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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Under seizure.

There are at present several vessels under the care of the authorities, among them the "North Star," their offence having been violation of the Customs regulations. The little vessel named is understood to be leaking, and night some day disappear in the depths of the harbor. Naturally, the question arises as to what decision the authorities have arrived at in these matters.

Seattle's Municipal Elections.

The election for Mayor and councilmen and other civic officials was held in Seattle on Wednesday. The contest for the mayoralty was keen, but the Republican candidate carried the day, although by a not very large majority. Harry White was the Republican candidate; John Collins, Democrat; and Ward, Prohibitionist. The complete returns are not yet to hand.

The Umatilla's Passengers.

The steamship Umatilla, which sailed from San Francisco yesterday, has the following passengers on board for Victoria: C. E. Redfern, Miss D. Heal, Miss Denny, Mrs. W. D. Dalton and two children, S. Nicks, T. M. Ringsville, Miss M. Daniel, Miss Daniel, Mrs. E. Brown and two children, Emily Browne, May Browne, Edgar Browne, Lolina Browne, W. S. Cambers, Wm. Cunningham and wife, H. J. Morton and wife, G. B. Edwards, E. Arron, E. Cook, Wm. Jorb, and R. H. Benedict.

Wise Men of the East.

For some time Mr. Jessop, of the Immigration office, has been receiving inquiries from the continent of Europe as to the resources of and the prospects for immigrants to this province. Among the latest are communications from Gobionz, in Bohemia. These latter ask for literature in the German language, which, unfortunately, does not exist. It was understood from Deputy Minister Lowe, when he was here, that the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa proposed to issue pamphlets about British Columbia in some of the languages of European countries. This is a matter that should be attended to at once.

Heating the Schools.

Complaint having been made to the Department of Education that the school trustees of the city of Victoria had neglected to supply the schools with coal required to heat them, and that in consequence teachers and scholars were alike suffering, the Minister of Education instructed the Superintendent, Dr. Pope, to purchase what was necessary, in consequence of which the frequenters of the halls of education were placed under conditions much more comfortable, and at the same time much more conducive to physical health and intellectual advancement

Jailer Allen's Case.

There would appear to be an opinion prevalent that it would be well to dispose of one of the charges against Jailer Allen, instead of keeping them hanging over his head for so long a time. It is said that there is no controversy or dispute as to the fact that the escaping prisoner was shot by the officer, as he claims, in the discharge of his duty. All that has to be decided is, it is held, how far he was justified in the course he pursued, with which it is claimed the outcome as regards the man who was fired at has little or nothing to do. If the mere fact of firing the revolver was justified by the circumstances, the ultimate result is, it is claimed, immaterial.

The Dominion Illustrated.

The last issue of the Dominion Illustrated is of exceptional interest, as it contains a full account, with copious engravings, of the visit to Montreal of Prince George of Wales. The views of the Canada and Thrush, and the chief features of their construction and equipment, of the officers and men, of the Prince and his party at the lacrosse match, and the illustrations of the hall at the Windsor, make up a number of rare pictorial and historical interest. The groups, showing the various occupations and amusements customary aboard a man-of-war, are extremely animated and life-like, while the illustrations of Prince George's sojourn in Montreal are very effective.

County Court.

Yesterday was held a session of the County Court, under the presidency of the Chief Justice, who seemed to be in excellent humor, and, the business being of slight importance, he enlivened the proceedings by getting off jokes at the expense of the parties or based upon the evidence adduced. In one case, a druggist's bill, some four pages in length, being at issue, his Lordship glanced at it and remarked: "You surely are not proceeding against a dead man; though you not to have brought your action against the executors? It has been proved that the drugs were for the use of the defendant and no one could have taken all that stuff and lived." Counsel explained that the defendant was supposed to have used all the medicines; but, perhaps, might not have taken quite all of them. With an observation referring to miracles and the capacity of some people's internal economy, the Court delivered judgment, and proceeded with the next case.

The Stranded Savonia.

Capt. A. O. Benjamin, of Port Townsend, who purchased the wreck of the Chilian bark Savonia, which grounded on Dungeness Spit several weeks ago, is still endeavoring to float the craft. The vessel is not embedded so deeply in the sand as was supposed some time ago, and the weather in the straits having been calm there are excellent prospects for the captain to succeed. One thing, however, augurs strongly against getting the vessel off. The weather is so thick in the straits that tug captains cannot be induced to go to the scene of the wreck to tow her off the Spit. It is feared that before the fog lifts heavy swells will set in and wreck the vessel so severely as to preclude all possibility of floating her. Capt. Benjamin believes that if the Savonia could be gotten off in her present condition she would be worth refrigging, which he would do. Should she be too badly injured if floated, he will have her towed to Salmon bay, where she will be beached and shorn of all that is of any value.—[Port Townsend Call.

Harvest Festival.

Although the decoration of Christ Church Cathedral for the Harvest Festival, last evening, was not upon the same scale of magnificence witnessed in former years, still it was pretty and effective. The font was wreathed in flowers; the chancel rail was an open lattice-work of grain, relieved with double dahlias, the effect produced being very pretty. Foliage and fruits were used very successfully in beautifying the pulpit, and use in adorning the choir rails. On the pulpit was a magnificent new cushion, presented by Miss Drake, of Kane street, while in the chancel the decorations had worked a graceful transformation. The full choir was present last night, and the festival programme was faultlessly presented. Solos were rendered by Mr. Herbert Kent, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Barber. Mr. Paulina, organist of the church, on the conclusion of the service played the Jubilation in a thoroughly finished style. Next Sunday the festival programme will be repeated by request, at the evening service; in the morning an ordination is to take place.

Capital Attracted to Victoria.

Among the list of passengers per steamer Yosemite, for Vancouver, on Thursday, appears those of Don Andres Keating, Mrs. Keating and family. Mr. Keating came to Victoria some eight or nine months ago, attracted by the delightful climate and the opportunities for investment which the Island affords. Mr. Keating is estimated to be worth between one and two millions of money, is still in the prime of life and possessed of an enterprising spirit, combined with the business ability which has already won him a fortune. It is such men as this who materially aid in developing the natural resources of a country, and we welcome him most heartily and trust that many more just such men may settle in our midst. Mr. Keating returns with his family to spend several months at his home in England. It is his intention to so arrange his business affairs while there as to release a considerable portion of his capital for investment here, and upon his return to become a permanent resident. He already owns a ranch of a couple of thousand acres at Koksilah, besides various properties near Esquimalt and in this city. He is so unassuming and domestic in his habits as to have attracted very little attention, but he possesses all the qualities of mind, combined with a liberal education and wide experience in travel, to render him a desirable acquisition socially.

FROM THE NORTH.

Arrival of Sealers—The Viva Leads with a Total Catch of 2,718.

Yesterday, there arrived from the north the sealers Viva and Sea Lion. The Viva, which is commanded by Capt. Baker, who, in 1888, brought her round from Halifax, has a catch of 2,015 from Behring's Sea which, added to her spring catch, makes her figures run up to 2,713, which is, so far, the biggest record of the season. Capt. Baker reports that he saw one of the U. S. cruisers apparently watching the schooners in the Sea, but was in no way interfered with. He saw several whalers on their way north and spoke the Lily on the 17th August in the Sea. The Viva came out, passing Qunok Pass on the 16th September. She has been very fortunate, during the season only having lost a boat in the spring. She had a very rough trip coming down, by which she sustained slight damages. The wind blew heavily from the southwest with head seas, rendering it hard to make the passage. On the whole her voyage had been both successful and pleasant. Her captain congratulates himself that the Viva has always occupied a high line, she having headed the list during two, if not three, seasons.

The Sea Lion, Captain Magnessen, brought down 744 skins, which raises her season's total to 1,819. She reports the same rough weather as did the Viva, having left the sea two days before that vessel. On Sept. 14 she spoke the American schooner Allie L. Alger, with 2,580 skins, bound for Sand Point. Whether or not that vessel returned to the Sea the captain was not in a position to state.

VERE DIGNUM ET JUSTUM EST.

Congregations Who Will To-day Return Thanks to the Giver of All Good Gifts.

Just now, when the storms of winter threaten us with their cheerlessness and terror, it is but meet that the departing summer should be ushered out with all ceremony and expressions of appreciation of the benefits and pleasures she has conferred on human nature. Still more right and dutiful is it for that humanity to give expression of gratitude to the Giver of those benefits and pleasures. Christmas and Easter are festivals of rejoicing, but the ingathering of the harvest is one of true thanksgiving. It is the only one where humanity shines fully and naturally. Man returns thanks for material benefits received and blessings bestowed. His nature is touched. The church is alive to this and takes advantage of it to draw his attention to the Source of the gifts received. She instituted the Harvest Thanksgiving, and next to Christmas or Easter has made it the chief event of the ecclesiastical year, because the character of the service appeals strongly to human nature, bringing home with convincing force the logic of the great Psalmist's assertion that only "the fool hath said in his heart there is no God." In the Church of England this celebration is full of thanksgiving, the music teems with the feeling that it is necessary to return thanks, and the mind is kept centered on the object of the occasion by the material objects with which the church interior is decorated.

St. John's Church will convey this impression to many minds this morning. "Peace" and "Plenty" are practically illustrated, from the chancel to the door, and who could so tastefully or appreciatively perform such a duty as the ladies. The produce of the field, the orchard and the garden repose together in peculiar yet pleasing confusion, giving a combined and condensed exhibition of Nature's gifts, and seeming, from the place they occupy, to point in the direction whence "all blessings flow." The chancel is a picture in itself, to enter which one has to pass through an artificial gate or archway, the pillars and tracery of which are composed alternately of wheat, oats and barley. Grapes cling round huge apples and pears, here and there, around the pulpit, the chancel and communion rails, the lectern—everywhere where the busy brain of woman could think of putting a decorative touch. It is all prettily unsystematic and very charming. Quite a little band of ladies devoted their time to the work yesterday, working hard and conscientiously from early till late. Worshippers to-day will silently thank the following ladies for the decorations amid which they are giving thanks for a bountiful harvest: Mrs. Jenns, the Misses Jenns, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Saunders, the Misses Twiss, Miss Munro and Miss Edmunds.

Mrs. Rhodes has also had in preparation the musical part of the service, which will open in the morning with Berthold Tours' anthem "Rejoice in the Lord." The second anthem will be Arthur Sullivan's "Hearken Unto Me." The collection at both services will go to form the foundation of the organ fund.

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THE ART EXHIBITION.

Some Further Remarks on the Pictures—Large Attendance of the Public.

During the past week the art exhibition has attracted a large number of visitors, who have been interested in learning to what degree of merit painting has advanced in Victoria. Of course it is not to be expected in a small city like Victoria, so far distant from schools of a high class, that art would have attained to even a moderate degree of perfection. Though the student may possess the talent that will, with cultivation, advance him in his work, without the guidance of masters thoroughly versed in all details, he cannot hope to reach perfection or even rise above mediocrity—his work in many respects must remain crude and unsatisfactory.

There are a few among those exhibiting who show by their pictures that they have native ability, and have studied and followed nature. The majority of the pictures, however, belong to that class which may be found in the possession of pupils just beginning to grasp the first rudiments, and many of them give promise of improvement with further study and experience. Some of the pictures on exhibition are but caricatures of the subjects which they aim to reproduce on canvas, and it would be unkind to the painter, and a libel on good taste, to say that they possessed any merit whatever.

The artists who show the best pictures are Messrs. Shrapnel, Bamford and Allen. The first is the most finished artist of the trio, and exhibits a variety of landscapes, several studies in still life and a few marine pictures. His landscapes in oil and water color, while not so vigorous in execution in some instances as the subjects demand, are natural in their coloring and pleasing to the eye. His picture of Ontario speckled trout is excellent.

Mr. Bamford shows a large number of pictures, some of them being sketches from nature. He proves that he is possessed of that delicate perception of color that belongs to a gifted artist. His landscapes are vigorous in their execution, and it is not difficult for one acquainted with the subjects to recognize them at a glance. "The Avenue of Firs" in Beacon Hill Park, as "Evening Study," "Koksilah River" and several others are faithful in their execution. His marine pictures are not good. It is a difficult task to paint water in motion, and only long study of the movements of the waves can bring success. Mr. Bamford evidently watching the schooners in the Sea, but was in no way interfered with. He saw several whalers on their way north and spoke the Lily on the 17th August in the Sea. The Viva came out, passing Qunok Pass on the 16th September. She has been very fortunate, during the season only having lost a boat in the spring. She had a very rough trip coming down, by which she sustained slight damages. The wind blew heavily from the southwest with head seas, rendering it hard to make the passage. On the whole her voyage had been both successful and pleasant. Her captain congratulates himself that the Viva has always occupied a high line, she having headed the list during two, if not three, seasons.

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The Esquimalt Tramway.

The first car, over the extension to Esquimalt of the National Electric Tramway, will not go over the route until Tuesday or Wednesday, as arrangements for turning on the electric current will not be complete before that time.

Good-Bye.

The Russell Jewell company closed their five nights' engagement with the best house of the week last night. The play was "Punchon, the Cricket," and it was conceded to be the most successful of the engagement. From Victoria the company go to Nanaimo.

The City Flag.

On Thursday, Mr. Thomas Partridge, the oldest employe in the municipal service of Victoria, hoisted a new flag on the recently completed tower of the City Hall. The occasion of the Exhibition was considered to be an eminently fitting one to inaugurate the new flag and the new tower.

Police Court.

Although yesterday was a civic holiday the police court was opened and conducted in regular form, the idea being to allow the accused to enjoy the festivities, provided their fines were paid or their cases dismissed. The following "drunks" were fined $5; but whether their pockets were equal to the emergency deponent saveth not: Dan Hunter, George McLean, David Davis, and John Wesler, the latter an Indian.

Victoria's Holiday.

Yesterday's civic holiday was monopolized by the fair, and the streets were deserted in consequence. Almost every store was closed in order that the proprietor and employes might enjoy the day, but the decorations asked for by the Mayor and agricultural society were conspicuous only by their absence. Only a few flags were floating, and here the "tasteful" adornment of the city stopped.

A Fireman's Bride.

On Thursday evening Fireman Tom Watson, of the Victoria fire department, was united in marriage to Miss Christine Nelson, at the home of the bride's mother. The fireman presented their comrade on the joyous occasion with a parlor clock, an album and several pieces of silverware, and the headquarter's flag was floated all day, with a streamer of white atop.

W. C. T. U.

The Provincial Women's Christian Temperance Union will hold their annual convention in Calvary Baptist church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next. The convention meets each day at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and public meetings are held at 8 o'clock. The night meetings will be first in the Baptist church, then in St. Andrew's Presbyterian, and on Thursday in the Pandora street Methodist. Prof. Odlum lectures on Wednesday, his subject being "The liquor traffic of Canada."

That "Glandered" Horse.

Inquiry has been made at the Custom House as to why the horse that accompanied the alleged glandered animal, which was not allowed to land, had been permitted to come ashore. The explanation is that the Veterinary Inspector satisfied himself that the case was not one of genuine glanders, but of "epizootic." There was sufficient in the case to justify him in declaring that the horse ought not to be allowed to come ashore, but not enough to stand in the way of the other animal, which had, in consequence, been allowed to pass through.

Sound for the Sound.

A mettlesome horse owned by Mr. E. A. Morris, created a little excitement for residents on Yates street by running down from Douglas yesterday morning. Reaching the end of the street, he did not stop to investigate but turned down the wharf evidently with the intention of going to the Sound. The Olympian had gone, however, a glance was sufficient to convince the intelligent animal of this, and he continued his run to the end of the wharf and back again. Finding her gone, too, he stopped in disgust. No damage was done.

They Are Passing Away.

The thin ranks of the pioneers of '59 lost another of their number yesterday morning, when Edwin Donald, a well-known citizen and successful miner, died at his home on Michigan street, in this city. The deceased was born in Cornwall, England, 70 years ago, and mined in Cariboo until '72, when he was paralyzed. From that time he has resided continuously in this city, where he will be missed by many friends made through his consistent Christian life.

The Young Men.

It is said that the sermon by Rev. Mr. White, on Sunday morning last, in the Pandora Avenue Methodist church, on the claims of young men to the social consideration of church members, is the prelude to a concerted endeavor to have a number of homeholds opened to the reception and entertainment of the young men without social connections in this city, who have been accustomed to attend church services, but are, as it were, being frozen out on account of the lack of sympathy hitherto manifested towards them.

Christ Church Cathedral.

A meeting of the canvassing committee for the proposed new Christ Church Cathedral was held last night in the school house, Mr. Justice Crease presiding. After the secretary had read the resolutions of the general meeting appointing the committee it was resolved to draft a circular letter to be sent throughout the diocese explaining the scheme and strongly advocating it, the meeting adjourned until Tuesday 7th inst. at four o'clock p.m. at the Cathedral School-room. It is understood that there has been a hearty response to the canvass already made, which is being vigorously prosecuted.

Selling the Lawyers.

Yesterday morning, an official of the County Court having occasion to procure a book from the judges' desk ascended the bench, on which the lawyers and all present mechanically rose to their feet. It was only when the bland smile of the object of attention allowed that a mistake had been committed, that the situation was realized, since no display was made of forensic eloquence by any of the parties. The laugh that burst forth on all sides would not have been in any way tolerated by the legitimate occupant of the seat, who might have been disposed to commit the offenders against judicial propriety.

Wide Tires.

The local wagon makers and blacksmiths received a number of orders for four-inch tires yesterday from the farmers of Saanich district. The law compelling the use of tires of this width for loads of one ton weight is now in force, and as it cannot be altered or extended to suit any petitioners, the residents of the district will, no doubt, not lose any time in conforming to its provisions. The law, which was passed in 1889, reads as follows: "After 1st October, 1890, it shall be unlawful for any wagon or vehicle carrying a load of more than two thousand pounds weight avoirdupois to be drawn on any of the highways of the Victoria District unless the tires of such wagon or vehicles shall be at least four inches in width." The penalty for the first offence is not less than $10 nor more than $25, and for a second or subsequent offence not less than $25 nor more than $50.

He Tried to Suicide.

Brief mention was made yesterday to an early dip taken in the harbor by a young man whose rescue was accomplished with difficulty. Subsequents show that the affair was not, as at first supposed, an accident, but a deliberate attempt to suicide. The would be self-murderer is a young man who formerly acted as a bartender at the Clarence, and afterwards at the American hotel. He understood his business thoroughly, and determining to start out for himself, he fitted out a saloon on Yates street, for which, however, he was refused a license. This discouraged him, and he took to heavy drinking, his spree ending in the manner above detailed. He is now confined in a cell at the police station.

Robert Shore, the young man mentioned, who was released last evening, again attempted suicide by taking morphine. He was restored, and re-arrested by Sergeant Walker. He declares that he will put himself out of the way on the first convenient occasion.

He Forgot Himself.

No doubt attracted by the hope of catching some verdant visitor to the fair, two young men with a thimble rigging outfit held forth for a few brief minutes at Beacon Hill yesterday. They were just explaining to two or three spectators how it was that "now you see it and now you dont," when a young man formerly a member of the city police force strolled along. The sharpers had probably become acquainted in days gone by, for they dropped their game and gave a neat and impromptu exhibition of very good sprinting. Forgetting himself the ex-officer gave chase, first kicking over and demolishing the stock in trade. After changing the running operators about half-a-mile he suddenly recollected that he was no longer sworn to protect the public, and abandoned the pursuit.

Declared Exports.

The following shows the value of exports from Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo during the three months ending September 30, ult.:

	Victoria.	Vancov.	Nanaimo.
Animals	$	$ 102 50	$
Boots		361 22	
Bones		115 00	
Coal		18,541 76	389,116 00
Flour		13 80	
Hides, Skins			
Furs	31,920 12	2,951 75	
Household & personal effects	9,920 50	11,692 40	
Iron, scrap	581 55	2,250 50	
Lime	1,008 85	1,517 00	
Liquor	3,926 19		2,864 40
Logs		1,064 72	
Lumber			
Miscellaneous merchandise	4,489 81	27 00	
Paper		76 00	
Poles, wooden		11 00	
Printed matter			
Rags	4,957 00	133 00	
Rice			
Rubber cloth	3,130 00	1,341 30	1,120 00
Returned American goods		255 67	
Shingles	8 000 00		
Salmon	4,430 44		
Tobacco	142,612 29		
Treasure	252 50		
Total	$219,445 55	$40,353 34	$392,920 40

Breaking Broncho.

Yesterday, both morning and evening, travelers on Douglas street were treated to a free exhibition of horsemanship by conferees of the "Cowboy Evangelist," their mission being to convert cantankerous cayuses into well conditioned and reliable roadsters. The operations were almost as interesting as those that are to be witnessed in the traveling shows of Buffalo Bill and others of his class, the difference being that while in the one case the demonstrations are all natural, in the other they are the result of careful training. One of the boys, mounted on a docile gray, which he affectionately called "Old Bill," having entered the enclosure, proceeded to familiarize himself with the more than half wild ponies. He then lassoed three of them, which, having been secured, he dismissed his charger, and in their turn "winged" the captives, until he had them fairly tired out. This was not accomplished without some peculiar displays of equine obstinacy; but a few smart applications of long gads gave the animals an inclination to comfortable reason. When they were tolerably well puffed a saddle was placed upon them, and they were forced to gallop round again, an impromptu cord bridle being placed in their mouths. One of them, a bay mare, whom the rough rider emphatically declared to be a "d—d fool of a horse," proving almost too much for the trainer; he called for "Old Bill," and having attached the lariat by which the horse was held to the horn of his saddle, began to drag her round the enclosure, shortening at each circuit the distance between them, a young man following behind vigorously applying a whip to the animal's quarters. One of the crowd of spectators venturing to interpose that the brute did not understand his business, was in forcible language invited to come in and take a hand himself. This he did not appear disposed to do, and thenceforward the performance was continued without interruption. By and by the equine pupil became more tractable, and having been petted and made something of was released and will be taken up for a second lesson at a future time. The crowd of spectators was very large and but little exception could be taken to the methods, rough as they were, employed in the work of subjugation.

The Cordray-Wass Dramatic Co.

The above dramatic company open a three night engagement in the Victoria to-morrow evening, with "Divorce." Of this play an exchange says:—

The play, an excellent one, is of the intensely thrilling school and appeals more or less directly to the emotional nature of its auditors, particularly to those who have experienced the varying emotions of the genuine article. Miss Essie Tittell as the heroine, Florence Grantly, presented the picture of the devoted, persecuted wife in a manner correctly conceived and with all the delicate touches of womanly tenderness and grace that distinctly mark her work. Miss Minnie Tittell made a pretty and sprightly Sally, and was generously applauded for her singing of "La Paloma," and for her dainty dancing. R. E. French satisfied the demands of the role of Harry Gantly acceptably; his acting was manly and vigorous. Miss Eva French was seen at her best advantage in the character of Blanch Sterling. It is a role exactly suited to her style of acting. Miss Margaret Marshall was extremely good as Miss Princeton. The other characters were well played.

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For Men.

At the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 4 o'clock Rev. J. W. White will give a gospel address to men only. In the evening at 7:30 there will be another service. Young men, whether residents of the city or strangers, are cordially invited.

Cowichan Mills.

Cowichan Mills, B.C., is the official name of the last new post office established in British Columbia. Around the mills, formerly Sutton's, there is a rapidly growing population, by whom better mail facilities have been long needed. Mr. William B. Baker is the first postmaster.

Bazaar at Esquimalt.

A bazaar, in aid of the Esquimalt rectory fund, will be held at the Blue Ribbon hall, Esquimalt, on Saturday, 18th inst. The band of H.M.S. Warship, by the kind permission of Admiral Hotham, will perform during the afternoon. The managers of the tramway have also promised a free pass over their new line to all visitors to the bazaar.

Harvest Festival.

Harvest festival services will be held today in the Reformed Episcopal church and in St. Andrew's Presbyterian. The attention paid to decorations at the former in past years has not been devoted to the work this, but a splendid programme of music has been prepared, in which leading amateurs will take part. In St. Andrew's good music will also form a conspicuous portion of the service.

Cedar Hill Harvest Thanksgiving.

The harvest thanksgiving of the Cedar Hill congregation will be held on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. The church will be handsomely decorated for the occasion, and the sermon will be preached by Rev. T. Taylor, of Spring Ridge. There will be a regular choral service, the offertory being devoted to parochial improvements. The Ladies Guild will supply refreshments at five o'clock. Free busses will leave the Cathedral school-house at two o'clock.

Read, Mark and Learn.

Every city subscriber of The Colonist receives this morning a copy of the eleventh annual report of the B. C. Board of Trade, with the compliments of Messrs. Bourchier, Croft & Mallette. The report will be found replete with information regarding provincial industries, and the enterprising firm, who take this method of circulating their business card, will be received when they have read will hand or mail the reports to friends abroad.

Hallowe'en Concert.

The Young People's Literary Association of the First Presbyterian Church are arranging to hold their annual Hallowe'en concert earlier than usual, having secured the services of Mr. J. K. Rae, Scotch elocutionist, to deliver some of his inimitable readings on the 14th inst. Several of Victoria's best musicians have kindly consented to take part in the entertainment, which will doubtless prove a great success. The new or practically new, church will be formally opened on the last Sunday of the present month.

Police Court.

His Honor promptly ascended the bench, yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock, and as rapidly as possible disposed of the ordinary routine cases, so as to make room for the list of Johnson street sewer charges, which were before him to decide. Two white men, who had taken too much "white eye," were condemned to pay $5 each or go to prison for a month. A Siwash, a klootchman and a colored woman were condemned to $5 each, $1 costs for the same offence. Jack, an Indian, charged with interfering with a policeman in the discharge of his duty, having been fined $20 and costs, the question was passed around among the habitues of the court "whether or not he was too heavily 'salted'" for his little bit of by-play. It was also wondered if it would not be better to treat some of the regular customers to a dose of imprisonment without the option of a fine; the appearances being as if the intention was to collect revenue in this manner rather than by the ordinary process of taxation levies.

THE CORNER STONE.

Description of the Ceremony to be Performed this Afternoon by Right Rev. Bishop Lootens.

The ceremony of laying the corner stone of St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral will be performed at three o'clock this afternoon by Rt. Rev. Bishop Lootens, assisted by Rev. Rev. Bishop Lemmens and the Priests of the Diocese. At the hour named the clergy will assemble in the sacristy and, preceded by "C" Battery band, will march in procession to the corner of View and Blanchard streets. Here the corner stone is situated, and here will be gathered the choir of the church, the members of the Y. M. I. of this city and Nanaimo, and the congregation.

The solemn service is opened by the choir chanting an antiphon and Psalm lxxxiii, during which the Bishop, wearing his mitre, sprinkles the place where the cross has been placed, with the water that has been blessed by him. The antiphon and psalm being ended, the bishop standing toward the place sprinkled by him, his mitre being laid aside, offers prayer, and then, standing, blesses the first stone, the congregation joining with the clergy in the responses. Again prayer is offered, and then he sprinkles the stone with holy water and, taking a knife, he marks it in each part with the sign of the cross, saying "in the name of the X Father and of the X Son, and of the Holy X Ghost." Which being done he prays, "Bless, O Lord this creature of stone, and grant by the invocation of thy Holy Name, that whosoever with a pure mind, shall give aid to the building of this Church may receive health of body and healing of mind. Through Our Lord, Christ; Amen."

Afterwards some carpet is placed upon the ground, and on it a footstool, on which the Bishop, having put on his mitre, kneels. Then are said the "Litanies of the Saints," which being ended, the Bishop having laid aside his mitre, rises up, and standing towards the foundation stone again offers prayer. Lime having been provided, and the mason being at hand, the Bishop in his mitre next begins, and the choir continues the Antiphon, followed by the Psalm cxxvi., which having been said, the Bishop touches and places the first stone in the foundation, saying, "In the faith of Jesus Christ, we set this first stone in this foundation: In the name of the X Father, and of the X Son, and of the Holy X Ghost, that true faith may flourish here, and the fear of God and brotherly love, and that this place may be devoted to prayer, and to the invocation and praise of the name of the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, with the Father, and Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, God, world without end. Amen.

Meanwhile the mason sets the stone with lime, and afterwards the Bishop sprinkles holy water on the stone, saying "Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow." Psalm li having been chanted, the Bishop next sprinkles the foundations with holy water, and to go round, he commences the Antiphon and Psalm lxxxvi, which is continued by the choir. Three times in sprinkling the foundations, the Bishop stops and prayer is offered. On the completion of the sprinkling, the Bishop having returned to the corner stone, he begins the hymn Veni Creator Spiritus. Having intoned the hymn, the Bishop kneels until the end of the first verse, when rising he stands, head uncovered, until the end of the hymn, when he gives the solemn benediction, saying:

"Blessed be the named of the Lord."

Response—Now and forever more.

Our help is in the name of the Lord. The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, descend upon you and dwell in your hearts forever. Amen.

A PRODUCTIVE COUNTRY.

Dr. T. J. Jones Tells of His Interesting Trip to the Interior.

Dr. T. J. Jones, with his varied business interests in Victoria, finds little time for the pleasures of exploration. He is, however, one who is anxious to know thoroughly the land he lives in, and so he devotes his holidays each summer to a trip through some section of the province. This year the Rock Creek region was selected, and about three weeks ago, in company with Messrs. Corbin and Roy, the doctor rode in by way of Hope. The quartz camp, twelve miles from the hydraulic, was first visited, and mining matters found to be very satisfactory. Mr. Douglass, of New York, whose shaft, 120 feet, is the deepest in the camp, is expected daily with improved machinery, to be put in use this season. The Cariboo, owned by Davenport & Co., of Spokane, is also to be benefitted by the introduction of machinery at once. Two survey parties for the Spokane & Northern (Corbin's railway) have been through this section of country, and the residents are earnestly hope soon to see the road itself. Although the whole campis a solid bed of quartz, no doubt rich, its value cannot be made without railway communication, as everything now has to be transported by pack train. Mails, too, only reach the camp monthly, and the residents, in consequence, feel as far from civilization as if they were in the centre of Africa. Something, the settlers think, should be done to bring Corbin's road in—it is close to the boundary now; it is spending money, and its owners mean business.

After exploring the quartz camp, Dr. Jones and his party went to the mouth of the creek to pay a call to the Laura Hydraulic property. It is found to be working right along, and profitably. The manager, Mr. Jameson, assured his guests that during 20 years, spent in this class of mining, he had never worked a more promising piece of property. What it is really paying will only be known when the fall clean-up is made; but from a square of about [illegible] $2,000 worth of rock was recently taken. The output is quite satisfactory, and the bench will last 50 years at least and pay good profits. Experts were met who had just visited the new camp known as the Okanagan. They pronounced it the richest in British Columbia; its ore strongly resembled that of the Stump Lake and Mineral Hill claims in Nicola valley. It, too, would pay well if the railway would only make its appearance. As the concentrates would have to be sent some distance by pack train, without a railway, there is no money in it.

After spending four or five days in the section just referred to, the party returned by way of Pendicton, where they fell in with the genial Capt. Thomas D. Short, of the new steamer Pendicton. The captain made life so thoroughly enjoyable for them that they made three round trips with him, up and down the lake, which is 90 miles long by about 4 miles wide, and as fine a sheet of water as could be found anywhere in the interior. The new steamer is 175 feet in length over all and 16 foot beam, making 16 knots an hour. She has proved herself a great success, and an immense benefit to the settlers. Capt. Short started this business on the lake with a row boat, rowing freight and passengers over the 90 miles of water, until he has at last been able to call in steam to take the place of his oars. The steamer was met by the towing party at the head of the lake four miles from Vernon, where the Shuswap and Okanagon will terminate. From there a drive of 26 miles was taken to Enderby, where Mr. George Riley was met. His company now have 22 miles graded ready for the ties. Nineteen carloads of rails are at Sicamous, and the iron horse will make his appearance at Enderby by the end of April next. The great hindrance to the progress of the line arises from the scarcity of men—300 men would be put at work to-morrow if they could be got.

"No one," says Dr. Jones," has any idea of the richness of that valley for the agriculturist. I saw tons upon tons of wheat as hard and fine as Manitoba ever produced. The Enderby mill is a thoroughly first class one, and turns out the best of flour. But there will be room for two such mills in the country when the railway opens it up. All around is a sportsman's paradise, populated with deer, wild geese and lots of trout. At Swan lake if we saw one goose we saw ten thousand. I was awakened by them at 5 in the morning, when they were going back to the water after feeding. The sky was black with them. Cariboo and bighorn are also plentiful in this well favored land. The only drawback to the country, and it is a serious one, is that all the best available land is held by a few in large sections. If it were cut up into farms of 160 or 200 acres and settled it could be worked with profit, and greatly benefit the entire country. Dairy farms — mixed farms, rather—are greatly needed. Butter now can hardly be obtained for any money, and milk is never seen except in the condensed form. Cattle need little care, would winter out, and would pay for themselves quickly and with good interest. If farmers in Ontario who are now living an hand to mouth existence, would come to this fortunate section, they would soon find themselves, with less work, independent, and valuable citizens in a prosperous country. As a fruit country, too, it is unsurpassed. Peaches equal to those of the Niagara district are mature, and plums and apples second to none. Melons and grapes also do well, and this district, instead of California, should supply the Northwest. Good trees, however, true to name are needed, and not the culls imposed on some of the farmers by unreliable nursery agents. Mr. Vernon and others have already offered to cut up their ranches into neat farms, and if this is done it will bring in population of the most desirable class. One hundred and sixty acres here is worth 400 in Ontario. With a farming population would come settlements, churches, schools and all else that go to make a contented, happy, industrious, and intelligent people.

PORT CRESCENT NEWS.

Port Crescent, Oct. 2.—E. B. Kent, one of the engineers on the townsite, met with quite a painful accident Tuesday under peculiar circumstances. He was standing on a log with an axe balanced upon his shoulder, when his foot slipped and he fell to the ground, a distance of six feet, the axe striking the back of his neck, cutting an ugly and painful gash and lacerating his ear. The wound, though painful, is not serious, fortunately not being very deep.