FROM THE FAR EAST.

The R. M. S. "Empress of China" Arrives on Her Twenty-Fourth Homeward Trip.

A Number of Very Prominent Personages on Board—Very Large Passenger List.

As usual the R.M.S. Empress of China from China and Japan did not disappoint those who expected her yesterday. In accordance with the new regulations governing all vessels coming from the Orient, the big liner entered the quarantine station upon arrival, dropping anchor at 5 o'clock last evening on her 24th homeward voyage. Sailing from Yokohama on the 17th inst., she made her average time on the passage, meeting with ordinary weather, and seeing nothing but sealers en route, these some five or six in number, being about 200 miles out from Yokohama. The vessel's spacious poop deck was thronged with Celestials as she lay at anchor, but when these had dispersed a venerable looking Korean minister in native dress occupied the deck in company with a fellow countryman dressed somewhat after the European style. This important personage was a Mr. Minn, an uncle of the murdered Queen of Korea, and who is en route to Russia to attend the coronation of the Czar. Report also has it that he had been delegated by the Korean government to raise a loan of $8,000,000 in Russia, but this rumor he would not deny or confirm. When asked his mission he only replied with a friendly shake of the head, meaning that he could not speak English. Mr. E. Stein, a Russian, is travelling with the two Koreans, he having, it is understood, conveyed to the Koreans the invitation of the Russian authorities. Among other prominent passengers on the Empress were the Earl and Countess Spencer; Sir J. Poynder and Major Beckett, English M.P.'s, who had been on a visit to Japan and had inspected while there some of the leading prisons; Mr. H. Mandl, who represents Her Netherland Majesty as consul at Tientsin and who is now on his way to London, England, in company with his wife, having disembarked here last evening with the intention of first going to San Francisco. Others were Mr. A. S. H. Carlill, of the firm of Dodwell, Carlill & Co., who is on a business trip to London from Hongkong; and Lieut. Blanchon and Major Campbell who, disembarking from a French warship at Nagasaki, are en route home. Other saloon passengers, including several missionaries and tourists, were as follows:

Rev. G. E. Albrecht, Mrs. G. E. Albrecht, Miss Albrecht, Master Albrecht, Major Alt, Miss Arbuckle. Mr, N. E. Bayliss, Mrs. Bennett, Lieut. Bertin, Miss Daniels, Rev. Eakin, Mrs. Eakin, Hon. M. W. Elphinstone, Mr. Ewing, Mrs. Ewing, Mr. G. Fenwick, Mr. V. Flipo, Miss French, Mr. Gerlach, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gilmour, Rev. and Mrs. Graham and infant, Mr. R. M. Gray, Mrs. R. M. Gray, maid and child, Miss Huguenin, Capt. Ingenohl, Rev. Cameron Jonnson, Mr. P. Y. Kushibiki, Mr. Lacey and family, Hon. Capt. Lascelle, Major Lloyd, Mrs. Lloyd, Masters Lloyd (2), Miss Mackenzie, Mr. D. J. Meldrum, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Neale and child, Mr. G. J. Orr, Captain Owens, Hon. Justice Parker, Miss Plian, Mr. R. F. Rondel, Miss B. Rourke, Mr. Shaw, Miss Kate Shaw, Mr. W. Von Uffel, Mrs. Van Dyke, Dr. Wales, Mr. H. W. Wickens, Mr. C. V. Wilson, and Mr. Yun.

Mr. Mitchell, of Samuel Samuels & Co., Yokohama, and several other expected passengers, including a Japanese count, did not arrive on the steamer. The vessel also brought 92 Chinese for Victoria and a cargo of 1,404 tons for different points. She had in all besides those in the saloon 22 people in the intermediate and 576 in the steerage. P. Kuhibiki, one of the Japanese passengers, has charge of large zoological gardens in Atlanta. In cages on board the steamer he brought three Japanese cranes which he says are the first ever imported into America, although several attempts had previously been made. The birds stand five feet high, are almost entirely white in color, and hardy in appearance. Mr. Kuhibiki had four of these birds when he left Tokyo, but one died on the passage. In another cage he has two very handsome Japanese fowls, whose length from head to tip of tail is 16 feet.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS.

Trade continues good in the different cities of the province and collections grow better. The anticipated boom in mines is almost at hand, several fortunes having already been made in the advance of certain stocks. Where there was one, six months ago, there are now a score of mining brokers pushing the sale of their respective stock, enough in itself to cause great activity in the mine market.

Numerous development companies have been organized of late with very large capital to push work in different lines of industry. These companies will bring almost as much money into the country as will be produced, in value, by the development work of last year, and it has been said that at the present time there are more opportunities of making fortunes in British Columbia with $1,000 cash than ever there were.

Early wheat in some parts of the Fraser valley is two inches high.

Butter making by Chilliwack's co-operative creamery company will be commenced at an early date.

The names of English capitalists known throughout the world are being frequently spoken of in connection with newly organized B. C. development companies.

A clean-up is about to be made at Russell's placer mine, Tranquille. A flume has been constructed through a spur in a mountain 1,200 feet long.

A corporation known as the Hydraulic Mining Co., organized in Illinois with a capital of $100,000, are mining in B. C. They have leased 250 acres of ground on Smith creek. A mining plant costing $15,000 will be taken to the company's property in boats built for the purpose.

Word comes from London that some twenty or thirty capitalists will visit Kootenay this summer.

Some assays of rock at the bottom of the Le Roi give $280 to the ton in gold. If the value of the ore continues to increase as it has this will be an average, and the famous mine will yield $84,000 worth of precious yellow metal every 24 hours.

The Cariboo & Williams Creek Mining Co. have acquired the well known Black Jack quartz claim on Williams creek The Black Jack ore only runs 28, but can be worked very cheaply by the cyanide process.

[From THE DAILY COLONIST, April 30.]

THE CITY.

REV. DR. CAMPBELL is again appointed by the Dominion Board of Civil Service to conduct the civil service promotion examination for British Columbia, in Victoria, on the 12th May.

THE attention of those interested is directed to the advertisement of the Michigan Mining School appearing in the semi-weekly edition of the COLONIST. That Mr. W. J. Sutton, for many years a resident of this province, and at present a visitor in Victoria, is one of the lecturers there, is in itself a recommendation of this high grade technical school.

NEWS has just been received from Rossland that the tunnel on the Georgia is now in twenty feet and the ore assays $42.17 in gold, the white iron carrying the value. Steam power drills are at work and good progress is being made. There seems to be no difference of opinion that the Georgia is a fine mine. The tramway from Trail is laying down rails at the rate of a mile a day, and will soon be ready to take shipments.

CHARLES PETERSEN, who has been detained at police headquarters for several days pending investigation as to his sanity, was yesterday discharged from custody. He appears quite rational save when reflecting on his misfortunes of a few years ago—when he was convicted and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment for a crime of which it is now generally believed he was entirely innocent.

BURGLARS broke into the Nickel Plate saloon some time during the early hours of yesterday morning and went through the cash registrar, the till and the safe. It is supposed that about $50 was taken, but as the money was not counted the night before the exact amount is not known. The liquors and cigars do not seem to have had much attraction for the thieves, as nothing in that line has been missed. As the building is low and a person could easily climb to the roof from the rear, it looks as if the thieves had effected an entry through the skylight.

AT the Easter vestry meeting of St. John's church last evening the financial statements for the year were presented and adopted, the following appointments being afterwards made: Rector's warden, Louis Henry Fullagar; people's warden, Henry Saunders; sidesmen and church committee, Messrs. R. Seabrook, A. C. Flumerfelt, D. R. Ker, F. J. Claxton, E. Pearson, Joshua Holland, B. C. Mess and A. Campbell Reddie. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously tendered Mr. Ross Monro for his generous and able services in conducting the choir during the past year and bridging it to its present high state of efficiency. A vote of thanks was also tendered the ladies of the guild for their generous efforts in furnishing entertainments, etc., for the benefit of the church, and after similar appreciation was expressed for the services rendered by the retiring wardens the meeting adjourned.

LORD SPENCER made the most of his short stay in Victoria yesterday, visiting and inspecting the fortifications and also the dockyard and other works in the vicinity of Esquimalt. Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney as well as several of the military and naval officers was asked to meet the distinguished visitor at luncheon on board the flagship, and the Earl was invited to dine at Government House in the evening, there to meet a number of Victoria's prominent citizens. Unfortunately, however, His Lordship was advised during the afternoon of the death of his wife's sister and was unable in consequence to attend. He left for Vancouver by this morning's Charmer to rejoin Lady Spencer, with whom he proceeds East at once by the Canadian Pacific. His Lordship was greatly impressed with the natural beauties of Esquimalt and Victoria, and regretted that circumstances would not permit of a more extended stay.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

More than a parental interest was manifested in the entertainment given in the St. John's schoolroom for the benefit of the ladies' guild last evening, for the place was not sufficiently large to comfortably accommodate the many in attendance. The operetta, "Elma the Fairy Child," introduced the programme. About 30 children, who had been very carefully trained under the joint management of Mrs. Lang and Mr. Ernest Wolff, took part in the production, and the leading characters were sustained as follows: Elma, the fairy, Little Nita Bone; Elma, the mortal, Miss Mai Todd; Moonbeam, Miss Lucy Murrant; Puck, Miss Alice Roach; Elf Tot, Little Errol Newman; Fairy Queen, Miss Nellie Todd. Following this a character song, "The Modern Ideal Girle," was given by Misses Dora Wolff, Myrtle Jones, Lilly Lyons, May King, in which the four voices blended very prettily. Miss Annie Carter, a young but very ambitious vocalist, next rendered "Yesterday and To-day." Little May Wolff gave a graceful performance with the clubs while standing on a high pedestal, and was followed by Miss Victoria Penketh, who sang very sweetly the "Sunshine of Paradise Alley." Little Sam Johnson's "Up to Date" song contained many local hits and was received with much amusement.

The scarf and triangle drill was the prettiest thing of the evening, a very pleasing variation in it being a dance, the participants in which held large triangles of flowers. It was given by the Misses Maude Bone, Maggie Lowe, Katie Braid, Ethel Saunders, Brenda Nicholls, Bertha Thorsen, Mai Todd. Mr. J. Pilling sang "The Ship I Love" in his usual meritorious style, and a vocal solo by Miss Webster and the Highland fling danced by Miss Juanita Davis concluded the evening's programme in a very pleasing manner.

A DIFFICULT TRAIL

Is That Which Miners Follow Before Reaching the Golden Yukon.

The Johnson Party and Their Trying Experiences—Mining Within the Circle.

The rush to the Yukon gold fields, which amounted to little less than a madness a few weeks ago with the residents of Puget Sound cities, appears by the letters and papers brought from the North by the Al-Ki and Willapa to be exhausting itself even sooner than might be expected—not because the gold is lacking, but because it can only be won after perils and hardships inconceivable to the average city man, who with his equally inexperienced companions from the farm and the sea constitutes even a majority among the gold seekers. The gold is plentiful, after once the mountains have been passed and the river within the Arctic Circle is reached, but the cost of securing it is so great in consequence of the remoteness of the region from civilization and supplies that fortunes are decimated very speedily, and unless many thousands are won from the river little is left to the miner by the time he gets back to the busy world. The Johnson party from Oakland, California, who were heard from at Sheep Camp, en route to Circle City, on March 30, have since leaving the Mexico at Dyea been experiencing adventures in a series which may be taken as a specimen of the experiences in store for others who may follow them or a repetition of those reported by their predecessors over the hard route to the treasure-fields of the far North. The weather for the first ten days out from Dyea was bitterly cold and very stormy, the snow having completely obliterated the trail and hardly a member of the party having escaped frostbites and serious colds, while several patients were under the care of Dr. Spencer Harris threatened with inflammation of the bowels, caused by injudicious drinking of the snow-water. On the 31st of March the storm that had held with the party all the way from Dyea culminated in a veritable blizzard, the wind blowing at the rate of eighty-five miles an hour. The thermometer registered 40 below zero at 3 a.m. Two of the Indian tents were blown away and considerable uneasiness was felt by all. The howling of the Siwash dogs was silenced by the intense cold or drowned by the roaring of the blasts that swept through the hemlock boughs overhead. All thoughts of travelling had to be abandoned and the movement of supplies entirely suspended, as the storm still continued at latest reports with sufficient violence to prevent man or beast from attempting the steep ascent to the base of the summit. From other sources it is learned that about a hundred persons succeeded in getting over the summit before the heavy storm burst upon the mountain. The majority of these are continuing their journey down the river on the ice. The first to cross may possibly get through the canyon before the ice breaks up, but a great many will stop at Lake Lebarge and build boats in which to make the rest of the voyage, following the ice down the river when it finally breaks up the latter part of next month.

A letter was received in Juneau on the last mail which bore the date of July 22, 1895, and which came from probably the most northern precious metal mines in the world. It was written by Tom Boyd, who with his partner named Johnson will have spent, at the close of the present season, the past three years placer mining on the head waters of the Kuwak river, a tributary of Kotzebue sound, many miles north of the Arctic Circle. To get supplies to their camp is a season's labor in itself, and the fact that they are now on their third year's work in that section is considered good evidence of the richness of the diggings. Their nearest trading post is Nuklukyeto on the Yukon. From there they take their supplies down the river to the mouth of the Koyukuk, thence up the latter stream almost to its head. A portage is here made across the divide to the Selawik river, and a second portage is made from the Selawik to the head waters of the Kuwak which lands them at their camp. The letter bore but little information of interest to the public except that it emphasizes the fact that while the Arctic Circle has gold in abundance, only the experienced miner inured to hardship and privation by years of prospecting in inhospitable wilds may hope to win it by his industry and his enterprise.

QUEBEC, April 28.—The residents of St. Malo, on the outskirts of this city, are greatly excited over the discovery of paris green in a well from which about one hundred families were in the habit of obtaining their water supply. The case is supposed to be a fiendish attempt at wholesale poisoning. There is no clue as yet to the would-be murderer.

MONTREAL, April 28.—Gauthier, the murderer, died yesterday in the Longue Pointe asylum. He had been adjudged insane, and thus escaped the gallows to die of consumption.

FORT WILLIAM, April 28.—Further particulars of the accident near Nepigon are that the washout occurred just around a short bend in the track which could not be seen in time to stop the train. The engine got safely over the gorge, which was twelve feet deep, but the tender and the baggage car, turning over, took the engine with them, pinning the driver behind the throttle, which was found reversed. McNeill, no doubt, lost his own life in saving those of the passengers.

HE WANTS OTHERS TO KNOW.

DEAR EDITOR:

Please state in your valued journal, that if any sufferer from nervous Debility, Lack of Energy and Ambition, Lost Manhood, etc., will write me in confidence, I will inform him by sealed letter, free of charge, how to obtain a perfect cure. I ask for no money, have nothing to sell. I know how to sympathize with these sufferers and am only too glad to be able to assist them. I promise everyone absolute secrecy and as I do not, of course, wish to expose myself either, I do not give my name. If you desire to get well, send stamp and address simply: P.O. Box 388, London, Ont.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Six Indian Sealers Perish in the Sea Not Far From Cape Flattery.

Schooner "Katie" Ashore Near the Dallas Hotel—Movements of Lumber Craft.

Word was received in Port Townsend on Tuesday that six Indian sealers on the schooner Deeakhs, which carried a full Indian crew, were lost while sealing off Cape Flattery. The six men left the schooner in two canoes five days ago, and have not since been seen. After a systematic and prolonged search they were given up and the schooner returned to Neah Bay and reported the loss. The Indians are very superstitious over such a thing, and are now bemoaning the hard luck which they say is sure to follow the mishap.

THE "KATIE" ASHORE.

On her way to San Juan yesterday afternoon the little freighting schooner Katie came to grief on the rocks a short distance from the Dallas hotel, fortunately without receiving serious injuries. The wind was blowing very hard at the time and this, it is said, was the main cause of the accident. In endeavoring to make way against the wind and tide the little craft's steering gear became unworkable and the vessel was driven ashore. Being flat bottomed she sustained little damage in the mishap, the tug Sadie going out to her assistance soon after and being successful in getting the schooner afloat without any special effort.

MARINE NOTES.

The Umatilla leaving San Francisco yesterday morning had the following saloon passengers aboard for Victoria: M. H. Cowan, E. H. Heaps, E. Stanwer, John Doe, D. M. Hunter, Mrs. Lindsay Dixon, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Woodrow, Mrs. Payne and two children, T. Watson, S. R. Wells, C. Allan and mother, Rev. E. B. Stewart, F. S. King, Charles Low, Charles March, P. W. Wright, Mrs. A. Robinson, Arthur Lorraine and wife.

The ship Cambusdoon, 119 days from Java, and for which some anxiety was being felt in shipping circles, passed into the Straits on Tuesday in good order. She brings 1,500 tons of sugar for the Vancouver refinery.

The steamer Thistle, which has been chartered by the C.P.N. Co. to run weekly trips to Alberni, inaugurated her service last evening, leaving with a big load of general freight and several passengers.

The first of the great lake steamers to sail this year leaves Fort William on May 5. After that date the vessels will sail every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

The American bark Hesper, under charter to load lumber at Chemainus for Shanghai, arrived in Esquimalt last evening, 14 days from San Francisco.

The American barkentine Crocker towed to sea yesterday lumber laden from Moodyville; her cargo is valued at $7,782.

SLOCAN LAKE.

The New Denver correspondent of the Rossland Miner says that the outlook for the Slocan lake country this summer is very bright. There is a prospect, amounting almost to a certainty, that the Nakusp & Slocan railroad will be extended from Rosebery through New Denver and Silverton, past Ten Mile, Springer and Lemon creeks to Slocan Crossing where it will connect with the Columbia & Kootenay railroad. This in itself would make the residents of this section very hopeful, but in addition they have every assurance that several properties along the lake will be large producers this year and that the new dry ore belt at the south end of the lake will be the scene of much activity.

R. K. Neill, in the interests of the John A. Finch syndicate, has put in a force of eight men to work on the Arlington group on Springer creek, which they recently bonded for $50,000. The Arlington will be opened by means of a shaft and tunnel, both on the vein, which will both be started at a point where a small creek has cut the ledge and exposed a big face of ore.

The owners of the Two Friends, on the divide between Springer and Lemon creeks, are still hard at work. They drove a crosscut tunnel in 40 feet and tapped their ledge. They have since drifted on the vein about 30 feet and have taken out about 30 tons of ore. Their pay streak is from 8 to 10 inches wide and assays from 200 to 300 ounces in silver and 40 per cent. lead.

Work was sustained on the Howard fraction all winter. One shipment of eleven tons of ore was made which after paying all expenses, including packing from the mine to the lake, netted over $100 per ton. This put the boys in good shape financially and they kept steadily at work with the result that they have now a big lot of ore ready for shipment. The ore runs well both in gold and silver and carries no lead.

At the Enterprise on Ten Mile creek the Finch syndicate has now driven over 500 feet of tunnels and they have never been out of ore. It is estimated that they have enough ore in sight to pay for the property and monthly dividends after they begin to ship.

A rich strike has also been reported from Three Forks on an extension of the Gray Eagle recently incorporated by S. M. Wharton. The ore is said to run from 300 to 400 ounces in silver per ton. This discovery has caused quite a number of New Denverites to purchase small blocks of Gray Eagle stock.

Almonte's Capitalist Suffers Untold Agony for Six Months from Rheumatism.

We have the privilege of publishing the following letter from one of Almonte's wealthiest citizens, Mr. J. K. Cole: "I was completely helpless for six months from rheumatism. I tried almost every known remedy, without any benefit, and when South American Rheumatic Cure was recommended I secured it, though I must confess I had no faith whatever in it. The first bottle agreeably surprised me, and four bottles drove the disease completely out of my system. It is the very best medicine I have ever taken. I have recommended it to my friends, and I know it has done them great good." Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

A THREE-FOLD SUCCESS.

Tuesday evening was the occasion of a most enjoyable concert and dance at the Metchosin hall, given by the ladies of the district, most kindly assisted by friends from town. The following was the programme of the music:

Duet (piano) .....
Miss C. Macnaughten Jones and Miss Fisher.
Song—"Good-Bye" ..... Mrs. Ellison.
Piano solo ..... Miss Wolfenden.
Song—"Ask Nothing More" .....
..... Mrs. Walter Langley.
Song—"Love's Sorrow" ..... Miss Fisher.
Duet (violin and piano) .....
Miss Laura Loewen and Mr. R. Dunsmuir.
Song—"Only to Say Good-Bye" .....
..... Miss Prior.
Song—"Ben Bolt" .... Miss Laura Loewen.

The hall was well filled and the delightful music well appreciated. Miss Wolfenden played most admirably a waltz of Chopin's, which was deservedly encored. Mrs. Langley was in excellent voice, and rendered that beautiful song, "Ask Nothing More," in a most touching manner, and also received a hearty encore. The piano and violin duet by Miss Laura Loewen and Mr. R. Dunsmuir was most enthusiastically received, while in everyone's opinion the gem of the evening was Miss Laura Loewen's beautiful singing of "Ben Bolt," Miss Loewen's voice being rich, tender and well cultivated and under perfect control.

After the concert dancing was indulged in until the small hours.

At 11 o'clock a most luxurious supper was served, the ladies of the district vieing with each other in their attentions to the guests and visitors. From a financial point of view the entertainment was also a great success, a substantial sum being added to the church and hall fund. The residents of the district are very grateful to their friends in town who took so much trouble to contribute to what was a delightful evening and social success. The guests of the evening have to thank Mrs. Helgesen, Mrs. and Miss Fisher and Mrs. Hayward for their untiring efforts to make all enjoy themselves.

TEST OF PERFECT HEALTH.

Thousands of Lives Ebbing Away Because of Improper Heart Action.

The heart is the hub of the human system. If it is weak or deranged physical pains and mental decrepitude in one shape or another must follow, and thousands are suffering various ills of the flesh to-day because the heart is not doing its full duty. Whenever the heart flutters or tires out easily, aches or palpitates, it is diseased, and the warning should be heeded. The remedy, of all others, for heart disease, is Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. To quote Aaron Nichols, of Peterboro, whose wife was cured of twenty years' heart disease by this medicine, "The remedy acts like magic on a diseased heart." With heart disease so prevalent in Canada a bottle ought always to be kept in the house. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

Within another week new potatoes of Californian growth will be in the market. Some have already been sold and have met with a good demand at three cents per pound. The fruit market will soon be replenished by a fresh supply of oranges. Navels are gradually disappearing from the market and will be replaced by Mediterranean sweets. Apart from these few changes affecting the supply market general business is unchanged. The retail quotations as revised for the week are as follows:

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$5.75
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	5.75
Victoria XXX	5.00
Lion	5.00
Portland roller	5.00
Salem	5.00
Rainier	5.25
Snowflake	5.00
Olympic	5.25
Premier	5.50
Three Star	5.00
Two Star	4.00
Superfine	4.00
Wheat per ton	35.00@37.50
Oats, per ton	25.00
Barley, per ton	25.00@26.00
Middlings, per ton	22.00@25.00
Bran, per ton	18.00@20.00
Ground feed, per ton	22.00@25.00
Corn, whole, per ton	35.00@40.00
" cracked, per ton	40.00@45.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	35
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	45@50
Rolled oats, per lb	3½
Potatoes, per lb	¾
Cabbages, per lb	2½
Hay, baled, per ton	$9@12
Straw, per bale	75
Green peppers, cured, per lb	8@10
Onions, per lb	04
Lettuce, three bunches	25
Asparagus, per lb	12@15
Rhubarb, per lb	05
Eggs, Island, per doz	20
" imported per doz	20
Butter, fresh, per lb	25@30
" Creamery, per lb	30
" Dairy, per lb	25
" California per lb	25
" California per square	35
" Delta	30
Hams, American, per lb	14@18
" Canadian, "	14@16
" Boneless, "	20
Bacon, American, per lb	14@18
" Rolled, "	14@16
" Long clear "	10
" Canadian, "	14@16
Shoulders, per lb	12½
Lard, per lb	15
Golden Cottolene, per lb	12½
MEATS—Beef per lb	5@12½
Sides, per lb	7@8
Veal "	10@15
Mutton "	5@12½
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@12½
Chickens, each	65@1.00
Pigeons, per brace	50@1.00
Turkeys, Eastern, per lb	17
Geese "	15@18
Brant, per pair	65@75
FRUITS—Oregon apples, per box	2.25
Chilliwack apples, per box	1.75
Oranges, (Riverside) per doz	25@50
Lemons, (California) per doz	25@30
Cape Cod Cranberries, per gal	$1.00
FISH—Salmon, spring, per lb	10@12
Smoked	15@17

The records show that the prospecting season has commenced. Several claims in the Salmon River district have been located.

One Honest Man.

DEAR EDITOR:—Please inform your readers, that if written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest home cure by which I was permanently restored to health and vigor, after years of suffering from nervous debility. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell, and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy assured. Address with stamp:—L. A. Edwards, Jarvis, Ont.

BIRTH.

SEHL—In this city on the 28th inst., the wife of J. Sehl, of a daughter.

CALDER—At 29 San Juan Avenue, on the 20th April, the wife of George Calder, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

MURRAY-WHITE—At the residence of the bride's parents, 5 Putnam street, by the Rev. S. Cleaver, on the 28th inst., J. F. Murray, to Jessie May, eldest daughter of Wm. White, Esq.

WILSON ERB—On the 22nd inst., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Mr. J. E. Wilson, eldest son of Mr. Wm. Wilson, of "Highlands," to Agusta Amelia, eldest daughter of Mr. L. S. Erb.

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WILLIAM J. SUTTON, President.

Victoria, April 20th, 1896. ap23-4t

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE—Comox property. Under power of sale contained in a certain mortgage, dated the sixteenth day of June, 1892, and registered in the Land Registry Office, of the city of Victoria, B.C., in Charge Book vol. 11, folio 85, No. 1278-B, tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon, the 4th day of May, 1896, for the purchase of Lot 15, being a subdivision of Lot 56, Comox Townsite. This property is centrally located in the town of Comox, V.I., and has two buildings thereon, one being a one and a half story residence of a rental value of about $8.00 per month, the other being a small building used as an office. Terms half cash, balance in one year at 8 per cent. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. J. T. L. Meyer, P.O. Box 224, Victoria, B.C. ap2-5tsw

FIRE slightly damaged the roof of the kitchen of Mayor Beaven's residence about nine o'clock last evening. A stream from the chemical engine put it out.