## VICTORIANS ON JAP SCHOONERS

Vessels From Japan in Behring Sea Have Local Men on Board.

JAPANESE FLEET IN SEA

No International Question Ex pected to Arise as Result of Killing.

al-hunters with the Japanese, some whom are from Victoria. There are a number of Victorians on some of these vessels. The Seifu Maru, one of the Japanese fleet, known to be in Bering Sea has three former Victoria hunters on board, Ed. McNeil, George McCornish and Joe Knapp, who joined the vessel after being released from a Russian prison at Khuborovsk, where they were held for eighteen months after the sinking of the schooner Koyichi Maru by the Russian cruiser Gromobol in August, 1904, when the Carmencita was attempting to raid the Copper Islands. Capt. Ritchie, a former Victoria sealer, is navigating officer of the Seifu Maru. It is not known here whether there are any Victoria sealers or other Europeans in the crew of the raiding schooner, the Toyai Maru No. 2, instead of the Tokwa Maru as erroneously reported.

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The Japanese, owing to the fact that Japan is not a party to the agreement between Britain and the United States regarding pelagic sealing in Bering Sea, are permitted to use firearms in the northern water, and mereover can hunt to within three miles of the rookeries, shooting seals, while the Victoria sealers, of whom there are 18 in all in Bering Sea this season, five with full crews of white hunters and thirteen with Indians, must not trespass within 60 miles of the islands and are not permitted to use fire arms. All arms are sealed on the schooners before entering Bering Sea and only spears are used in hunting. The fire arms of the Japanese, when used anywhere near where a schooner is working whose hunters are using spears, because of the restricting regulations, work havoc among the seals, frightening the herds so much that sealing with spears is difficult, if possible. The tremndous advantage of the Japanese sealers in Bering Sea, even in the regular business of pelagic sealing is apparent.

A Washington despatch of yesterday says:

on gave him the same intomators of matter to Ambassador Wright. Seals are recognized as property of matter at the act of stealing, acting to prominent authorities on introduced in the act of stealing, acting to prominent authorities on introduced in the shooting of the anese poachers, it is said at the department. This government has amends to make to Japan, other a those that courtesy may prompt a mere expression of regret that han incident should take place is that is looked for Japan has no that is looked for Japan has no the state of the rain. As yet what kind of fire escape shall be attached has not been decided on. A of the control of the sun or the shafts of the rain.

A WINNIPEG VISITOR. T. Macpherson Much Impressor With Attractions of Victoria.

William T. Macpherson of the postoffice inspector's department, Winnipag,
is paying a holiday visit to Victoria in
making the New Bingland his head
quarters. Mr. Macpherson is no strunger to the Island and has known Victoria for the past seventeen years, his
last visit having been so later than two
years ago. He was long ago captivated
by the scenic and atmospheric attractions of the Island and remains victorian of which he has watched with the gradual development. If
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Amongst these, said Mr. Macpherson
are John Arbuthnot, ex-mayor of Winna himper, Mr. Savage, the well known
lumber man who intends to make Victoria at least his winter quarters and
Mr. H. Slater of the firm of Bohisaon
A. Son. These and many others who
have recently "discovered" Vancouver
Island, either through the glowing
terms of praise bestowed upon it by
recent visitors or through advertising literature that has reached them, are
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PROGRESS OF WORK

Great Structure Is Rapidly Approaching Completion--Some Building Betails.

sists of eight floors, including the basement. It will be fitted with the most modern compressed air apparatus for cleaning and dusting purposes. Two million and a half of bricks and two thousand tons of stone, approximately, enter into its composition. It is not a steel frame structure, but a large quantity of steel is employed, though the weight is supported by the walls themselves. The materials used for the walls are the Haddington Island sandstone and pressed brick and some granite. The cement is that known as Vancouver Portland. The foundations which bear the enormous weight above, which one would taink was sufficiently great for the shoulders of Atlas, were put in by the B. C. Contract Co., the name under which the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Co. does business in this country. There is a special heating system throughout the building, that known as the Warren, Webster & Co. het air system—one of the vacuum schemes.

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of the huge crane and derrick set up on high upon the roof, which, in obedience to an electric motor, lifts and moves about blecks of stone and masses of brick just as a child may hold and move a nail with a pair of pincers.

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FINE FRUIT PRODUCTS OF B. C. Inspector Cunningham Dilates Upon Their Magnificence.

It must afford you a great deal of satisfaction to witness the development of this beautiful and profitable industry from such small beginnings. You have seen many samples of apples, pears, prunes and cherries but this is the first opportunity that I have had of submitting specimens of homegrown peaches which I think you will find equal at least to any that we import. This is an early variety and not nearly as perfect in shipping and keeping qualities as those which will be coming to market a couple of weeks later.

Unfortunately the cultivation of the peach in British Columbia has not received the attention that it deserves until quite recently. We were quite content to look to California for our supplies of this valuable and profitable fruit till the advent of an old newspaper editor to whom belongs the honor of directing public attention to the possibilities of Okanagan valley as a section where peaches and apricots may be grown successfully.

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cessfully.

Mr. J. M. Robinson, now of Summerland, came to this province to exploit a mining property. Fortunately for the country his views did not meet his expectation but like a wise and enterprising pioneer that he is, he turned his attention to fruit growing with this result. Several most promising settlements and enterprising fruit growers surrounded by happy families with their schools and churches are now to be found in territory which a few years found in territory which a few years ago was occupied by the restless improvident miner.

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The froit herewith is very good evidence of the wisdom of Mr. Robinson's foreview, but it does not stop here. Others very quickly followed the lead of Mr. Robinson and we now have many thousands of acres devoted to peach or chards. All the way from Lilloost which is some 40 miles north of the C. P. R. at Lytton to the boundary line on the south, no fewer than 209,000 peach trees of varieties much superior to this sample have been planted in this immense territory since October last. I shall be greatly disappointed if we shall not have a half million of healthy thrifty peach and apricot trees in bearing in British Columbia within four years from date.

When we consider the fact that west of Lake Superior in the whole of this Dominion British Columbia is the only and the trusted that when this fact was fully grasped by the men their opposition would be veluntarily withdrawn, the step suggested not constituting any menace to their legitimate rights of conflicting with their vested interests.

Mr. Whyte then proceeded to discuss other imported abor and cited the experiments under the anapices of the Salvation army located in California and Colorado reported upon for the British government by Mr. Ryder Haggard in a most favorable manner.

"Capt. Booth-Tucker who was at the head of this Salvation army movement is a man for whom I entertain a sincere admiration and respect, both of these men I have met and talked with an this important subject and it was suggested by karl Grey, in debate upon the subject that a similar Salvation army method might meet the follows:

To Induce Men to Come

the preference of course being given to practical agriculturists, most of whom it is presumed will remain in the country whilst those who desire can return home at the same rate. It is hoped that by this means sufficient immigration will be induced to relieve the immediate pressure as the consequence of the crop not being cut when ripe would be disastrous to the farmers through the shelling out of the grain.

"This ceurse has the double merit of benefiting the old, land they leave as well as the new land they are coming to."

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Mr. Whyte dwelt at length upon all the points of the labor question which both as regards agricultural and domestic service, is much more acute in the Bast, and, touching the matter of outness labor, he deprecated the artistude of the labor organizations as inconsistent and Ill-advised as it was originally through the artistude of the artistans that Chinese labor had been first imported and at the present juncture it would not interfere with the labor interests. The influx of Japanese had been checked by the course of Japanese enterprise being diverted to Manchuria and Korea; and provided that the removal of the poll tax with a view to the admission of Chinese labor were joined with strict instructions limiting their sphere of activity to agriculture, market gardening and laundry work only, he thought that such a step could not be other than.

on the same subject that a similar Salvation army method might meet the present needs. It was and is, however, my opinion that in the best interests of the country and the people the difficulty should be met rather by bona fide colonization than by immigration, the former being a process of careful selection as distinguished from the latter indiscriminate methods."

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NEW POUND BYLAW.

Amending Regulations for Care of Dogs in the City.

WHYTE IN THE CITY

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C. P. R. Magnate Reached Victoria Yesterday for a Brief Visit

SHORTAGE OF LABOR BIG PROBLEM

C. P. R. Magnate Reached Victoria Yester Street William Will before many weeks be called on to consider the advisability of amending the city pound vice been presented it is understood that it will contain a clause making it lawful for the city pound-keeper to kill- in some merciful manner within 48 hours in the contain a provise that when a dog it will contain a clause making it lawful for the city pound-keeper to kill- in some merciful manner within 48 hours in the contain a provise that when a dog it will contain a provise that when a dog it will contain a provise that when a dog it will contain a provise that when a dog it will be to the company's lines and an equire that the dog be given into the hands of a veterinary surgeon for tracted the containts of the company's lines and in spection of the company's lines and the shortage of labor.

In an interview with a Colonist reporter Mr. Whyte specially emphasised the point of Canada's prosperous development both east and west of the Rockies and the rapid increase of production and pointed out that the one burning question of the moment was the shortage of labor.

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shall permit any dog owned by him and known to be vicious to be on the streets unless muzzled and led by a person over twenty-one years of age. The dog tax will also be amended so that every dog over six months of age will be taxed \$2.00, and a kennel license will be issued to any person upon payment of \$10.00 the said tax giving the person power to harbour five or more dogs. Any person obstructing the pound keeper in performance of his duties will be subject to a fine of not less than \$2 nor more than \$200.

It will also be a breach of the regulations for any person to harbour a dog without paying the \$2.00 whether it has been demanded or not and the person will on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$20. The new bylaw has been brought forward in response to a request that homeless and diseased dogs should be exterminated. It has been pointed out that Victoria is rapmy coming to the front as the home of thoroughbred dogs and to allow mongrels without home to wander the street to the menace to the safety of the public health, would tend to lower the breeding rather than increase it. The officers of the Kennel Club are in the majority of cases favorable to the proposed bylaw and will do all in their power to secure its enactment. In forming the bylaw the pound keeper has also been taken into consideration, and in his report he states that during his work he comes in contact with two classes of dogs—those with owners and dogs without owners. In the first instance he recommends a better method for collecting the tax than at present

stance he recommends a better for collecting the tax than at in force and for the second to them as soon as possible.

WHEN LONG BREATHS HURT

You can know that trouble exist which needs quick attention.

rubbing of the chest and side with Ner-viline which sinks into the tissues where the pain is seated and gives relief in a few minutes.

are a rock in a well near the city limits. The fire had been smouldering all the previous night, and in the morning Butchart descended into the well. As the pain is seated and gives relief in a few minutes.

RAILWAY COMMISSION EN ROUTE TO DAWSON

Will Enquire Into Alleged Ex. cessive Freight Rates on White Pass.

ANCOUVER, Aug. 10 .- (Special) -A body found floating outside the First Narrows this morning was thought at first to be that of a Chehalis victim. The police investi ody was probably that of a Japanesa Railway Commission

Ex-Chief Justice Killam and Dr. Mills of the Dominion railway complaint of excessive freight rates on the White Pass & Yukon route. On their return they will hold sittings in Van-couver and discuss the question of

E. & N. crossings at Ladysmith. Fighting Bush Fires Fire Warden McKay has about 30 nen out fighting bush fires in the dis-rict. They are today fairly under control; but Connor's logging camp, near Barnet, has been destroyed and about 500,000 feet of timber destroyed.

Death From Gas Fumes

A workman named David Butchart about 50 years of age, was killed this morning by inhaling fumes of gas arising from a fire being used to shat-No liniment so clean, so strong, so he failed to return, a doctor was sent for, and he found Butchart lying in the bottom of the well. He leaves a wife every 25c bottle of Polson's Nerviline.

Clast it today.

WESTERN CANADA'S BIG STORE

STEADY, ONWARD MARCH OF

## The Furniture

The chief element of strength in all our Sales has been their GENU-INENESS. The facts as told in print have always corresponded in spirit as well as letter with the facts as shown by closest scrutiny of the goods themselves.

The Spencer Stores in Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo do the largest Retail Business in the West. Their combined buying power gives many advantages in the market. These advantages are being made, manifest every day.

## BUFFETS TO THE FRONT FOR TODAY

BUFFETS

Quarter Cut Oak Buffet; circular glass for china display, two small draw-ers, one large. Regular \$45.00. Sale, \$38.00. Weathered Oak Buffet; large bevel mirror, Gothic style. Regular \$37.50. Sale, \$45.00. Weathered Oak Buffet; two drawers, cupboard and shelf. Regular \$29.00. Sale, \$22.50.

Extra Large Weathered Oak Buffet; five drawers and fancy leaded lights for cupbeard. Regular \$64.00. Sale, \$47.00. Weathered Oak Dinner Wagon; very neat style. Regular \$19.50. Sale, \$14.00.

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Weathered Oak Dinner Wagon; Mission style. Regular \$12.00. Sale, \$9.50.

Quarter Cut Oak Dinner Wagon; high, smooth polish. Regular \$12.00. Sale, \$8.75.

Highly Polished Dinner Wagon; quarter Cut oak. Regular \$17.50. Sale, \$14.00.
Ont Solid Mahogany Buffet; extra high polish. Regular \$125.00. Sale, \$85.00.

Quarter Cut Oak Sideboard; very hand-some design. Regular \$47.50. Sale,

some design. Regular \$47.50. Sale, \$36.00.

Extra High Polish Quarter Cut Oak Sideboard; large double mirror. Regular \$57.00. Sale, \$48.00.
Quarter Cut Oak Sideboard; large bevel mirror, swell front top, fancy shaped drawers. Regular \$63.00. Sale, \$52.00.

Highly Polished Sideboard; quarter cut oak, swell front drawers, specially selected pieces, fancy front. Regular \$65.00. Sale, \$45.00.
Quarter Cut, Oak Sideboard; swell front drawers, fancy decoration on top. Regular \$48.50. Sale, \$38.00.

Highly Polished Quarter Cut Oak Sideboard; extra large drawers and cupboard. Regular \$48.50. Sale, \$65.00.

Handsome Quarter Cut Oak Sideboard; awell front drawers with extra large bevel mirror. Regular \$65.00. Sale, \$49.00.

Cathedral Style Weathered Oak Sideboard; large bevel mirror, rery handsome design. Regular \$66.00. Sale, \$62.00.

Handsome Weathered Oak Sideboard and China Cabinet combined; cathedral style. Regular \$86.00. Sale, \$62.00.

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Handsome Fleming Oak Sideboard; extra high polish, large plate glass mirror. Regular \$125.00. Sale, \$85.00. Weathered Oak Double Mirror Sideboard. Regular \$68.00. Sale, \$54.00. Weathered Oak Sideboard; large bevel mirror, fancy leaded glass. Regular \$64.00. Sale, \$47.00. Quarter Cut Oak China Closet; swell glass front with mirror in back. Regular \$52.50. Sale, \$39.00. Golden Oak China Closet. Regular \$22.50. Sale, \$18.00. Handsome Quarter Cut Oak China Closet, Regular \$19.50. Sale, \$16.00. Large Quarter Cut Oak China Cabinet, Regular \$19.50. Sale, \$16.00. Colden Oak China Closet; oval mirror on top. Regular \$19.50. Sale, \$16.00. Extra Large Golden Oak China Closet; double drawers. Regular \$47.50. Sale, \$36.00. Weathered Oak China Closet; Gothle style with bevel mirror in back. Regular \$30.00. Sale, \$22.50. Weathered Oak China Closet; four shelves, fancy paneling around glass. Regular \$25.00. Sale, \$18.00. Sideboard and China Closet Combination in quarter cut oak; fancy leaded glass, swell front drawer. Regular \$65.00. Sale, \$45.00.

Other Sections of the Store that are offering SOME EXTRA INDUCEMENTS

Men's Clothing Section

Linoleums at 50c and \$1 Suits at \$5.00

Housefurnishings

Women's Wearing Apparel

Suits at \$2.50 and \$4.50

All orders by mail or wire will always receive our best attention

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Details of Fierce

CROWDS SHOT

BERLIN, Aug. 1 the Vossische details of yesterday despatch says: "The disturbance

determination of the revenge the arrest o began at 1 o'clock various parts of the certed signal. In military fired on criminately, and the is not yet be brought in to the dore street, which

"Many of the of 20 to 50 cavalr through the streets, se by for arms. The str ish quarter are deserte military patrols know

St. Petersburg, Aug. tion of the social reclared immediately a begun in earnest. Fithe empire the telegrame story of attacks of all classes, accompajority of cases by plum revolutionists are eithere is a veritable from the Vistula to the tier.

Almost fifty cases of were reported early las.

The resumption of to a large scale rends the police more difficulting the prospect of the paccomplishing anything tion of an amelioration. While for the maign of the terroris treasure the revulsion. ease the revulsion ervative public opi work of the ext vernment to redoub of repression, which it in the end drive public is in retaliation for wi

Five Kills
Plock, Russian Pola
Last night five policen
and two were wounded.

Moscow, Aug. 16.—W tutional democrats wer the house of Prince Dol a sergeant of police ap dered them to disperse representations of Prince

to the prefect of police ing was of a private n ference was allowed to Campaign Lit It is the intention of tional democrats to issu-text book containing a M. Rodichoff, Prof. Milu

Denounce Soci Warsaw, Aug. 16.—Th sette and the Davon Po the Polish Nationalists lished strong leading nouncing the state of the socialists are produc whose objects, the pap not the attainment of fr bringing about of a civi

ACCIDENT AT N Little Francis Bourne the Fall of a D

Nakusp, Aug. 16.—A befel a little boy na Bourne, about 10 years F. Bourne, of Bourne I of Revelstoke, while p C. P. R. transfer slip immediately after the steamer Koptenay from The steamer Minto wa side the slip at the time, sumed that the swell Kootenay after landing Minto against the slip unfortunately fell on t caught the boy, fracti above the ankle and cru He was immediately rel tended to by Miss Holi

nurse, a passenger on the later was conveyed to a medical attendance. In a visit here, accomp