that humble but loving home over the safe return of the firstborn. Those who witnessed the mother's terrible delirium, for she had lost complete control of herself in the terrible loss which she believed had befallen her, were glad at heart to learn of the pleasant ending to the little incident.

PERSONAL.

Norman Robertson returned from the Mainland last night.

J. T. Fisher, representing R. D. Warburg, London, is staying at the Driard.

J. Morton, jr., returned from San Francisco yesterday and is staying at the Driard.

Jas. Trow, M. P., the liberal whip, and his daughter are *en route* to this coast.

Robt. Simpson, of Montreal, returned from San Francisco yesterday and will leave for the east to-morrow morning.

Coun. John Braden and R. Hall returned from Vancouver on Sunday evening.

T. E. Ladner and W. H. Redmond were passengers from the river last night.

W. A. Russell, steamboat inspector, returned from New Westminster on the Rithet.

Judge Harrison, after a long absence, returned home on Sunday evening by the Yosemite.

Geo. Byrnes and C. A. Friedman were passengers from Vancouver on Sunday night.

L. G. McQuade and wife returned from California on the Mexico yesterday.

Senator Schultz and Dr. Brown and party yesterday arrived at Harrison Hot Springs.

Louis Morganstern, advance agent of the Osborne-Stockwell Alcazar company, is at the Driard.

A. Allen, with Welch, Rithet & Co., Mrs. Allen and Miss Parks came down from the Mainland last night on the Rithet.

J. McB. Smith left this morning on an official visit to Osoyoos and the various districts on the Mainland.

S. W. Lobb, after a pleasant visit in the city, returned to the interior by the Yosemite this morning.

G. B. Wright and C. W. Rhodes came down from Illecillewaet last night on the Rithet.

W. J. Wilson, wife and child, of Spokane Falls, arrived in the city yesterday on their way to Toronto.

H. E. Clark, M. P. P. for West Toronto, and wife arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning and are staying at the Driard.

Arthur C. Travers, a member of the well-known firm of Travers, Westlake & Barrand, London, arrived from San Francisco yesterday and is staying at the Driard.

Admiral Vignes, of the French war ship Minerve, now at Montreal, and Consul-General Duhail are on the way to this coast *via* the Canadian Pacific railway.

Rev. Dr. Reid will leave for New Westminster this morning on the Rithet. The doctor's health has not been altogether satisfactory of late, and he will proceed to Richmond for a change.

John O. Martin, city editor of the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, arrived in the city last night and is staying at the Driard. After visiting the principal points of interest in and about the city, Mr. Martin will return to St. Louis over the C. P. R.

Mr. Wrigley, chief commissioner of the Hudson's Bay company, has returned to Ottawa from a trp to the mouth of the Mackenzie river, near Heel river, having made a journey of 1400 miles in a canoe. Mr. Wrigley is the first governor of Hudson's Bay to visit the regions of the Arctic ocean. The first steamboat ever ran on the Mackenzie was put on this season. The trip occupied three months.

Hon. Thos. White, Minister of the Interior, left this morning for the Mainland, accompanied by Mrs. White, Miss White and Mr. L. Pereira, his private secretary. The honorable gentleman and family will spend a few hours in Vancouver, Harrison Hot Springs and Banff, after which they will proceed to Swift Current and Battleford.

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Mackay's Losses.

There was a run on the Nevada Bank in Virginia City on the 12th inst., owing to rumors of J. W. Mackay's losses in the wheat deal. All demands were paid.

To Be Indicted.

A New York dispatch asserts that Huntington, Crocker and Stanford will all be indicted for bribing congressmen and defrauding the United States government as railway shareholders out of $7,000,000.

Beecher's Friend.

The S. F. *Chronicle* publishes affidavits from S. L. Kelly, J. T. Mann, J. H. Cook and Thomas Gowen showing the affiants were swindled out of large sums of money in 1883 by H. F. Beecher, who was then captain of the steamer Evangel. H. F. Beecher is having a rough time of it.

Wad-el-Ward.

The Y. M. C. A. is to be congratulated on securing the services of such a distinguished scholar as Wad-el-Ward. He is a graduate of King's college, London, and the degree of L. L. D. was conferred upon him by Harvard upon the occasion of his translating the inscription upon the sword of Miles Standish.

Battery Meeting.

No. 3 battery will hold a meeting in Capt. Nicholl's office this evening at 8 o'clock p. m., to consider the advisability of voting a sum of money to help to defray the expenses of the Ottawa team and to proceed with such other business as may be brought forward.

Burned Down.

The large sawmill two miles east of Donald was burned to the ground on Thursday evening last. A watchman named White discovered the fire, and he with a body of men endeavored to save the building from ruin. Their efforts, however, were of no avail, and the devouring element soon swept everything before it, including a large quantity of material stored near by to be used in the erection of snow sheds.

A Chinaman Suicides.

The citizens of Yale's Chinatown were startled one morning recently on entering the cabin of one of their celestial brethren to find him suspended by the neck from one of the rafters, life being extinct. It seems that the unfortunate man had been sick for some time, and, it was thought, in a state of despondency he had committed suicide to save himself and friends further trouble and anxiety. There being no coroner under the circumstances no inquest was deemed necessary, and owing to the intense heat he was buried at night.

Death of Sam Clifford.

Attention was drawn in these columns about a month ago to Sam Clifford and his indigent state; how he was taken in hand by several kind people and given a home at St. Joseph's hospital. Poor Sam was then rapidly nearing the end of his existence, but the change which he experienced through excellent treatment and many attentions seemed to revive him and he appeared on the streets as usual. On Monday morning he passed away. He was a native of North Wales and was one of the oldest pioneers of this province.

The Ignorant Critic.

The critic ought to be himself correct. If we were to go through the *Times* every evening and point out the *typographical*, grammatical and other errors, we would have little difficulty in filling up a good sized paragraph. The leading heading in last evening's issue is a case in point. The *Times* which ought to be aware that "mistakes will occur in the best regulated families," should forsake the low plane which it has been lately treading and soar upwards to the heights of true journalistic courtesy and gentlemanly feeling. When it does that it will probably meet with some measure of success.

Police Court.

The case of James Kelly *alias* James Campbell and Chas. Nelson, was further remanded until the 24th inst.

Ah Sue, charged with supplying liquor to an Indian named Chinook Jack, was given three months' imprisonment with hard labor. Jack was fined $25 for having the liquor in his possession.

Robert Preston, the Chinese assaulter, was sent to prison for one month for the offense. The case was clearly proven against the tormentor, who received his just deserts at the hands of the police magistrate.

E. Mallandaine, charged with an infraction of the street by-law, was fined $2.50.

Wm. Hardy, for indecent exposure, was sent to jail for one month.

An Exemplary Punishment.

A young man named Preston, otherwise Lang, who is said to be a contractor, was placed in the dock of the police court yesterday on a charge of having wantonly and brutally assaulted a Chinaman on Douglas street the evening before. The Chinaman, it appeared from the evidence, was carrying a basket of clothes on his head, when he was kicked and beaten by the accused. A white witness named Brown supported the evidence of the celestial. Mr. Johnson, P.M., said that the assault was of an aggravated character and was an indictable offence. However, he would try it as a case of simple assault, and considering the atrocious and unprovoked character of the attack he would not accept a fine, but would sentence the prisoner to one month's imprisonment with hard labor. Preston sat down in the dock and passed the remainder of the morning in weeping bitterly.

Bank of British Columbia.

The ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of British Columbia was held on July 27th in London. Mr. R. Gillespie, who presided, stated that the net profit, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, had been £23,910, being an increase of £2,800 compared with the profit for the corresponding period of 1886. They proposed to offer the shareholders a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum and a bonus of 1 per cent. for the half year. They must not regard the bonus as a guide to what they would receive hereafter, but the directors hoped it might be possible to pay it in future. They had opened agencies at Nanaimo and Kamloops. Though he was a proprietor and director of the Grand Trunk Railway Company he had no doubt that the Canadian Pacific railway was benefitting the province of British Columbia and those districts. Their latest reports informed them that the crops were favorable. Within the last few weeks they had represented the government of British Columbia in bringing out a loan, which had been a great success. They had also assisted in an issue of bonds of the city of Vancouver. He concluded by proposing the dividend and bonus recommended. Mr. James Anderson seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

The Coming Attractions.

The Osbourne & Stockwell Co. who appear here next Monday night is considered one of the most powerful of the several companies on this coast. Numbering, as it does, among its names, those of the leading members, Geo. Osbourne, considered the best character actor on the American stage, and L. R. Stockwell, the comedian, whose reputation as a "funmaker" is unparalelled; no better guarantee of the organization as a whole is wanted. The plays to be presented here are three of the strongest and most attractive melodramas on the stage to-day, namely, "The Shadows of a Great City," by the well known authors L. R. Stowell and Joseph Jefferson, the renowned actor; "The Golden Giant," a play first produced in San Francisco and written by the talented young actor Clay M. Greene, and which is at present the reigning melodramatic success in New York, and the great mountain idyl "Ranch 10," made famous throughout the east by the author, Harry Meredith, under such auspices a most prosperous season is ensured the limited engagement of this company.

An At Home.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Nelson for a garden party in the grounds of the governor's residence on Saturday the 20th inst.

The Illecillewaet Mines.

Very encouraging news and very handsome specimens of silver ore from the Illecillewaet mines have reached the city. The company are greatly encouraged by the results so far. The ore is sent to Denver for smelting.

Runaway.

Yesterday noon as Capt. A. McAllister was driving a pair of spirited horses around the Adelphi corner, the pole of the carriage struck a vegetable wagon and was shattered. The horses started off, but were skillfully reined in at the front of Lange's jewelry store. A friend of McAllister's, who was in the carriage with him, was thrown out and slightly cut about the face. The captain demonstrated that he can manage a runaway team as skillfully as he can a ship, and the horses escaped without a scratch.

Another Batch.

Reveille: Another batch of Chinamen from British Columbia came down from the boundary line Sunday, and in the evening were seen in the north part of the town in company with a white Chinese pilot. By this time they are probably safely quartered in Chinatown, Seattle. If Collector Brooks would exercise the same degree of activity in looking after the interests of the people in this district that he did in looking after his swamp-land acquisitions in Oregon, there would probably be less smuggling going on in this section of the country.

The Building Society Drawing.

The regular drawing of the Vancouver Island Building Society was conducted at Harmony hall last evening, by a committee composed of Jas. McNaughton, Louis Vigelius and George Fry, under the supervision of President J. M. Read and Secretary C. R. King. A large number of shareholders were present and considerable interest was manifested in the drawing. The numbers being placed in the wheel Miss Braden was called and blindfolded. She drew out number 235, taken by Ensley Smith and calling for an appropriation of $2000, the next number drawn was 104, taken by Mrs. A. Phelps and E. H. Hiscock, entitling each to $1000.

An Absolute Untruth.

An officious person signing himself "An officer of the O. R. & N. Co." writes to the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* a letter, in which he says that all the stores in this city closed during the funeral of the late Captain Thos. F. Wilson, with one exception, Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co., agents of the said company. The writer says further that the *employes* of that firm were refused permission to participate in the observance of respect to the departed one. The charges are entirely false. The *employes* were granted permission to attend the funeral of the respected captain kind, furthermore, Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co. closed their establishment while the funeral procession was moving.

"Song Service."

We have received the "International Song Service," by Philip Phillips and his son, with gems from fifty authors. The service embraces about half new and half old selected gems, which show careful choice. These "Song Sermon" services originated with Mr. Phillips, who has given them with success in many parts of the world. They are simple and practicable, so that any clergyman with his choir can conduct them, the choir singing the new or more difficult songs, and the congregation uniting in the more familiar hymns. The compilers have studied the wants of every phase of religious life, and have managed to satisfy all, embracing heartsongs, life songs, work songs—in fact, songs appropriate for any and all occasions in Christian worship. Passages of scripture, enforcing gospel sentiment, form part of the neatly bound little work.

From the North.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz arrived from Fort Simpson and way ports last night at 10:30 o'clock with the following passengers: Cornelius Booth and wife, J. A. Carthen, R. Cunningham, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. McKenzie and others. The steamer's freight is as follows: 2,100 cases of salmon from the Cunningham's cannery, 2,000 cases from the Windsor Canning Co., 1800 from the B. A. Packing Co., 1800 cases and 100 barrels and 50 halves from the Naas River Packing Co., and 125 halves from Helgesen's cannery. A large number of Chinese and Indians and white fishermen came down on the steamer.

There is little or no news from the northern country. All the canneries have shut down, with highly satisfactory results from the season's fishing.

The Wannuch Packing Co. have done well, 5,000 cases being ready for shipment.

The River's Inlet Canning Company have also realized a successful termination to the season's catch, altogether the number of cases they have on hand was not learned.

Big Bend Mines.

Considerable interest was created on Friday and Saturday by a magnificent specimen of gold-bearing quartz from McCullough creek, Big Bend. It was on exhibition at the Driard, having been brought down from Revelstoke by Mr. Hardie, who proposes taking steps at once for developing the lead. A gentleman from Revelstoke now in this city tells us that this specimen is one of a number which were brought in from McCullough creek by Tom Barret, formerly of Cariboo, and that though they are perhaps the finest samples yet shown from that region no great excitement was created among local men, as the enormous richness of the free milling quarts of Big Bend is so well known there that very little attention is now being given to the subject, owing to the extreme difficulty of getting in supplies and the total impossibility of transporting suitable machinery to the ledges which have already been discovered. The placer mining on McCullough, French, Smith and Carnes creeks had been seriously retarded by the unusual high water, but the outlook is now better than ever, and the resumption of work on a large scale in the French Creek Tunnel Company's claim, now controlled by Montreal, Toronto and New York capitalists, has done much to restore confidence on that creek. The tail-race was cleaned up last week and showed very satisfactory results. Referring again to the development of quartz ledges, nothing can be done to good advantage until a wagon road is built from the steamboat landing to the mouth of French creek, about twenty-two miles, and a vessel put on the river. If Mr. Hardie intends doing anything with the Barrett ledge this year he may depend on having every assistance extended to him by those engaged in mining in Big Bend, and he need have no fears as to both the quantity and richness of the quartz deposits there. The only drawback is their inaccessibility.

MARINE.

Steamer Ancon will be due from Sitka on Friday.

Tug Pilot went down to the cape yesterday morning.

Steamer Olympian should arrive from the north to-morrow.

Bk bark Yrota, from Moodyville, arrived at Valparaiso on the 11th instant.

Bark Coldstream, long overdue, was reported as being in the Straits yesterday morning.

Ship Wm. A. Campbell, from Moodyville, arrived at Melbourne prior to August 8th.

Steamer Barbara Boscowitz will probably leave for the north at 6 o'clock Saturday evening.

Prompt Results.

"I was very sick with bowel complaint. Two physicians did me no good. I tried other medicines, but all was no use until I tried Dr. Fowler's Wild Strawberry. The next day I was like a different man." Geo. H. Peacock, of Stroud, Ont.

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CABLE NEWS.

Seven Sentences.

DUBLIN, Aug. 15.—Several prosecutions in the Irish Courts resulted yesterday in seven sentences under the Crimes Act.

Parnell Ill.

Parnell's health has gone to pieces again.

The Prince's Movements.

BERLIN, Aug. 15.—The Prince of Wales arrived at Hamburg to-day.

The Gladstonian Victory.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The result of the Norwich election in favor of the Gladstonian candidate is a crushing blow to the conservatives and dissidents, who were confident they would retain the seat. At the clubs the news was received with consternation. Home rule clubs and centres were correspondingly elated.

Terrible Cholera Cases.

SIMLA, Aug. 15.—Medical returns show that 70,000 persons died from cholera in the northwest provinces during June and July.

Stanley's Expedition.

ZANZIBAR, Aug. 15.—The messengers dispatched to inform Emin Pasha of the Stanley expedition, arrived at Mlires, on the east shore of Albert Nyanza, at the beginning of May after having been detained by King Kassike and King Mivanga. If they were able to cross Albert Nyanza it is thought they must have reached Emin about the end of May. It was stated at Matas that Emin Pasha was in Umkaro district at the beginning of May, being *en route* to Lake Mutanzige by way of Kakibbi river. He was in good health.

The Scutari Fire.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 15.—The fire at Scutari has been extinguished. One thousand houses and two churches were destroyed, and two women and a child were burned to death. Thousands of persons are homeless.

A TRIP ON THE MAINLAND.

[Special Correspondence of THE COLONIST.]

It is a pleasure at the present time for the Victorian to visit the Mainland and contrast the changes made since the pioneer days. Your correspondent left Victoria on the 14th July and proceeded to New Westminster by steamer, thence by rail to the junction.

The branch railway from New Westminster junction to New Westminster city is a monument to the energy and indefatigable perseverance of Mayor Dickenson, and has turned the tide of business in the direction of the city. The train service between this point and Vancouver has been doubled, owing to the increase of passenger traffic between the two points. The Atlantic express was stopped at the junction, and we passed over the line through a country unrivalled by any for its beauties of wood, mountain and water scenery, giving one the impression of passing through a magnificent park. We reached Yale at 5:30 p. m., having accomplished in less than five hours a journey which, when your correspondent undertook first in a canoe, occupied four days. Passing through the Fraser river canyon one cannot help admiring the grand engineering skill which has been brought out in completing the Canadian Pacific Railway through what would appear to the casual observer at the first glance as an impassable mountain barrier. The scenery on this portion of the line has so often been described that it would be a work of supererogation for the writer to say anything more about it, sufficient to say that it calls forth admiration from the most prosaic individuals. One very noticeable feature was the immense number of salmon to be seen in the eddies along the banks as the train sped along, the fish appearing to crowd each other out of the water to the delight and surprise of the passengers on board, who were unaccustomed to the sight by no means uncommon to old pioneers in the province.

The officials of the Canadian Pacific Railroad are most courteous and obliging, ready to do anything in their power to add to the comfort or entertainment of the passengers.

The train was left at the Lake View hotel, whose tables are spread with all the delicacies of the season. We remained a couple of hours the whole of the day admiring the arrival of the steamer Peerless to convey us to Enderby, the regular steamer Red Star being unavoidably detained at Sicamore taking on a very large quantity of mill and agricultural machinery for the Spallumcheen country. Taking passage, therefore, on board the steamer Peerless, we made our way up the most serpentine stream the writer has ever had the pleasure of traveling on, the distance stretched to Enderby being 37 miles, whereas in a direct line it is only 12 miles, but the distance and time occupied is lost sight of in admiring the most picturesque scenes, some parts being very like Burdett Foster's "bend in the river," and altogether too beautiful to describe. Reaching Enderby at 12:30 p.m., we sought means of travel to proceed on our journey, but could obtain no other means of conveyance than a cayoose, upon the hurricane deck of one of which we took passage for the Mission, passing through the Spallumcheen and Mission valleys and back through the pleasant valley out to Grand Fratrie, thence returning through the Salmon river country to Enderby. The country abounds with game, large flocks of grouse starting in all directions as one rides along and the innumerable beautiful lakes being alive with wild ducks. Large herds of deer roam about the forest and not unfrequently the hunter meets with bear. This portion of the country is undoubtedly the garden spot of British Columbia, there being a great number of beautiful farms on many of which one will see from 400 to 500 acres of grain in one field. The field is immense, being from 3,000 to 4,000 pounds of wheat to the acre, and we have been creditably informed that there has been as much as 120 bushels of oats to the acre in some sections. The wheat is simply magnificent, being large, hard grain, full head and superior to Manitoba wheat in quality.

The farmers are going into wheat growing much more extensively than hitherto, as they now hope to find a market at the Columbia Milling Co.'s mills at Elderly. The company have put up a large five story mill filled with the most complete and improved roller machinery to make flour by the gradual reduction process. They have a capacity of 100 barrels per day, and with such wheat as they have at their door will undoubtedly turn out a superior article of flour to anything at present imported; besides this mill there are the Mission Mills belonging to Mr. E. LeQuinnon, and the Brent Mills, belonging to Mr. T. Brent, both of which turn out a first class article which finds sale to full local demands. Messrs. O'Keefe & Graham, of Okanagon Lake, have also a fine mill, and the demand for their flour exceeds the supply. The whole country is admirably adapted in every way for wheat growing and fruit culture. There is a vast extent of land still open for pre-emption and the climate is simply delightful, the midday heat is somewhat greater than Victoria, but it does not appear to be oppressive. The mornings and evenings are deliciously balmy and the nights comfortably cool. The people are cheerful, industrious, law abiding and hospitable. The side hills are covered with herbage and make magnificent pastures for vast herds of cattle. The Victoria hotel at Priest Valley is a charming resort for tourists.

The great want is the lack of means of communication with the outer world. An effort was made last session of the Dominion house to obtain a subsidy for a railway from Sicamoose to Priest Valley, there to connect with steamers on the Okanagon lake, which is about ninety-five miles long and runs down to within a few miles of the American territory, thus opening up the whole country and affording easy means of transport for supplies and produce; but for some unexplained cause the fathers of our country saw fit to give it a hoist until the coming session, when, no doubt, another more successful attempt will be made. The local government, however, are now constructing an excellent wagon road from Sicamoose to Enderby, which will be a great boon to the settlers, pending the completion of the railway.

Before closing, we would call attention to the absurdly large tracts of land set aside for Indian reservations, and which, in nearly all cases, are lying waste when good farmers, who would improve these wastes, are driven up on to the side hills or off into other sections of the country. The Indian population has greatly decreased since these reserves were laid out, and it is high time that they were readjusted and thrown open to settlement.

At Illecillewaet several large and valuable quartz ledges are being prospected and the ore milled under the supervision of an enterprising fellow colonist, Mr. G. B. Wright. The writer was shown some most valuable and interesting specimens of quartz, and we may confidently look forward to a boom at this point in the near future. Why do our merchants allow these people to draw their supplies from Winnipeg? Such we are told is the case.

In speaking of the Spalumcheen country we omitted to mention the Mission Creek Hydraulic Mining Co., who are prospecting on Mission creek with excellent prospects of success; also, the Priest Valley Quartz Mining Co., who are opening a load about four miles from Priest Valley, and which bids fair to amply reward the enterprising owners. N.

JOHN SHERMAN.

The Famous American Senator Visting Victoria—Sketch of the Man and his Views.

On Sunday evening a party of distinguished gentlemen arrived in the city on the Yosemite, comprising Senator John Sherman, of Ohio; Congressmen Grosvenor and Thompson, ex-Congressman Townsend, and Gen. J. L. Robinson, secretary of state. The entire party proceeded to the Driard and yesterday morning left by the Sound steamer for Seattle, whence they expect to return to-morrow. There is a strong desire by people in the United States to elect Senator Sherman to the presidency for the next term and he was recently nominated by the Republican convention of Ohio as their choice for a candidate. This popularity is not alone attested in his own state, but is noticeable throughout the entire west.

Senator Sherman is a brother of Gen. W. T. Sherman, whose famous "March to the Sea" was one of the most noticeable episodes in the American revolution.

In appearance the gentleman portrays the fact that he is a leader and a man of remarkable force of character, combined with extraordinary talent. He is tall and slim, erect and manly in his mien, and his features are partially obscured by a short beard, while his keen eye belies the fact that he is sixty-four years of age. There is something in the sincerity of the man that reminds one of Lincoln, and in many instances he is like the statesman of the old school, whose forceful characters are stamped indelibly in the annals of American history. Senator Sherman is of a reserve which himself a novel one to people, and he is courteous and interested in all, for to be courteous, he has only to be natural. He is a lawyer by profession and commenced to practice in 1844. He was a member of the U. S. Congress from 1855 to 1861, and was elected to the Senate in 1861 and re-elected in 1866 and 1872. He was appointed Secretary of the Treasury under the administration of President Hayes, after which he reentered the Senate, of which he is at present presiding officer, his term expiring in 1893.

Senator Sherman and, indeed, the entire party of gentlemen are delighted with the beauties of the Canadian Pacific road over which they came in a private car. The senator was induced to visit Victoria by his brother, General Sherman, who was here last year, and left Vancouver Island charmed with all the natural attractions it possesses.

To a COLONIST representative Senator Sherman expressed himself as surprised at the grand attractions on the Canadian Pacific, and the lovely passage from the Mainland, winding among hundreds of little islands, the whole journey tending in a sense of pleasurable anticipation of visiting all the charming points of interest in and around Victoria. In referring to the question of reciprocity he said that reciprocity might be simultaneously reached by mutual laws passed by both governments, but it is not within human experience that such an end should be reached by such means. There must first be conferences, and in any treaty Britain would have to be considered as representing Canada, for although the Dominion Government has the widest measure of home rule, it has

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to complete a treaty without reference to Great Britain. Your citizens, said he, appear as American as we are, and it seems farcical that a boundary line should divide kindred peoples occupying the same continent.

Regarding the fisheries dispute, he had only to say that he hoped the Canadian authorities would not continue to refuse the halibut and all other good things fishermen need to American fishers. The United States accord everyone in the world those privileges and does not like to be debarred from them, especially by her nearest neighbors.

He did not think he would have time to go to Alaska, but desired to see more of Victoria. He visited here several years ago, before British Columbia became part of Canada. The senator was non-committal on the presidential question, stating that he is on a pleasure trip, and has for the nonce forgotten politics.

Upon his return from the Sound tomorrow Senator Sherman will visit the various points of interest here.

COERCION.

Salisbury's Speech at the Lord Mayor's Banquet—When Will the League be Proclaimed?—The Cabinet Likely to Make Known Its Determination Soon.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—Salisbury's speech yesterday at the Mansion House is universally interpreted to mean that the government will proclaim the national league. The papers of every shade agree that his language can mean nothing else. The *Morning Post* may seem an exception in desiring Salisbury to be more explicit, but that society organ is also to a considerable extent the organ of Churchill, whose present policy does not lead him to be satisfied with anything Salisbury says or does. "Heretofore," says Salisbury, "the government have not had the power to relieve a population whose liberty is shackled by organized crime. Therefore it was not responsible. But we asked for that power and we got it. Parliament will now have the right to demand we have used our full right, and it will censure us if by any neglect, imprudence or timidity on our part, the weapon they put into our hands fails of its intended effect." This is a grave declaration.

TWO QUESTIONS.

It leaves open but two questions, when the league will be proclaimed and whether over all or part of Canada. The cabinet council to-day is expected to take a decision on these two points. Salisbury's declarations on other points are hardly less important. We know the foreign office is satisfied with the settlement of the Afghan boundary, and does not consider that Russia got more than belonged to her. The failure of the Anglo-Turkish convention respecting Egypt is frankly admitted, and Europe is frankly told that the duty of England to remain in Egypt has left none of its validity and force. Finally, the danger of a European war, though more than once during the year imminent, has disappeared. The impression produced by the declaration in England is marked. The Gladstonians themselves admit that Salisbury is capable of uttering with respect to foreign affairs words of truth and soberness. The continent will also be heard from in a day or two.

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AMERICAN NEWS.

Russian War Ships Ordered to the Pacific.

The Manhattan Bank Defaulter Makes a Sensational Confession.

A Prize Fight Arranged—A Woman Arrested for Bigamy with Seven Husbands—A Murder at Winnipeg.

Society Officers Elected.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 16.—The Sons of St. George elected officers as follows: Worthy Grand President, Thomas Brown of Philadelphia; Worthy Grand Vice President, Chas. Downer of Boston; Messenger, Isaac Ellis of Lockport, N. Y.; Treasurer, Robt. Stewart of Philadelphia; Inside Sentinel, W. D. Collingwood of Buffalo; Outside Sentinel, Robt. Aspinaw of Philadelphia. The officers were installed this afternoon, and the time was spent in speech making.

Baseball.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Boston 3, Philadelphia 7, New York 8, Washington 6, Athelics 6, Brooklyn 5, Mets 14, Baltimore 8, Cincinnati 4, Detroit 5, Louisville 2, Chicago 3, St. Louis 11, Cleveland 4.

A Defaulter's Confession.

Richard Seaman Scott, who absconded with $160,000 that belonged to the Manhattan bank, of which he had been a pet employee in June, 1886, about whose disappearance and whereabouts there was such a profound mystery, at least to the public, has made a confession to Consul General Waller in London. Suit has just been instituted in the supreme court which discloses not only Scott's action, but the fact that he was not alone in this stupendous defalcation. This suit is against John R. Dunn, Scott's accomplice, for recovery of $140,000. Documents included in this case embrace an affidavit by the defaulter, which is a statement of the history of the case, but it is in truth a confession of his theft. Scott relates that at various times prior to June 1st, 1885, he abstracted small sums of money from the safe, which a