Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—H. B. Wilson, formerly local manager of Molson's bank, has been changed from Port Arthur to Smith's Falls, Ont. The Smith's Falls branch is recognized as one of the best of that bank.

—Some commotion was caused Saturday morning on Yates street owing to the explosion of a blank cartridge. The latter had been placed on the car track and went off with a loud report when a car passed.

—On behalf of the advisory committee of the Green-Worlock estate, Noah Skakespeare is inviting applications for the position of trustee to succeed the late H. Mackenzie Cleland. They will be received up to Thursday next.

—At the manse on the 4th inst. Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Delbert Wheeler, of Portland, and Nancy Salgan, of Rochester, and at the same place on the same day the marriage of Mr. Chas. G. Poland and Luene M. Boyd, of Seattle.

—A call has been extended to Rev. Mr. Van Sickle, of Vancouver, by the members of the congregation of the Emmanuel Baptist church. It is likely the invitation will be accepted. Rev. Mr. Van Sickle has been successful in church work in the East and at Nanaimo, and will be welcomed here.

—C. C. Williams will speak at the regular public meeting of the Socialist party to-morrow evening in Labor hall at 8 o'clock. Subject, "Wealth, Waste and Wages." A meeting will be held at Gordon Head on Monday evening for the purpose of organizing a branch of the British Columbia Socialist party.

—In the Gazette this week appears the proclamation made by the King concerning the celebration of His Majesty's birthday. May 24th, 1904, is proclaimed the day for celebrating it, instead of November 9th. It is added, however, that the usual salute in honor of the King's birthday shall be fired at all military stations on the 9th of November.

—It is altogether likely that the retaining wall will be adorned by a landing about half way across before very long. It is there that the wall needs strengthening, and a buttress constructed in this way will reinforce it and not detract from its appearance. In the meantime it is the intention to drive rows of piles along the middle section, and thus keep those beneath the wall from deviating any further.

—The Bishop of Columbia has announced the appointment of Rev. F. G. Christmas to the church at Cumberland, and Rev. R. J. Bowen to Ladysmith. A sub-committee was appointed by the executive of the synod yesterday to arrange the apportionments for the different parishes in raising $1,000 for the Canadian Missionary Society. A resolution was passed by the executive in favor of holding a church congress triennially as is done in England.

—In the storm of Thursday morning the steamer Victorian, the Gulf ferry of the Victoria & Sidney railway, had about 80 feet of her guard torn away. The damage was sustained as the ship lay at her wharf, the port being exposed to a sou'-easter. Repair were at once undertaken, and it is expected that by the beginning of the week the steamer will be ready to resume service. She has been laid up since Thursday morning.

—As far as can be learned it has not been definitely decided whether the city council will urge any amendments to the Municipal Clause Act on the legislature at the approaching session. There was some talk of a special character being secured, but no action has been taken along this line. If anything is asked for it will be an amendment to that section of the act which enables the council to impose a sewerage frontage tax on property, a power which was granted not long ago. The present system of levying the tax one of the aldermen describes as complicated. He wants the rate charged against the owner of the property and not against the tenant. This was what the council sought from the legislature.

—A very pleasing incident marked the meeting of No. 5 Co., Fifth Regiment, C.A., at the drill hall Friday evening. After the consideration of the company's business, the chairman presented Sergeant F. A. Futcher with an address and a handsome silver mounted cut glass pitcher, with a suitable engraving, amid much enthusiasm. The recipient responded appropriately. At the meeting a whist club was organized, and a series of tournaments will be held every Monday evening, starting November 16th. During these gatherings refreshments will be served, and the committee will exert every effort to give those present a pleasant evening. The members also complimented Skene Lowe on his excellent photographs of the company's tug-of-war team.

—A good deal of misconception seems to have arisen in connection with the bounty to be paid by Hon. R. G. Tatlow for crows killed in Stanley park, Vancouver, and the remarks of the minister on the subject afterwards. The minister of finance explains it all away by stating that the offer made by him was as a park commissioner, and pertained alone to Stanley park. He did it in view of the nuisance which these birds had become and the general desire on the part of agriculturists and orchardists to overcome the damage done by the crows. When he remarked that if this was found successful in the case of Vancouver city that it might be taken up elsewhere, the minister did not mean to say that the government was prepared to pay a bounty. What he meant was that other cities or municipalities or private parties might adopt this means of getting rid of what is proving a nuisance.

—J. E. Marks has purchased a lot on Stanley avenue, adjoining Mr. Scott's, and contemplates erecting a handsome residence upon it in the near future. The sale was effected through Grant & Conyers.

—As announced in these columns on Friday, Monday will not be observed as a public holiday, His Majesty having proclaimed that his birthday be celebrated on May 24th, 1904. This may not be welcome news to the school children, who have been looking forward to a holiday, but is the fact. The school bell will ring at the usual time.

—The funeral of the late Peter Rowland took place on Saturday from the parlors of W. J. Hanna, and later from the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Rev. Father Laterme conducted the religious services. Members of the Boilermakers' Union, of which deceased was a member, attended in a body. The pall-bearers were: H. Pettigrew, D. Beaton, Geo. Neil, F. Robb, P. Piercy and Geo. Jakes.

—Sam Maxwell, a featherweight of considerable ability, who is now rusticating at Harrison Hot Springs after a somewhat arduous season at Nome, will be down about the time of the contest between Attell and Dick Green, next Thursday week, and will be willing to meet the winner. Green is now in the city, and will commence training for the bout just mentioned in a day or two. He expects to give Attell a lively time.

—Sergeant Murray, of the provincial police, has returned to the city after investigating the shooting case which occurred at Tumbo Island a fortnight or so ago. As will be remembered, a man named Ben Wenzel, commonly known as Jack the Ripper, was shot by Capt. Schultz, of Nanaimo. The deed was apparently committed in self-defence, for the captain was given his freedom on his own recognizance after the coroner's inquest. Sergeant Murray was away several days.

—The funeral of William Dodds took place on Saturday from the parlors of W. J. Hanna to Christ church at 2 o'clock. Right Rev. Bishop Perrin conducted the services. The Sons of England attended in a body, Rev. Wm. Hicks officiating for them as chaplain. Many beautiful floral emblems were presented by the different societies. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. H. H. Hobbis, C. Haines, E. M. Haynes, W. Jones, Geo. Orton and T. Nute. Geo. Millet acted as marshal.

—On December 2nd next lovers of music will have the privilege of listening once more to Haydn's grand old oratorio, "The Creation." A large chorus of over 150 voices is carefully rehearsing this beautiful work at the Metropolitan Methodist church, and judging from the splendid attendance at these rehearsals and the exceptional progress which has already been made the performance on the above date cannot fail to be a grand success. In addition to the large chorus there will be an orchestra of about 12 players. It is the aim of the committee in charge to make this performance the best that has yet been given in the church.

—The police statistics for the month of October show that altogether there were 73 cases dealt with, divided as follows: Drunkenness, 31; unlawfully frightening a horse, 7; infraction of the revenue by-law, 6; infraction of the bicycle by-law, 5; infraction of streets by-law, 5; vcagrancy, 3; assault, 4; stealing, 3; aggravated assault, 2; possession of intoxicants on the Indian reservation, 2; discharging firearms within the city limits, 2; breaking and entering, 1; possession of intoxicants, 1; carrying a concealed weapon, 1. Total, 73. In addition to these there were 27 people confined at the station for safe keeping.

—D. Yule, a passenger from Queen Charlotte islands by the steamer Nell, which arrived from the north on Friday, bring news of a valuable mineral discovery on the east coast of that group. The find consists of three large ledges running parallel with each other. They are respectively forty, five and two feet wide, and an analysis shows it to contain about 35 per cent. of zinc as well as a large percentage of copper, silver and gold. The mineral runs about $70 to the ton. Mr. Yule has interested a number of Seattle capitalists in his find, and they will at once take steps to instal machinery for the development of the property. The Nell brought south 300 cases of salmon, 150 cases of oil from Queen Charlotte islands and other cargo.

—The laundry workers of the city have organized themselves into a union as a branch of the Shirt Waist and Laundry Workers' Union of America. The organization was affected by T. H. Twigg, organizer for the American Federation of Labor, assisted by the committee of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, Messrs. Bolden, McEachern and Ryan. There were present on Thursday when the work was carried out also J. D. McNiven, M. P. P., and W. McKay, who both delivered addresses. Edwin Johnston was elected president, pro tem. and Chas. Lefevre, secretary, pro tem. It was decided to affiliate with the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, and Miss M. Murrant and Edwin Johnston were elected delegates. In about two weeks the charter will arrive, when the work of permanent organization and election of officers will take place.

—The remains of the late William Turnbull Findlay were laid to rest on Friday afternoon. The funeral took place from the First Presbyterian church, where impressive services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends. The choir was present, and a number of appropriate hymns were rendered. Mrs. Dr. Lewis Hall presided at the organ, playing "The Dead March in Saul" as the mourners dispersed. Members of the local Odd Fellow lodges attended in a body, and Grand Master Graham conducted the religious services of the order at the grave. There were a large number of floral tributes. The pall-bearers follow: J. Meston and J. Frank (representing the church); A. Graham and D. Grant (representing the Odd Fellows), and E. Kermode and W. Sumerville (representing the A. O. U. W.

—The County court, which should sit here on November 12th, will have to be adjourned for one week, owing to no judge being available. The court will sit on November 19th.

—The civil service examinations will open on Tuesday next in the city hall. It will be conducted under the charge of Rev. Dr. Campbell. There are few candidates presenting themselves for examination.

—Mrs. Frances O'Neil, wife of Jas. O'Neil, of the Savoy theatre, died on Sunday at St. Joseph's hospital. Deceased was 40 years of age, and a native of Missouri, U. S. A. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2.30 o'clock from the parlors of W. J. Hanna.

—R. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., is down from Vancouver on business in connection with the company's new wharf in this city. Mr. Marpole will look over the plans for the proposed structure with Capt. Troup, and it is expected that building operations will be commenced before long.

—November is certainly making a record for itself. The velocity attained by the wind last Thursday was almost equalled Sunday evening, when guests were registered of sixty miles an hour. The average velocity during the height of yesterday's storm was 50 miles an hour. As in the storm of Thursday, the wind blew from the southeast. Heavy rain accompanied it at times, and snow can be plainly seen on the Sooke hills to-day from the streets of the city.

—In anticipation of a big summer travel next year, details of the service already are being made out by the C. P. R. officials. According to a dispatch from Winnipeg it was learned that there will be two daily through trains, to be known as Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Even numbers will run east, and odd numbers run west. The "Imperial Limited," it appears, is a thing of the past, so far as the name is concerned. It is likely, however, that the schedule will be about the same as that of this year, when the Limited was running.

—In the First Presbyterian church on Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted a special service for sealers. There was a large number present. References were made to the success of the schooner fleet engaged in the industry; the concern which the owners took in the comfort and safety of the men and to those who lost their lives during the season. The preacher's remarks were listened to with close interest. The choir rendered special music for the occasion, a number of very enjoyable solos and a duet being contributed during the evening.

—Thursday afternoon an inquest in consequence of the death of W. T. Findlay was held, and a verdict of "accidental death" was returned. Before coming West Mr. Findlay lived in Quebec. He came out owing to failing health, and located first at Portland, Ore., where he engaged in railroad work. He was a Presbyterian, and was ruling elder in the church at Richmond, Quebec, and was also prominently identified with the First Presbyterian church here. He was a member of the Good Templars, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Independent Order of Foresters. Besides a widow, he leaves two brothers, Robert, of Richmond, Quebec, and Alexander, of Bethel, Vermont, U. S. A. An aunt resides at San Francisco.

—"The first practical step toward the erection of a palatial hotel in Victoria by the Canadian Pacific railway is being taken in the head offices to-day, where Hayter Reed, manager of the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec, and F. M. Rattenbury, a Victoria, B. C., architect, have the plans for the structure under consideration," says the Montreal Herald. "Mr. Rattenbury came from Victoria to consult with the C. P. R., and Mr. Reed, as a practical hotel man, was also summoned to be present. The new hotel will be fitted out in the most approved fashion, but work upon it will not begin for some time. It will be admirably located at James Bay causeway, and will be an important addition to the chain of fine hotels now operated by the Canadian Pacific."

—A very interesting debate was conducted by the Y. M. C. A. Literary Society on Saturday night. The subject was the fiscal policy of Mr. Chamberlain, and a number of excellent speeches were delivered. The affirmative, advocating the endorsation of the ex-colonial secretary's plan, was taken by Messrs. Clark, Fisher, Little and Dr. Lewis Hall. The negative was supported by David Tait, Gordon Grant, Dr. Morris, Welby Solomon and Croot. There was a large attendance, and the deepest interest was manifested in the various points brought out. In this connection it is worth recalling the prediction made by Edgar Wallace, the celebrated correspondent of the London Daily Mail, who was recently here. Mr. Wallace said that Mr. Chamberlain would most assuredly win out.

WEDDING GIFTS.

London, Nov. 9.—Subscriptions are being raised in the Scotch towns of Kelso and Dunbar for wedding gifts, fetes and illuminations in honor of the forthcoming marriage of Miss May Goelet and the Duke of Roxburgh.

SERVIA NEEDS MONEY.

Wants to Borrow Twenty Million Dollars to Equip Army.

Belgrade, Nov. 9.—The government is making efforts to secure a loan of $20,000,000, to be used principally for the equipment of the army.

THOUGHT IT MEANT DEATH SURE.—Mrs. James McKim, of Dunnville, Ont., says of her almost miraculous cure from heart disease by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart; "Until I began taking this remedy I despaired of my life. I had heart failure and extreme prostration. One dose gave me quick relief and one bottle cured me. The sufferings of years were dispelled like magic." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—3.

AFTER ISLAND TIMBER.

Representatives of Capitalists Investigating Our Natural Resources.

Vancouver Island timber limits are attracting the attention of outside capitalists. At the present time there are a number of small parties of experts prospecting at different points on the Island for the purpose of ascertaining what parts are thickly timbered, and also noting the character and quality of the timber. They have been sent out by the International Lumber Company, which has property scattered all over the continent, and owns mills at both Seattle and Everett.

It is stated on excellent authority that it is the intention of the International Lumber Company to secure 50,000 acres of timber lands on Vancouver Island. The parties mentioned have therefore been sent out to report as to the best lands to take up.

What the intention of the company is after having secured the timber can only be conjectured. It is altogether probable that immediate steps will be taken to profit by the purchase. Saw mills will likely be established at different points. In view of the restrictions against the export of timber from British Columbia the logs cannot be taken to the mills on the Sound. The only thing to be done then is to establish mills. This means the employment of a large number of men, and cannot but result in an increased prosperity.

Yesterday L. D. W. Shelton, Herman Stolzenberg, of Seattle, and Robt. Thorm, of Spokane, who have been looking over the timber near the head of the Chemainus river, arrived in the city. Mr. Shelton expresses himself as much pleased with the timber of Vancouver Island. He said this morning that although the Victoria Lumber Company had secured the pick of the timber in that section there was much that is good left. The International Lumber Company, he stated, was anxious to secure some first class fir. He had, therefore, paid particular attention to that timber. Generally the Island fir was not large, being for the most part of medium size. He was remarkably impressed, however, with its fine quality. There was also good hemlock and considerable cedar and white pine.

Referring to hemlock, Mr. Shelton expressed the opinion that Western lumbermen did not pay enough attention to that kind of timber. They were, he supposed, prejudiced on account of Eastern hemlock being a failure. That grown in British Columbia was not the same, being of a firmer and generally superior character. It was, in his opinion, 100 per cent. better than the Eastern hemlock.

Mr. Shelton and those who accompany him will leave for Seattle to-night.

PERSONAL.

Alex. B. Allan, representing the big wire rope manufacturers, Allan, White & Co., of Glasgow, Scotland, is at the Coast. In order to familiarize himself with the actual requirements of the trade in this section, Mr. Allan is making personal visits of inspection to the various lumber camps. By seeing the logging operations actually carried on, he will have a chance to meet the demand for wire rope adapted to the use of the big donkey engines, which have so rapidly replaced the use of horses in logging. Horses have been displaced at a rate almost incredible in the past year, and, as engines are used almost entirely, heavier and stronger tackle is required. Mr. Allan will visit the mills at Chemainus in the interests of his firm.

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Mr. Thos. R. Cusack, one of the leading job printers of Victoria, B. C., was East recently, and reports business fair in spite of the labor troubles from which British Columbia has suffered.—Toronto Type and Press.

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W. T. Archibald, manager of the C. P. R. telegraph office at Nanaimo, and Mrs. Archibald, are visiting in the city. Mr. Archibald was formerly in charge of the C. P. R. telegraph office in this city.

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Major Audain, son-in-law of Mr. James Dunsmuir, has left for England. He was accompanied by the Misses E. and M. Dunsmuir, who will enter a school at Dresden, Germany.

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Jno. L. Howard, president of the Western Fuel Company, passed through the city Sunday on his way from San Francisco to the coal mines of the company at Nanaimo.

COMMUNICATIONS.

"ACCIDENTAL SHOOTINGS."

To the Editor:—May I add a word to your excellent article re "Accidental Shootings," with which I heartily agree. In one of the states of the Union a penalty of ten years without the option of a fine attaches to such criminal carelessness. There would be fewer cases of such shootings if a similar penalty attached elsewhere. The first of all the sylvan commandments as laid down elsewhere is that you should never fire until you know "not only what you are shooting at, but also at what part of your beast you are shooting." If the shooter could not tell that the thing he fired at was a human being much less could he tell that it was not the rump of a grizzly, which would be dangerous, or a fawn, which would be illegal, or the belly of a hind, which would be brutally and unnecessarily cruel.

It is almost impossible for one man to kill another by accidental shooting without having broken enough of the laws of the woods to entitle him to ten years' penal servitude. As to "boys," I should say that when one is entrusted with a gun it is because he is supposed in certain respects to be as responsible as a man. If he has a man's privileges he must take a man's responsibilities.

CLIVE PHILLIPPS-WOLLEY.

Badminton Club, Victoria, B.C., Nov. 3rd.

Thomas Costello, alias Tom Murphy, an aged pal of Pat Crowe, the outlaw, has been arrested at St. Joseph, Mo. Costello confessed participating in the kidnapping of young Cudahy at Omaha. He says that the man Johnson, who is now serving time in Montana for train robbery, seized young Cudahy, while he and Crowe waited at a little house on the outskirts of Omaha.

NEW PRINCESS ON TRIAL SATURDAY

MADE A CREDITABLE SHOWING IN A GALE

Something of the Excellent Interior Arrangements of the Ship—Mild Weather on Yukon.

Standing like monuments to the progressiveness and enterprise of the C. P. R. Steamship Company, under the management of Capt. J. W. Troup, the magnificent new steamships Princess Victoria and Princess Beatrice are to-day lying in James Bay. The Princess Beatrice, the latest acquisition to the fleet, had her trial trip on Saturday afternoon, the weather being such as to test all her qualities as a sea boat. She was timed over a measured course in the Straits and Gulf and made a little better than ten knots an hour against a heavy squall and a strong reverse tide. All the ship's machinery worked smoothly, and in the heavy wind the steamer's performance was admirable. Of course the machinery being new and stiff, it was not expected that the best results would be obtained. The vessel will run better after being in service a time, and it is thought that then eleven knots an hour will be gotten out of her.

In the outing Saturday Capt. Troup was in command, and Supt. Engineer McGowan, of the C. P. R., was present with Chief Engineer Wallace in the engine room. Both were highly pleased with the ship. On board there was a party of about forty people, including the builders, Messrs. Bullen, of the Esquimalt Marine railway. The freight deck was fitted up with bunting and other decorative material for the occasion, and the initial run of the ship was duly celebrated.

Painted white like many of the other C. P. R. liners, the Princess Beatrice as she lies alongside the larger Princess presents a very trim and graceful appearance. But her exterior is no more attractive than her interior. The Times has heretofore described the exceptional strength of the hull. It has been pronounced by all mariners who have seen it under construction in the yard of the Esquimalt Marine railway to be the stanchest seen in any wooden vessel on the coast. In fact it is as strong and rigid as wood and metal could make it, the Messrs. Bullen taking pains to make the ship, the first of any such proportions built in their yard or north of San Francisco, a lasting tribute to the work there done.

The new craft was constructed for the northern British Columbia route, although in the dull winter months it is likely that she will be commissioned for the Fraser river service. For this run it is said that she is now preparing, having yet to receive the finishing touches from the joiner, upholsterer and painter. The interior arrangements differ from any other steamer seen in these waters, and the innovation will certainly be welcomed and appreciated by the travelling public. So designed is the interior that there is not a dark corner in the whole ship. In all there are 43 staterooms, there being five large ones which the mechanics now aboard call bridal chambers. On the freight deck about three-quarters of the length of the steamer is reserved for cargo, with hatches leading to a hold below. In the focs'l, quarters are arranged for the crew, each room having light and ventilation independent of the other. Probably no boat in port has better accommodation in this respect. Abaft and on the port side of the engine casing—which by the way has a glass opening in front allowing of a view of the machinery—are the officers' quarters, big airy apartments. There are about three of these rooms, while the same space on the starboard side of the steamer is devoted to a kitchen, pantry, etc. Going still farther aft one enters the dining saloon, another big apartment which extends the whole width of the steamer, while astern of this again are three staterooms on either side with the steward's apartments, the butcher house, store rooms, etc., right in the end of the vessel. An ascent to the passenger deck is gained by a stairway leading from the dining saloon into a social hall. The landing is within a few feet of a hatch, which in turn extends to the engine casing, and which in event of the cargo to be discharged can be raised in such a manner as to form a new partition, and yet not blockade the stairway passageway. The social hall also opens out on the promenade on either side of the steamer. Staterooms form the partition aft, and more staterooms and the engine casing form the partition forward of the social hall, while wide passageways take one forward into the saloon and aft into a ladies' saloon cosily arranged and with every accommodation, the apartment being surrounded by staterooms with a dome above affording good light and plenty of air. Forward of the saloon, doorways lead into a smoking room with the bar in the extreme end. Above the smoking room are located the wheel house, a chart room and captain's sleeping apartment.

The ornamentation of the ship is a feature that is receiving special attention. Mr. William Muir, representing Muirhead & Mann, has charge of the joinery work, while the upholstering is in the hands of Weiler Bros. The finishing of the walls is in Spanish cedar, that around the social hall and dining saloon in oak, the facings of the berths maple, and the settees, of which there are several, in teak. Over the doors and staterooms will be arranged the very fine tinselled silk. Paintings will also be used with good effect.

All the ships of the C. P. R. fleet are now in port, namely, the Princess Beatrice, the Princess Victoria and the Princess Louise, which three are together in the bay, and the Princess May, which is in winter quarters.

THE YUKON RIVER.

A dispatch from Dawson, dated November 6th, says: "The big threatened destruction of numerous Yukon river steamers has been greatly lessened by the sudden and unexpected warm spell. The White Pass steamer Canadian is the only boat that remains stranded on a bar of the upper Yukon. The others have all been rescued, some by heroic efforts and great sacrifice.

"The Columbian jettisoned $5,000 worth of potatoes, which enabled her to get off the bar to Dawson. The potatoes were worth $250 per ton wholesale here—an extraordinary price. The Victorian left 200 tons of her cargo ashore half way to Dawson and returned to White Horse for the winter.

"The steamers Leah, Louise, Lightning and Kerr are all stranded north of Dawson in uncertain positions as to safety.

"The Yukon is likely to close here any day. The La France, the last boat up the river, is due at White Horse Sunday.

"Overland traffic is well under way. Hundreds of people are going out."

THE ARCTIC WHALERS.

Products of the Arctic region worth over $200,000 were taken to San Francisco by the whaling steamer Beluga, seventeen days from Port Clarence. The Beluga herself made a catch of three whales. She carried the catch of the whaling steamer Narwhal, and in her hold upon her arrival were 30,000 pounds of bone, 8,750 gallons of oil, 40 pounds of ivory, 16 bearskins, 540 foxskins, 12 marten skins, one wolf skin and one wolverine skin. It is one of the best cargoes received from the north for several years. The Narwhal is wintering at Herschel Island. At last accounts, however, the steamers were nearer to Bailey Island, though they intended to reach Herschel if it were possible before the thick ice made it impossible. The Beluga during the summer reached the latitude of 73 degrees and 50 minutes north. The officers and crew confirm the report regarding the death of 110 natives at Cape Smythe from measles.

DRIVEN BACK TWICE.

Thrice the steamer Queen City started out from San Juan Thursday in an effort to run up the Straits. Twice she had to put back to port, and the third time she came along with difficulty. Her first attempt was made at four, her second about ten and her third about three. She arrived here early on Friday. Thursday's gale was the second sou'easter she had experienced on the trip. The steamer sighted none of the sealers still out, and brought no further word of the sunbmerged wreck off Amphritrite Point. From Clayoquot she brought 2,500 cases of salmon, the cannery there having been in operation up till about a week ago. The passengers who arrived on the Queen City were Messrs. Talbot, Tumble, John Galtz, T. Stockham, Miss Clark, Mr. Clark, Ross Munro, E. Vigor, Mrs. Brown and Messrs. Baird, Deakin, Blockley, McGregor, Bentley, Wooding, Wilcox and two others.

THE CARRIE C. W.

The schooner Carrie C. W., Captain Victor Gullin, arrived from the Coast on Thursday after a hard struggle with the elements in coming up the Straits. She lost several sails in the vicinity of Race Rocks, but all things considered, escaped very fortunately. From the lighthouse she was towed into port by a gasoline launch. The schooner secured a catch of 833 skins in Behring Sea, making her total catch for the year 965.

DETAINED BY STORM.

Weather conditions being wholly unfavorable for the trip, H. M. S. Grafton did not leave for the scene of the wreck off Amphitrite Point Monday. Even though the vessel did proceed to the spot nothing could be done in the whole of ascertaining what the submerged craft is, for in the locality in question the sea is very rough, and a diver could not hope of accomplishing any good work. For some time the Grafton has been undergoing an overhauling to her machinery, and when she goes out again a number of steam trials will be conducted.

TO BE OVERHAULED.

"When the steamer Tartar, of the C. P. R. Oriental service, leaves port for Hongkong this trip, she will not return for several months," says the Vancouver Ledger. "It is the intention of the company to have the vessel laid up for a very extensive overhauling. For the first time since she was built, the Tartar is to have new boilers installed. This work will be done at Hongkong. For her outgoing voyage the Tartar will have a large cargo."

THE LORNE'S MOVEMENTS.

Tug Lorne left for Chemainus Friday morning with the ship Wilhelmine, which arrived from Taltal on Wednesday. The Lorne returned from the Cape Thursday. As might be supposed, she had a very stormy experience down the Straits yesterday. She was fortunate, however, in picking up the Lahaina, which she brought into Esquimalt. The Lahaina is in ballast.

THE ELEPHANT'S TOOTHACHE.

In describing his experiences, Barnum & Bailey's veterinary surgeon, Dr. J. H. Forbes, says "elephants are about the worst animals we get. Take an elephant with the toothache, for instance.

"I'll never forget one night when we had old Bolivar. The show was in winter quarters then, and during the night Bolivar got the toothache. He tore around until he broke his chain, and then he killed a camel, and let out a lion and a tiger. These picked up a 'scrap' among themselves, and by the time a gang of men could be got together, they were both bleeding pretty freely.

"Finally, by crawling over the tops of the cages, the men managed to get a noose around Bolivar's front legs and trunk, and in a trice we had him down.

"Elephants," added the doctor, "are very delicate. The least little thing upsets them. They get lonesome, homesick, lovesick, and go off their feed. They refuse to eat, and just stand and sway back and forth as Jingo did before he died at sea. They get dirty, and that seems to make them sick."

Fire on Saturday destroyed the warehouse of the Wylie Warehouse Company, on Buchanan street, Glasgow, and partly ruined adjoining buildings. The damage will reach $1,000,000.

Saturday's Bargain.

New California Table Figs

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CASH GROCERS.

UNION STORE—The Only Store Not in the Combine.

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AND HOW MUCH THERE IS TO DO.

We have been preparing for the rush betimes and are now ready for the large crowds that will throng our Stores from now on till Xmas Eve. Our stocks are complete in every respect, having a larger and finer assortment to choose from than ever before. Our new stocks of fruits, such as Raisins, Currants, Figs, Dates, Nuts, Prunes, Peaches, etc., are suitable for any table. Our Mince Meat, Plum Puddings, Fruit Cakes, Bon-Bons, and many other delicacies and novelties too numerous to mention, are the finest the market affords. Come early and make your selection to avoid the rush, and we will be pleased to set them aside for you. Do not delay in coming, or you may not have the best to choose from.

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BORN.

ROSS—At Rossland, on Oct. 31st, the wife of J. S. Ross, of a son.

SHAW—At Kamloops, on Oct. 29th, the wife of Ed. Shaw, of a son.

BOIE—At Slocan, on Oct. 30th, the wife of W. E. Boie, of a son.

WILSON—At Revelstoke, on Oct. 29th, the wife of T. P. Wilson, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

BRYDGES-TIERNEY—At Nelson, on Nov. 3rd, by Rev. Father Althoff, S. M. Brydges and Miss Gertrude Tierney.

BARRARIE-TALLEN—At Vancouver, on Nov. 3rd, by Rev. H. G. F. Cliaton, Capt. John Barbarie and Miss E. M. Tallen.

HODGE-WOODWARD—At Ferguson, on Nov. 2nd, Robert Hodge and Miss Rhoda Woodward.

DIED.

CARY—At Vernon, on Oct. 29th, Margaret Cary, aged 11 years and 8 months.

SCHMIDT—At Kamloops, on Nov. 4th, Joseph Schmidt, aged 78 years.

DODDS—At his residence, Mears and Fort streets, on Nov. 4th, William Dodds, aged 64 years, and a native of England.