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THAT ELECTRIC SITE.

Ald. Keith-Wilson Will Move For a Royal Commission of Inquiry.

The Copper Wire Purchase to Be Included in the Proposed Investigation.

Since the electric light site question has been before the council, and the public have been discussing the matter, the Mayor and aldermen have found themselves on all sides being plied with questions by the anxious ratepayer, who wants to get the thing straightened out to his own satisfaction. First one and then another of the city's rulers is buttonholed on the street and put through the catechism, till life during the hot weather has become a burden. It was only a few days ago that the Mayor, escaping from one of these interviews, retired to the cool retreat of a barber's shop and with a sigh of relief settled himself down for a comfortable shave. Imagine his consternation when the Teutonic razor artist paused, brush in hand, to ask:

"Vell, Mister Mayor, vot aboud dot copper vire?"

To the relief of these sufferers comes Ald. Keith-Wilson with a notice to move at next council meeting that a royal commission be appointed to make an inquiry into the whole matter and set it forever at rest. His notice reads:

"Whereas the Victoria Times in an editorial published on the 30th ult. stated that:

"'The ratepayers may well feel disgusted by last evening's discussion in council of the electric light station site; the facts disclosed do not give much assurance that the public interests are faithfully conserved by the aldermen collectively. Already the people know that their representatives have decided to purchase a site for $12,300, which will require another $5,000 or so to prepare for the building. They may not be aware that Mr. Nuttall, the owner of the property, gets only $8,000 of the purchase money, the remaining $4,300 going into other pockets. It seems to us that it is rather a liberal commission for the city to provide. Other facts were developed last evening which may well call for examination by the citizens. The two lots on Rock Bay, owned by Mr. Spohr, were first offered by an agent for $3,000, then the price was put up to $5,000. The owner then in a letter addressed to the Mayor and council, stated that his price was $3,000, which included the agent's commission, and this letter Ald. Wilson was actually carrying in his pocket when the choice of the council was made.

"'Ald Wilson now offers the excuse that he did not perceive the letter was addressed to the council, but he cannot say that he was ignorant of its contents or deny that he therefore failed in his duty when he did not impart them to the council before the choice was made. We may here pause to remark that Mayor Teague took a strange course when he ordered Mr. Spohr's two letters to be withheld from the press. Those letters are the property of the public, and not of Mayor Teague, who seems to have, in this instance, taken a little too much on himself.

"'Before leaving the subject of the site, we may be permitted to refer once more to the strange idea that the council was confined to a choice between the two sites, namely, those belonging to Mr. Nuttall and to Mr. Spohr. Ald. Wilson, Ald. Munn and other aldermen have publicly and privately declared that they favored the location of the works on property already owned by the city. In that case we fail to see why any property offered for purchase should have been considered first. Manifestly if the city itself owned a suitable site it should have been utilized, then the machinations of the real estate agents would have been foiled and a transaction that bears all the appearance of a gross job would have been avoided. It seems to us that if all the aldermen had had an eye single to the city's interest this business would have been gone about differently and with radically different results.'

"And whereas the statement above quoted conveys the impression upon the public mind that the purchase of said lots was effected by corruptly influencing certain aldermen who voted in favor of the resolution accepting the said lots 122 and 123 Telegraph street;

"And wherers it has been publicly stated and published that corrupt motives influenced certain of the aldermen voting to accept said lots offered for the purpose of said electric light building site;

"And whereas it has been further stated through the medium of the public press that the city has been forced to pay a much larger price than the market rate for electric wire, thereby losing the sum of at least $290 in said purchase;

"Be it resolved: That the Lieutenant-Governor be and is hereby authorized to appoint a Royal Commission to take the evidence under oath of all parties concerned in the said transaction, including that of the aldermen who voted for or against the said purchases, and to report the result of the inquiry to this board."

Just in front of the city hall Ald. Ledingham was going through the whole story again with a citizen when his attention was called to the notice. He had not seen it before, but welcomed it with joy.

"Just the very thing," he exclaimed, "Good! good! I'm glad of it." Have I been asked about the transaction? "It seems to me every one I meet wants to discuss it all over again till I'm weary of answering questions. Now if a commission is held the public can judge for themselves."

"Well, I don't exactly see what good the inquiry will do," said the Mayor, who just then came along. "There's nothing wrong in the transaction that I can see. I think the site chosen most suitable for the purpose and liked it best from the start. The only objection I had was, as I stated at the time it came up, putting so much money of the loan into a site. Still, it certainly seems to me the most suitable."

The chairman of the electric light committee, Ald. Munn, when he heard the news said: "Personally I have not the slightest objection to a full inquiry into anything connected with the electric light. This, however, will be another reason for delaying the work, as not a cent has been expended out of the electric light loan yet. It would be a good idea for the council to do its duty, erect the plant and start it in operation, and then have an inquiry afterwards into every transaction. An inquiry now would not prevent fraud in future. I certainly hope that Ald. Keith-Wilson will consent to have the inquiry take place after the whole work is completed."

CORK, July 12.—The Cork corporation has resolved to urge the Dublin municipal authorities to appoint O'Donovan Rossa city marshal, and thus reward him for his services to Ireland.

THE CITY.

THE capital stock of the Brunette Sawmill Co. has been increased from $200,000 to $300,000.

THE appeal in Boultbee v. Walker et al. was dismissed by the Full court yesterday, with costs; no costs in the court below.

ON Tuesday Ernest Grau will be tried in the Provincial police court on a charge of cutting hay on land belonging to J. E. Dennis, in Esquimalt district.

THE buildings on Mr. Steinberger's farm at Elk lake, about which so much correspondence has lately passed through the city council, have been finally removed by a bonfire.

THE British Columbia Wood Works Co., of Vancouver, has taken advantage of the provisions of the Winding-up act, Mr. J. W. Weart, accountant of Vancouver, being named as provisional liquidator.

ERNEST REAVES, a farmer at Saanich, has charged his former partners, W. B. Wright and H. Parker, with stealing farm stock and other articles. The case comes up in the provincial police court to-day.

THE man James, who some time ago put his foot through the plate glass front of Davidson Bros.' jewelry store, chose speedy trial before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

THE Olivet Baptist Church Property Co., Ltd., of Westminster, has just been incorporated with a capital stock of $30,000 and the following trustees: Messrs. James Chambers, A. E. Woods, G. W. Boggs, Alexander Johnston and E. L. Webber.

MISS PAULINE ELIZABETH BARRY, daughter of Mr. Thomas Barry, of this city, died in Portland on Wednesday at the age of seventeen. Miss Barry until three weeks ago was in the COLONIST establishment and left for a visit to Portland. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

ON and after the 25th inst. the quarantine on cattle entering Victoria from the United States, which was temporarily suspended a few weeks ago owing to the Fraser river flood, will be again enforced, and quarantine regulations heretofore existing will have to be complied with after that date. The suspension of the quarantine laws enabled local butchers to keep up the supply of meat in the market when railroad traffic on the Mainland was interfered with by floods.

THE ladies on the committee of the Maternity desire to return thanks to Dr. Crompton for attendance during the month of June; and also for the following donations: Mrs. E. C. Baker, meat; Mrs. Higgins, sugar; Mrs. Flumerfelt, butter; Dr. Holden, clinical thermometer; Mrs. Earle, three cans salmon, two cans cocoa, butter; Mrs. McKilligan, strawberries; Mrs. Goodacre, old linen and castile soap; Mr. S. Grey, hitching post; Mrs. Munsie, $1; Mrs. Archibald, sheet, blanket, quilt and baby linen.

LAST evening at the residence of ex-Alderman Robertson, Chatham street, in the presence of a number of friends, Rev. Dr. Campbell united in marriage Mr. John Bell, of this city, to Miss Mary Stavert Kerr, who arrived on Monday evening from Glasgow, Scotland. The bridegroom was supported by his brother James, and the bride by Miss Etheline Robertson. After supper several toasts were drunk, and many were the good wishes showered on the bride and bridegroom, for the bridegroom is well known and deservedly popular in the city. The happy couple will make their home on Rithet street.

THE Gazette of yesterday notes the incorporation of three important Vancouver companies—the Fraser Valley Land Co., Ltd., the Fraser River Mining and Dredging Co., Ltd., and the Vancouver Sash and Door Co., Ltd. The capital stock of the first mentioned is $100,000, C. S. Douglas, J. W. Sexsmith and W. H. Steares being the provisional trustees; the second is capitalized at $2,500,000, its affairs being in the hands of W. H. Gallagher, J. A. Wood and Chas. E. Crockett, of Vancouver; C. A. Dunan and M. H. Alworth, of Duluth. The Vancouver Sash and Door Co. is under the direction of J. B. McLaren, R. D. Fetherston and Henry De Penrier, and has a capital stock of $25,000.

THE funeral of the late Mary Ann, wife of Mr. Thomas Storey, took place yesterday morning at 10.30, from the family residence on Fisgard street. Senator and Mrs. Landes, Judge and Mrs. Sachs, of Port Townsend, and Mr. and Mrs. Purdy, of Whatcom, the daughters and sons-in-law of the deceased, came over for the funeral. The many friends of the dead sent a wealth of floral offerings as a last expression of their esteem. The cortege proceeded to Christ Church cathedral where the beautiful and impressive service for the dead was held, Rev. Canon Beanlands officiating. The remains were consigned to their last resting place in Ross Bay cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Chas. Kent, Angus McKeown, H. D. Helmcken, T. M. Henderson, W. H. Ellis, and Major W. J. Quinlan.

THE ups and downs of a miner's life are well illustrated in the career of William Barker, for whom the town of Barkerville was named, and whose funeral takes place to-day from the Old Men's Home, where for months he has lain seriously ill. The deceased was a native of Cornwall, and in early life a sailor; he came to British Columbia in '58, one of his shipmates on the long journey round being the veteran Robert Ridley, who also shared with him the adventures and varying fortunes of life in the mines. In partnership with the late Bob Dexter, Barker's profits for a few months ran into thousands of dollars a day, but so free was he with his money that he saved nothing for his declining years. To "Bill Barker" belonged the honor of sinking the first shaft "below the canyon," and at one time his fortune was counted by the hundreds of thousands.

AT 82 Menzies street, the home of Mr. G. A. Sargison, the marriage of that gentleman's eldest son, Mr. James J. Sargison, and Miss Laurella Silverthorn, daughter of Mr. William S. Silverthorn of Patterson, Ohio, was solemnized yesterday afternoon in the presence of a small company of relatives and intimate friends. The officiating clergyman was Rev. W. L. Clay, B.A., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, who was assisted by Rev. Solomon Cleaver, M.A., of the Metropolitan Methodist. The bride was attended by her friends Miss Jennie Matthew and Miss Myrtle Sargison, and the groom by his brother, Mr. Frank R. Sargison. The ceremony over, Mr. and Mrs. Sargison received the hearty good wishes of very many friends, whose cordial congratulations will follow them on their bridal tour through the orange groves of California, for which state they left by the direct steamer last evening.

Latest reports from the sealing schooners Casco and Diana on the Japan coast give the former a catch of 1,394 skins and the latter a catch of 1,950 skins.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

The Examiners Express Their Satisfaction With the Work of the Various Grades.

List of Promotions and Honor Winners—The Rank of Each Pupil.

The annual reports of Victoria College with tabulated lists of the results of the recent examinations are issued this morning. Principal Church in his report first congratulates both masters and students on the success that has attended every branch of the college work during the past year, so that notwithstanding the almost universal depression he has little but steady and uninterrupted progress to record. The numbers and efficiency have been more than maintained, further advanced studies have been added to the curriculum of the higher classes, and on the cricket and football fields as well as in the class rooms, past and present, Victoria College boys continue to more than hold their own. The board of examiners this summer consists of the following: Rt. Rev. W. W. Perrin, D.D.; Rt. Rev. J. N. Lemmens, D.D.; Rt. Rev. E Cridge, D.D; Ven. A. Scriven, M.A.; assisted by the faculty of the college. Their reports as to the individual standing and efficiency of each student in the group of studies under their supervision, are full and searching, but on the whole signally satisfactory.

The Right Rev. Bishop of Columbia says: "All the papers show care and the absence of any egregious mistakes. Five-eighths of the boys showed accurate knowledge, H. Lawson obtaining 90 per cent."

The Right Rev. Bishop of Vancouver Island, in the course of a critical and valuable report on Group III, modern languages, selects for special remark and commendation J. Peters, H. Lawson, P. Higgins and S. Child. Three-fourths of the papers in this group attained the high average of 86 per cent

The Right Rev. Bishop Cridge after dealing generally with Group I, English, remarks: "In conclusion I must express the gratification which the perusal of these papers has afforded me. I think them quite remarkable as specimens of school work—the result, surely, of much skill and care on the part of the masters, and no less of interested attention on the part of the pupils."

The average percentage throughout the college is slightly higher than ever before, H. Lawson and J. Peters leading with 89 and 87 per cent. throughout the entire examination.

In class subjects the following students lead their forms with marks of distinction:

GROUP I—ENGLISH.

Language and Grammar—Class 1—H. Lawson 86, Higgins 86, Peters 85, S. Child 83, G. Wilson 80, and H. Wilson 80. Class 2—Fell 85, H. Wilmot 85, E. Rithet 83, Norton-Taylor 85, and R. Child 82. Class 3—J. Phillips 94, H. Turner 78, Gillespie 76, and Phillips 77.

History and Literature—Class 1—S. Child 96, Lawson 94, Peters 93, G. Wilson 92, H. Wilson 90, and Marpole 83. Class 2—Fell 94, R. Child 89, Mitten 88, Norton Taylor 88, D. Hunter 86, and Wilmot 81. Class 3—J Phillips 90, Lubbe 85, and Gillespie 75. Class 4—B. Phillips 70 and C. Sheppard 74.

Writing and Correspondence—Class 1—H. Wilson 85, Child 85, G. Wilson 84, Peters 83, Erb 82, Lawson 82, Goward 80, J. Hunter 80, Marpole 80, and Higgins 80. Class 2—D. Hunter 80 and R. Child 80. Class 3—Turner 76, Nesbitt 75, and Lubbe 74. Class 4—J. Keating, C. Sheppard and H. Keating, commended.

Spelling and Dictation—Class 1—H. Wilson 98, Higgins 97, Lawson 94, J. Rithet 93, Child 93, Marpole 92, G. Wilson 92, and J. Hunter 87. Class 2—D. Hunter 94, R. Child 86, H. Wilmot 84, J. Lawson 82, and N. Wilmot 82. Class 3—Lubbe 96, Phillips 84, Gillespie 82, LeNevey 81, and Harris 80. Class 4—H. Keating 86, and F. Mason 76.

Geography—Class 1—Lawson 94, Child 91, Higgins 86, Peters 82, and Wilson 80. Class 2—Fell 88, and Norton-Taylor 83 Class 3—Gillespie 90, Lubbe 89, J. Phillips 88, Brownlee 84, and Hayward 82. Class 4—B. Phillips.

Composition—Class 1—Lawson 94, Higgins 93, Peters 90, Marpole 85, and Goward 84. Class 2—Fell 90, R. Child 89, Bone 83, J. Lawson 81, and Goodacre 80. Class 3—Lubbe 90, and Gillespie 76. Class 4—J. Keating and S. Goodacre.

Canadian History—Lawson 86, Peters 83, Higgins 83, Child 81, and Marpole 81.

GROUP II—MATHEMATICS.

Mental—Class 1—Lawson 98, Peters 85, and Child 83. Class 2—Mitten 85, Wilmot 84, and Bone 80. Class 3—Gillespie 90, Brownlee 78, Turner 75, and Hayward 75. Class 4—Keating.

Arithmetic—Class 1—Peters 100, S. Child 100, H Lawson 100, Erb 89, G. Wilson 80 and Marpole 80. Class 2—D. Hunter 100, Norton-Taylor 100, Mitten 85 N. Wilmot 82, and Goodacre 80. Class 3—Turner, Nesbitt, Le Neveu and Brownlee. Class 4—J. Keating and Mason.

Euclid—Class 1—Lawson 90, Marpole and Peters. Class 2—H. Wilmot.

Algebra—Class 1—Lawson 98, Peters 95, Marpole 90, and H. Wilson 80. Class 2—D. Hunter 91, H Wilmot 40, and Mitten 37.

Trigonometry—H. Lawson 80, and J. Peters 70.

GROUP III—LANGUAGES.

French—Class 1—Peters 90, Child 89, Higgins 88, Goward 82. J. Rithet 81. Grahame 79. Lawson 79, and Marpole 78. Class 2—R Child 81, Mitten 76, and E. Rithet 71. Class 3—Lubbe and Gillespie commended.

Latin—Class 1—Lawson 85, Marpole 82. Higgins 80, and Child 78. Class 2—D. Hunter 89, R. Child 80, and H. Wilmot 78. Class 3—Lubbe, Harris and Le Neveu commended.

GROUP IV—GENERAL SCIENCES.

Class 1—Lawson 89, Higgins 84, and Wilson 80. Class 2—Mitten 77.

GROUP V—HOLY SCRIPTURE.

Class 1—Lawson 90, Child 83, H. Wilson 79, G. Wilson 79, and Peters 78. Class 2—Fell 84, Mitten 82, Bone 79, N. Wilmot 78 and R. Child 78. Class 3—J. Phillips 94, Gillespie 89, Harris 88, Nesbitt 86, Turner 81, Le Neveu 80, and Hayward 80. Class 4—B. Phillips 88, H. Keating 81, and J. Keating 78.

GROUP VI—ART.

Map Drawing—Class 1—Peters 95, G. Wilson 90, Goward 85, H. Wilson 83, and J. Hunter 80. Class 2—Fell 93, D. Hunter 92, Child 92, Norton-Taylor 82, and A. Keating, commended. Class 3—Lubbe 90, C. Harris 88, Phillips 81, Le Neven 80, and Brownlee 78. Class 4—B. Phillips 80.

Freehand—Class 1—H. Wilson excellent, Marpole, Peters, J. Hunter and Goward very good Class 2—Goodacre and Rithet excellent, Hunter and Fell very good. Class 3—Nesbitt excellent, Lubbe, Turner and Hayward, very good. Class 4—S. Goodacre, Sheppard and J Keating, good.

Model—Class 1—Peters, H. Wilson and J. Rithet, excellent. Marpole, Goward and J. Hunter, very good. Class 2—Mitten, E. Rithet, A. Keating, D. Hunter, Fell and Goodacre, excellent. Class 3—Lubbe and Nesbitt, excellent.

Memory maps, etc.—Class 1—H. Wilson and Goward, excellent; Peters, Marpole, Lawson, Child, Higgins and Grahame, commended. Class 2—Fell, Child and Norton-Taylor, excellent. Class 3—Gillespie 90, Brownlee 83, Harris, 80, and Lubbe, 78.

Human figure,—J. Peters, excellent.

GROUP VII—COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS, ETC.

Reading.—Class 1—Higgins 85, Child 84, Peters 83, Lawson 82, Rithet 81, H. Wilson 81, and Marpole 80. Class 2.—R. Child 84, D. Hunter 82, Norton-Taylor 81, Mitten 81, J. Lawson 80, N. Wilmot 80, and A. Keating 80. Class 3—Lubbe 79, Nesbitt 78, Gillespie 76, Turner 76 and Harris 76. Class 4—H. Keating 80, Sheppard 79, and B Phillips 78.

Book-keeping—C. Marpole, commended.

Shorthand—C. Marpole, commended.

The following scholars were unavoidably prevented from competing during either the whole or a portion of the examination: R. Harris, C. Dunlevy, W. Prevost, E. Rithet, G. Verrinder, M. Grahame and A. Goward.

GRAND TOTALS.

The grand totals of the three leading scholars only in each division were as follows:

Class I—Division 1, H. Lawson 1596, J. Peters 1593, S. Child 1376. Division 2, C. Marpole 1324, G. Higgins 1238, G. Wilson 1190. Division 3, H. Wilson 1182, and J. Rithet 1039. Division 4, H. Erb 888, and J. Hunter 804.

Class II—Division 1, D. Hunter 1196, R. Child 1182, and R. Fell 1122. Division 2, F. Mitten 1069, Norton-Taylor 1090, and H. Wilmot 1082. Division 3, N. Wilmot 910, F. Bone 908, and J. Lawson 860. Division 4, R. Goodacre 791, E. Rithet 664, and A. Keating 654.

Class III, Division 1—T. Lubbe 1091, K. Gillespie 1030 and J. Phillips 1020. Division 2—C. Harris 930, Le Neveu 892, and H. Nesbitt 879. Division 3—B. Phillips 865, and J. Hayward 817. Division 4—J. Keating 793, H. Keating 757, and F. Mason 724.

PROMOTIONS.

From the result of the above examinations the following promotions take effect:

Class I (from Class II)—D. Hunter, R. Child, R. Fell, F. Mitten, and, subject to vacancies, S. Norton-Taylor and H. Wilmot.

Class II (from Class III)—T. Lubbe, K. Gillespie, J. Phillips, C. Harris, and, subject to vacancies, B. Le Neveu, H. Nesbitt.

The college will recommence work on Monday, September 10, 1894.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Tennis Tournament Programme—The Wheelmen's Races—"Britannia" Wins Again.

At a meeting of the committee of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club, held yesterday afternoon, it was decided to have the gentlemen's singles (club handicap) played during the week commencing on Monday the 30th of July, leaving only the finals for the tournament week. Entries for this event, accompanied by the entrance fee of $1, will be received by the Hon. Secretary, E. A. Jacob, up to Thursday night, the 26th instant, and the drawing will take place on the following day.

The other events on the programme, the entries for which close on Saturday the 28th of July, will be held on Monday the 6th of August and following days, and are as follows:

Gentlemen's open singles and championship of British Columbia. Entrance fee, $1.

Ladies' singles (open). No event unless five entries. Entrance fee, $1.

Ladies' doubles. Entrance fee, $2 each pair.

Gentlemen's doubles (open). Entrance fee, $2 each pair.

Ladies and gentlemen's doubles (open). Entrance fee, $2 each pair.

Ladies and gentlemen's doubles (club handicap). Entrance, $1 each pair.

Veterans' singles—members only; age over 36. No event unless five entries. Entrance fee, $1.

It is expected that the open events will be taken part in by the best players in the Province, including representatives of Her Majesty's Navy, and many from the other side of the line. The members of the club are putting in steady practice, the courts being occupied every afternoon. On the ladies' days, Tuesday and Friday, a large number usually are to be seen making preparations for the forthcoming tournament.

THE WHEEL.

THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB RACES.

There was really only one race of the club series at Beacon Hill last evening, the event in the 3:30 class, and in it there were but two competitors—F. W. Hall and S. P. Moody. Both rode well and would have made a splendid race but for the mistaken zeal of one of Hall's friends, who endeavored to pace him in to victory and succeeded in shutting him out at the turn into the home stretch. Moody won easily. There was no contest in the 3:15 class, and in the open event Ernest Wolff started against Bradley, handicapped badly in the fact that he was riding a wheel fully ten pounds heavier than the city champion. The two rode around in company and Bradley came in first, but there was no racing.

THE RIFLE.

CANADIAN SUCCESSES AT BISLEY.

LONDON, July 12.—The Canadian riflemen are making a very creditable showing at Bisley in the minor events with which the first few days of the N.R.A. prize meeting have been occupied, and the fact that so many members have in the single range contests scored the possible or within a point of it shows that they are in good shape for the more decisive trials of skill. In the Ladies' match, in which the competitors shoot as nominees of ladies who are associate members of the association, the famous Canadian marksman, Lieut. Thos. Mitchell, of the 12th York Rangers, Toronto, won the chief prize with the full score of seven bullseyes, the distance being 500 yards. In the Jeffery match (extra series), also at 500 yards, high scores by Canadians in addition to those already reported are: Corporal D. McNaughton, 51st Battalion; Gunner George Turnbull, British Columbia Garrison Artillery, and Captain W. H. Moore, 20th Battalion, each of whom made 34 out of 35. In the Armorers' competition (extra series), seven shots at 900 yards, Private T. S. Baylis, 12th Battalion, has 31 points.

AN AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

At a meeting of the council of the Victorian Rifle Association held at Melbourne recently a proposal to send a team of riflemen from the Colony of Victoria to the Bisley meeting of 1895 was received with approval, and subscriptions are to be solicited to cover the cost. It is suggested that a team of eleven members, including the manager or officer commanding, shall be sent. When the proposition to send a team from Australia was mooted a few months ago the provincial rifle association of British Columbia drew the attention of the Dominion Rifle Association to the matter, in the hope that the Australian riflemen may be induced to take the Canadian route at least one way.

YACHTING.

AGAIN THE "BRITANNIA WINS.

ROTHESAY, July 12.—The Britannia defeated the Vigilant again to-day, when the sixth of the Clyde races was sailed over the quadrangular course of the Royal Northern Yacht Club, where the Vigilant was badly worsted yesterday largely on account of the baffling winds and calms. The course of the combatants was from a point off Craigmore pier, in Rothsay sound, thence almost due south, and around a stake boat off Mount Stewart; thence to the westward, to and around a mark off Largs; thence north to and around a mark boat in Wemyss bay, and across the firth to the starting point, twice around. After the second round the yachts sailed diagonally across the quadrangle from Rothsay to Largs and return. The length of the course is about 50 miles. The result of to-day's race leaves the Vigilant with a record of six consecutive defeats. Although the American yacht had a better chance in to-day's strong wind than she has had in any race which she has contested since her arrival on this side, it was plainly evident that she was not in trim, and in fact not by any means the boat she was when she beat the Valkyrie in American waters last year.

The steam schooner Mischief returned from the West Coast yesterday. Capt. Foot reports that the sealers Ainoka and Borealis left Hesquoit for Ounalaska on June 30, both with full crews. The Kilmeny left Nootchatlitz on July 4. She had been detained by bad weather.

During the remainder of this week the steamer Quadra will remain in port, there being a few days work for her in connection with the buoys in the harbor.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Festivities on the Reconstructed "Miowera"—The "Garland" Enlarged and Improved.

More Sealskins for the London Market—Schooners on the West Coast.

The Newcastle Daily Leader of a recent date says: "A number of marine experts, engineers and shipbuilders yesterday embarked at the New Quay, North Shields, on board the Canadian-Australian liner, Miowera, a series of trial runs having been arranged to take place along the coast with the view of testing the auxiliary power recently added to her powerful engines, adjusting her compasses and other details previous to entering on a series of cruises to Norway, each extending over a fortnight, the vessel to afterwards proceed in an all round the world cruise. Mr. Rowland Hodge, Mr. Charles Swan and Mr. C. Stephenson represented Messrs. C. S. Swan & Hunter, the firm by which the vessel was built in 1892, and recently altered and improved to meet the requirements of the superior passenger accommodation of the new mail route in connection with the famous Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. Lowery Rusden represented the Wallsend Slipway and Engineering Company, the builders of the engines and the latest auxiliary outfit, with a view of attaining a very high rate of speed on the new route. The weather was hazy and there was a long swell on, and a strong tide running dead on the vessel. The magnificent craft was run over a succession of trials across the measured mile, and subsequently along the coast line skirting Blyth, Newbiggin, Warkworth, and up to the Coquet lighthouse, a main speed of 17.35 knots per hour being attained, the engines working smoothly and without vibration. Later in the afternoon a number of ladies and gentlemen sat down to luncheon in the first-class saloon of the vessel, Commander Stott presiding. After the banquet, Mr. Rowland Hodge, who was received with applause, said he rose in the absence of Mr. Hunter, the head of the firm by which the vessel was built, and Mr. Huddart, the managing owner of the new line of steamers, to propose 'Success to the steamship, and the health of the members of the new company.' With such a toast the name of Mr. James Huddart was inseparable. (Hear, hear, and applause.) It was due to the energy of that gentleman that the new Canadian-Australian line of steamers had been established with such success, the opening up of such a route being of the utmost importance both to Canada and Australia, as well as the people of this country, notably in the case of a war breaking out, in which case the mother country would still be linked to the colonies. It was satisfactory to them all to know that the Tyne had played, and was likely to play, no secondary part in constructing steamers of the excellence required in a trade in which speed, excellence and stability proved the prominent characteristics. (Applause.) The public had heard something of the new steamers required by Mr. Huddart for the new company with which he had the honor to be connected. It was interesting to learn that among all the shipbuilding firms in the world only five had been privileged to furnish quotations, and it was to the credit of Tyneside that among the favored firms two were Tyne shipbuilders. (Applause.) To be plain, he would say that Messrs. Swan & Hunter was one of the firms referred to, and with the facilities at their disposal on the Tyne he did not see why they could not turn out steamers at least equal, if not superior, to any firm on the Clyde, at Barrow, Belfast or elsewhere. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Capt. Stott, whose name was linked with the toast, said he would continue to present a warm side to Tyneside, inasmuch as he had had the honor of commanding the Miowera since she was set afloat in 1892. Speaking as a practical seaman, he was bound to say there was no finer steamer afloat. Under his command she had beaten by days any record ever established, and, with such knowledge, he was in no way surprised that the Tyne was likely to supply its quota of the new steamers which would rank among, if not surpass, any craft afloat. Personally he entertained no misgiving as to the success of the gigantic scheme. Mr. Huddart was, he believed, equal to the emergency, for every project he had yet undertaken had been crowned with success. (Cheers.) The Miowera returned to the Tyne in the evening to shift bunker coals, preparatory to sailing in her preliminary cruise to Norway on Saturday first. Capt. Stott is in command of the vessel and Mr. William Bell is first engineer.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE "GARLAND."

Extensive alterations are being made to the Port Angeles-Victoria ferry steamer Garland at Port Townsend, with a view to having a more commodious and faster vessel in the keen competition now existing. To enable this work to be done without interfering with the steamer's business the Evangel has been placed on the route, and will continue running until the Garland is again ready for service. The latter has been cut in two amidships and will be made 30 feet longer. This will make the vessel's total length 100 feet over all. Originally the vessel was built for towing purposes and is therefore supplied with powerful machinery which, it is said, compares favorably with that of the tug Mogul, now in port undergoing repairs preparatory to service. The Garland's propellor, however, not being specially designed for speed will be replaced with a larger one. Internally the steamer is to be entirely remodelled and fitted in the latest style. Her saloon and dining room will be astern and leading forward from the former on the second deck will be a smoking room, a number of state rooms and the officers' quarters, with entrance to each from a promenade without. Forward on the main deck below will be a freight compartment which from the vessel's somewhat great depth of hold gives her considerable room for the purpose. Since the inauguration of the Garland's route, business in the freight line as also the passenger traffic has exceeded the expectations and the owners of the vessel feel financially justified in making alterations to the steamer. A little danger to the entire success of their present plans has, however, been threatened. Within the past few days it has been reported on the Sound that the old George E Starr will shortly be run in opposition to the line, expecting to find when the crop comes in sufficient business to make the proposition stick.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF 'FRISCO STEAMERS.

Victoria passengers were in the majority on both of the San Francisco steamers in port yesterday. The Umatilla, which did not get in till 11 o'clock, brought over 120 saloon passengers for this city, but of the number about two-thirds are bound East over the C P R. The steamer also brought a large mail, including that which arrived at San Francisco a few days ago on the Australian steamship Monowai, and 138 tons of freight. In the evening the Walla Walla carried away from here the following passengers: D. Leventren and wife, Mrs. G. A. Hunt, Mrs. Geo. Picknell, Mrs. A. J. Durkee and child, Miss J. Lewis, Mrs. D. Hall, J. J. Sargison and wife, James E. Dunning, H. C. Reno, John Barns, B. J. Nolan, R. Timins, A. E. Cohen, A. Buckman, H. Chickering, A. L. Chickering, E. Pearson and wife and three children, W. S. Peyton, W. R. Leventrill, L. L. Leventrill, Miss C. Leventrill, Miss Whitman, Miss B. McArthur, Mrs. Geo. McArthur, A. Wellman, H. C. Brown, C. H. Clarke, Miss Lamp, Miss Tappan, Mrs. Sarah A. Brown, Thos. Belway and two children, L. T. Queen and wife, E. A. Nicolaus, Mrs. F. M. Myles and W. Appleby.

MAIL FOR THE SEALERS.

Through the courtesy of Capt. Blair, R.N., a mail is being made up by Collector A. R. Milne for the sealers on the West Coast, to be despatched by H.M.S. Pheasant on Tuesday. Mr. Milne says he will keep the mail bag open till 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, but everything in the form of letters, papers, etc., to be sent in it by the friends or relatives of sealers here must be given him prior to that time. The mail will all be distributed by the Pheasant, so that the opportunity thus afforded is an excellent one.

MARINE NOTES.

Mr. A. McDermott, of Cates & McDermott, stevedores, who are reloading the ship Benmore's cargo of lumber in Esquimalt, says there is no truth in the reported strike for higher wages yesterday of the men in his employ. The vessel has now a big portion of her cargo loaded, and all haste is being made to complete the work in order to allow the ship an early departure.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz did not sail as expected last evening owing to the Danube's non-arrival from the North.

ORANGEMEN CELEBRATE.

The 204th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne—A Festive Gathering.

Sidney the Scene of the Merry-Making—Good Programme of Sports.

From an early hour yesterday morning the local Orangemen and Ladies' True Blues were seen gathering to their respective lodge rooms to celebrate the 204th anniversary of the battle of the Boyne. At about 9 30 a.m., the members of Loyal Orange Lodges Nos. 1426 and 1610, headed by the fife and drum band, formed up at their hall on Pandora street and marched to the station on Topaz avenue, where they boarded the train for Sidney, at which place they enjoyed themselves all day, some taking part in the athletic sports, others dancing, boating or otherwise employing the time at their disposal, a very creditable lunch and dinner being served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church in the district.

Lunch over, Bro. Edward Sherritt, District Master of Vancouver Island, took the chair and announced that speeches were in order, first calling on Rev. Mr. Ashton, who in a very few words pointed out the reason "why we celebrate," and on behalf of the Saanich brethren bade everyone welcome. He hoped they would always be welcome to such a loyal little place as Saanich. Mr. John White, ex-M.P., and Past Supreme Grand Master of Canada, in a very neat speech explained Protestantism from the time of Martin Luther down to the present. He also made mention of the critical moments in Lough Boyle at the time of the siege, and the rescue.

Afterwards the band, under the able leadership of Captain Thomas Gough, rendered some patriotic airs.

Then came the sports:

Old men's race—1, H Brethour; 2, J. Braden.

Boys' race—1, G. McIlmoyle; 2, T. Furnival.

Girls' race—1, M. Brethour; 2, H. Arrison.

One hundred yards (professional)—1, G. Ure, (10½ seconds); 2, W. McIlmoyle.

One hundred yards (amateur)—1, J. Braden; 2, W. G. Furnival.

Orangemen's race—1, G. Harrow; 2, J. Brimston; 3, J. Kirk.

Running long jump (amateur)—1, Geo. Snider (18 ft. 10 in.); 2, J. Braden, (18 ft. 8 in.)

Running high jump (professional)—1, George Brimston; 2, W. McIlmoyle.

Single sculls—1, A. McKenzie; 2, W. Lumlie; 3, T. Tugwell.

Double sculls—1, G. Harrow and J. Brimston; 2, J. Braden and C. Moses.

Tug of war—Victoria against Sidney; won by Victoria in two straight pulls. Team captained by G. Sherritt.

This ended the day's sports and dancing was indulged in to after 9 p.m., when the jolly crowd left for home, and as soon as they arrived in the city the procession reformed and marched back to their lodge room well pleased with the day's outing, the band playing

"God Save the Queen."

TORONTO, July 12.—The 12th of July was celebrated here by a monstrous procession. The weather was fine and the streets were lined with people. After parading the streets the Orangemen went to Exhibition park, where races and games were held.

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