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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Other Way.

It was Smith that was bound over to keep the peace for twelve months, on the complaint of James Williams, at Esquimalt, on Wednesday, and not the reverse.

Will Return.

Frederick Warde, the great tragedian, who was here with Mrs. Bowers, several weeks ago, will return next season, starring in the new and successful play of "The Lion's Mouth," by Henry Guy Carleton.

They Will Protest.

A number of those largely interested in the salmon fishing of the Fraser river, arrived over last night, and, it is understood, will send a strong protest to Ottawa against the present government fishing regulations.

Port Angeles Bricks.

Barrett & Carpenter have received the agency for Garrity's Port Angeles bricks, two of which, one baked and the other unbaked, as well as a sample of the clay, are now on exhibition in the window of the Victoria office.

Temple Emmanu-El.

By special request the subject of the sermon, this evening, to the Emmanu-El Hebrew congregation, will be "What is Prayer?" Service to begin at 7:30 this evening, and on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Sewer Gas.

The only sure preventative of this deadly gas is the use of perfectly vitrified and non-porous sewer pipes. Where this precaution is neglected, and cheap common pipes are used, gas is certain to be generated, and the results will be fever and sore throats in the family.

Property Transfer.

The Hamilton Powder Works company have disposed of their two-acre plot of land, facing the Gorge road, extending back to the Arm, and adjoining the residence of Mr. L. B. Hamblin, to that gentleman, for about $6,000. The land is very advantageously situated.

Tram Cars for the Races.

Two motor cars, drawing the new observation cars, will make 20-minute trips between the corner of Yates and Government streets and the Driving park to-day and to-morrow, from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Esquimalt cars will connect with the Fort street cars at Yates and Government streets during the same hours.

St. Saviour's Church.

The above new church at Victoria West, which is now rapidly approaching completion, will be consecrated by his lordship, Bishop Hills, on the 19th inst., the service commencing at 11 a.m. On the evening of the 14th an entertainment will be given in aid of the building fund, choruses, songs in costume, and other vocal as well as instrumental music forming the programme.

To be Repeated.

The juvenile operetta, "Callie's Christmas," having proved to be such a success at its first presentation, Mrs. Bridges has decided to repeat it for the benefit of the Jubilee and St. Joseph's hospitals. The price of admission being so small, and the object of the entertainment so charitable, the little singers should be encouraged by another crowded house. Tuesday next, May 12, has been fixed upon for the performance, at Philharmonic hall.

Pure Bred Stock.

On exhibition at the Coverdale stock farm, Victoria district, are several fine thoroughbreds that have just arrived, in first-class condition, from the East. In the lot are the prize winning cow, "Moonlight," bred by J. and W. B. Watt, of Salem, Ont., weight 1,800 pounds; the pure Booth bull, "Royal Knight," 14 months old, from the herd of James Hunter, of Alma, and Leicester sheep from the prize winning flock of John Kelly, jr., of Shakespeare, Ont.

The Big Sale Coming.

On Tuesday next, Mr. Joshua Davies, auctioneer, will offer for sale at his rooms on Wharf street, the property known as the old French hospital buildings and grounds, and also, a number of choice lots on Wharf, Fort, Bastion, Broughton and Langley streets, comprising what is known as the Hudson's Bay Co.'s Fort property. On Thursday, the same gentleman will sell at the same place, a number of the best lots in Viewfield, the H. B. Co.'s new addition at Macauley Point.

The Eton-Puebla Case.

This case was continued yesterday, in the Admiralty Court before Chief Justice Sir Matthew Begbie and Commander Wood, and Lieut. Musgrave, nautical assessors. Mr. Bodwell and Mr. Irving appeared for the plaintiffs, the owners of the Eton; and Hon. Thos. Davie and Mr. Helmcken for the owners of the Puebla. The witnesses examined were—E. Quenell, Harbour Master of Nanaimo; Captain Honeyman, and ship's carpenter Botthen. The evidence was, as on the previous day, rather contradictory, stress being laid on the point that the Eton did not give certain danger signals which are solely provided under the American system of navigation. The case was adjourned at noon until to-day.

He Went In For Comfort.

When the proprietor of the little paint shop at the corner of Pandora and Broad streets, who occupies a living room in the rear, left home, yesterday morning, he found an elderly man, who seemed to be suffering from too much whisky, sitting on the door step. Not thinking that the man was likely to do any harm, he was not disturbed. A couple of hours later the painter returned. He first noted that the lock of the front door had been forced, and then, passing through the shop, discovered that the bedroom door had been forced likewise. Within, was the stranger who had adorned the step earlier in the day. He had apparently broken into the shop and living room, cooked breakfast for himself, and then undressed and gone to bed. He was left peacefully sleeping until the police were summoned, and was then transferred to a comfortable cell. It is thought his mind is unsettled.

The Pilot Case.

In conversation with U. S. Consul Myers, yesterday, allusion was made to the case of the steamer Pilot, and her capture for having taken up and towed a vessel in American waters. The consul remarked upon the statement that her captain had requested the captain of the Valley Forge, to come over into what he regarded as Canadian waters, he not being sure as to the jurisdiction within which the vessel lay. He added, that in connection with the Mogul case, he had pointed out the difficulty in the way of defining the respective territorial waters, and had recommended that an understanding be arrived at by the respective governments of the United States and Great Britain, that all the waters lying between the three-mile limits of the two countries, ought to be regarded as neutral. This would, he held, obviate much misunderstanding and litigation. He hoped that such an international arrangement would be arrived at, particularly with respect to the waters of the Straits of Fuca.

Mortgage Sale Postponed.

The mortgage sale of the Occidental Hotel, and effects, at Vancouver, announced to have been held yesterday, by Mr. S. J. Emanuels, auctioneer, has been postponed until Monday, the 11th, at 11 a.m.

The Effect Will Be Splendid.

In all probability one of the illumination effects, to be produced at the park on the 25th, will be in the form of electric fountains, for which the necessary materials are easily obtained. The beauty of such a combination of water and light cannot be too highly praised.

Victoria Theatre.

Mr. J. Boscowitz has, it is understood, secured the principal interest in The Victoria Theatre by the purchase of the shares of stock owned by Messrs. Dunsmuir, as well as a mortgage held by them. It is said that before very long the building will be materially improved, and the stores on Douglas street made lighter and airier.

Princes of Hospitality.

Mayor Grant, and his companions on the Seattle excursion, say that Seattle people cannot be surpassed by any on the face of the globe as entertainers. They took the Victorians into their arms as soon as they landed, treated them like princes while they were in the city, and insisted that they come soon again when the time came to leave.

The Salvation Army.

Last night, was held the second of the inaugural meetings of the Salvation Army's new building, on Pandora street. The occasion was popularized by being made to take on the appearance of a trades and labor procession, representatives of the different associations being present in their working garb. The affair was an eminent success.

Back from Seattle.

Last evening, the Victoria contingent who went over to Seattle to welcome President Harrison, returned with smiles of satisfaction on their faces. On the City of Kingston, among many others, were Mayor Grant, Ald. Munn and Holland, Wm. Templeman, T. J. Barnes, D. H. Ross, W. J. Goepel, N. P. Snowden, A. D. Whittier and Rod. Tolmie.

Esquimalt and Nanaimo R. R.

The new time table of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, which goes into effect to-morrow, (Saturday), makes no change in the time of the two morning trains which leaves Victoria at 8 o'clock and Wellington at 8.10 respectively. No. 4 train, however, leaves Victoria at 3.30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, instead of at 2.30 as now, No. 3 leaving Wellington at 3.59 p.m. instead of 2.59 p.m., and arriving at their destination an hour later than at present.

At the R. E. Church.

The smallness of the audience at the Reformed Episcopal church, last evening, was not at all flattering to the musical taste of the community. As at the former service of sacred song, the programme included only numbers of rare musical excellence, which were presented with due respect to sentiment and character by such well-known vocalists as Misses Moss and Cridge, Mrs. D. R. Harris, Mrs. J. D. Helmcken and Messrs. Worlock and Offerhaus. Mr. Soloway acted as conductor, and Mrs. Leach as organist.

Gorge Road Methodist Church.

At the general meeting of the Quarterly Board of the Gorge Road Methodist church, the financial report was submitted, showing the church to be in a very flourishing condition, there being at the present a very good balance on hand. Mr. A. J. McLellan was appointed to represent the congregation at the district meeting, next week, he being instructed to suggest that the Gorge road church be relieved of the responsibilities of the Russell station and Esquimalt churches, and the appointment of a resident minister for them.

The Late Mr. William Fisher.

Yesterday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, the funeral of the late Mr. William Fisher took place, from the residence of his son-in-law, Hon. C. E. Pooley, to St. Paul's Church, Esquimalt, where the service of the English Church was conducted by Rev. P. Jenns, of St. John's Church, Victoria. The singing was performed by a full surpliced choir, and was of a very impressive and beautiful character. The chief mourners were Hon. Mr. Pooley and his sons—the grandsons of the deceased. The pall bearers were Messrs. W. F. Bullen, T. S. Dobbin, Gervis Wake, J. H. Innis, F. G. Walker, Col. Holmes, Hon. F. G. Vernon, and Sir Matthew B. Begbie.

A Generous Offer.

Mr. C. T. W. Piper had an encouraging interview, yesterday, with Assistant Commissioner T. R. Smith, of the Hudson's Bay Co., relative to running the tramway through the H. B. Co. property to Cadboro park. In the course of the interview Mr Piper learned that a site was required for the projected University of B. C. He then met Rev. Mr. Macleod and Dr. Powell, chancellor of the university, and made them the generous offer of fifty acres of well situated land at Cadboro Bay. Both gentlemen agreed that the offer was a good one, and promised to do all in their power to secure its acceptance. Mr. Piper evidently means to make Cadboro park popular; he is now laying out the land and cutting and grading roads.

Freedom of the City.

When Victoria's mayor and aldermen and civic officials reached Tacoma, on Wednesday morning, they were met by members of the reception committee, and presented with the "freedom of the city," the compliment being printed on neat cards, worded as follows:

Freedom of the City
On the Occasion of the
Reception of the President of the
United States,
May 6th, 1891,
By the Mayor and City Council,
Tacoma, Washington.

Senator Haythorne.

The death of this well known and highly esteemed member of the Senate, from Prince Edward Island, is announced. In politics he was a Liberal, and was a consistent advocate of what his party professed. He was born in Bristol, England, in December, 1815, going to P. E. Island in 1842. He was a member of Hon. G. Cole's administration in 1867, also of that of Hon. Joseph Hemsley, whom he succeeded as President of the Council and leader of the Government until 1870, when he resigned. He was also Premier from April, 1872, to April, 1873, and with his colleague, Hon. David Laird, visited Ottawa in February, 1873, on the subject of entering the Confederation. On his return he appealed to the country, but was defeated. He sat in the Legislative Council of the province from 1867 to 1874, being called to the Senate of the Dominion on the admission of the Island into the Confederation, 18th October, 1873.

To Start the Ball Rolling.

The Union Pacific railway people have started the ball rolling by presenting the Finance committee with a check for $50 toward the Queen's Birthday celebration. They will also advertise the celebration extensively at all points reached by their lines.

Both Came to Grief.

A family wagonette, and a light road buggy, came into collision on Fort street, near the Jubilee hospital, yesterday, one wheel of the former being torn off, and the shafts of the latter being demolished. The buggy horse shied at something in the ditch, and this caused the accident, which illustrated well the necessity of widening upper Fort street.

Entertained at Seattle.

The British Columbia visitors were made the city's guests at Seattle, on Wednesday, and were entertained in a general way. Rooms at the Occidental were reserved for them, and they were dined at the Chamber of Commerce. In the morning they were taken in carriages for a drive around the city, and then they boarded the steamer Willamette and went out to meet the presidential party at Alki point. In the evening, boxes at Cordray's theatre were reserved for those of the visitors who desired to remain over night in Seattle, and Harry White had 300 guests there.

THE WELLINGTON MISHAP.

Capt. Salmon's Report of the Steamer's Trip Until Picked Up by the Montserrat.

The following is Captain Salmon's report of the last trip of the steamer Wellington, during which she lost her propellor while far at sea.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT S. S. WELLINGTON, VOYAGE 155.

Sailed from Departure Bay, B. C., at 12.40 p.m., on Friday, April 24th; passed Victoria 9 p.m., and rounded Cape Flattery at 3 a.m., on the 25th. All went well until 1.50 p.m., on Sunday, the 26th, when, without any apparent cause or warning, we lost all four blades of screw propellor. The ship was then in lat. 45.08, n.; long. 124 45 w., with Cape Disappointment, Columbia River, bearing north, 72 miles distant. Set all sail on the ship to a moderate s. s w. wind, with rising sea and heavy westerly swell.

Towards daylight, the wind rapidly increased to a heavy gale, with high sea. Determined, if possible, to make for Columbia river, but found that the ship, under sail, was almost unmanageable, lying in the trough of the sea, refusing to steer, and rolling violently, with the sea breaking heavily over the decks, fore and aft. About 10 a.m. blew away main storm staysail and ca ried away fore gaff end. As the ship continued to refuse to answer helm, rigged sea anchor and veered it away from the weather bow, and so directed her drift to course. At noon we were in lat. 45, .02 N., long. 124, .47 W., having made 13 miles N.W. by N. since 1.50 a.m. At 7 p.m. wind and sea having moderated, we lowered away the best lifeboat and sent her in charge of the chief officer to the shore, with report of accident, and to send out steam tug.

During the night kept flare-ups burning from the mast-head, and flag signals flying in the daytime. Noon of the 27th ult., 36 miles from noon of the 26th.

Midnight 27th fell calm with heavy W. N. W. swell, ship drifting to E. S. E. At 3 a. m. 28th, a steamer passed close to us, but did not respond to our signals of distress. At noon of the 28th, in lat. 45, .55 N., long. 125, .38 W., the ship having drifted back to nearly the same position as yesterday. At 3 p.m. the schooner Neptune, of San Francisco, came alongside, and offered any assistance in her power. Gave captain report of accident. Weather continued fine, with fresh S.S.W. wind, with less swell. At noon, 29th, made Cape Disappointment lighthouse, bearing N. E. ¾ N., 19 miles distant. Set distant signals for a tug, and distress. Light, variable breeze, with heavy westerly swell, ship drifting inshore, with flood tide. 7.30 p.m., the s.s. Sussex, bound out from Portland, came up alongside and offered to tow us into an anchor outside the bar, which they reported breaking badly, for salvage claim, which offer was refused. At 8 p.m., the steamer Montserrat came along and was engaged to tow us to San Francisco. While nearing us, to take tow line, the Montserrat collided with us, but did no damage, except to her own boats and rigging. Before the hawser could be got out to the Montserrat, and no sooner had the latter cleared us than the British bark Lady Elizabeth, of Glasgow, from Portland to Queenstown, came bearing down upon us, and although our signals of distress were flying, and when within earshot repeatedly hailed to keep clear, came into collision, striking us on the port bow, with her starboard quarter, breaking one frame and cracking a plate in the forward compartment, above the waterline. As the bark cleared us, asked the captain what damage he had sustained. He replied, "Only to rail," and stood on.

10 p. m., got first hawser aboard the Montserrat, but it carried away, and was lost on the first attempt to tow. 11:30, succeeded in getting three more ropes out, and, at midnight, proceeded toward our destination. May 1st, 3 p.m., steamer San Pedro passed, bound north, and signalled offering assistance, which was declined. Experienced fine weather, with occasional fog, from this to arrival at San Francisco, on May 3rd, at 10 p.m.

(Signed) COLIN SALMON, Master.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Crease.)

TURNER vs. PREVOST.—Plaintiff's application to obtain possession of certain letters refused. Drake, Jackson and Helmcken for plaintiff. Geo. Jay, jr., for defendant.

KERR vs. CORPORATION OF VICTORIA.—Defendant's application to have certain letters, plans, etc., released from the custody of the Court, adjourned till 9th inst. J. P. Walls for plaintiff. D. M. Eerts for defendants.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth? If so send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers there is no mistake about it. It cures Dysentery and Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP," and take no other kind. my11-eod-w

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

SWIMMING.

A London dispatch says the American swimmer Dalton, yesterday, successfully completed his task of swimming 16 consecutive hours in the English channel. He left the water at midnight.

THE RING.

CHALLENGE FOR GLOVE CONTEST.

Hearing that Billy Waters, late middleweight champion of the Pacific squadron, has left LaBlanche's troupe, and is now in town, an Unknown from H.M. Navy would like to box him (4 or 6 oz. gloves) to a finish or a limited number of rounds, at an early date, at any place in Victoria which may be agreed upon.

ABE WILLIS MATCHED.

The California Athletic club directors have decided to match Abe Willis, the Australian bantam, against Dixon for $5,000, the contest to take place in July. Dixon has wired his acceptance, and intimated that he would leave Boston for San Francisco within the next ten days. Dixon will be accompanied by his backer and trainer, Tom O'Rourke, and will probably give exhibitions of boxing along the road. This will be a genuine match for the colored championship in the bantam division, as both the Australian and American stand far and away above everyone in their class.

THE OAR.

The News-Advertiser, of Vancouver, says: The four-oared, outrigged, lapstreak boat, ordered by the James Bay Athletic Association, from Messrs. Watts & Trott, of this city, is now completed, with the exception of fitting on the steering gear and rowlocks, which are now on their way from the East. She will be a splendid boat, and it is the intention of the club to use her in the coming races.

THE FANCIER'S MONTHLY.

The May number of the Fancier's Monthly, formerly the California Cackler, is to hand, and contains the usual variety of interesting information. In its Victoria letter appears the following: "At a meeting of the B. C. Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association, held recently, every one was of the opinion that all we have to do is to keep pushing things along, and next winter we shall hold as good a show as you will find on the coast. The prize list is being revised, and we expect to have it in the printer's hands very shortly. If your Washington correspondent, Mr. Cassel, cannot induce the fanciers of Washington to organize, they shall at least have the opportunity of sending their birds, dogs or pets over here and comparing them with what we have. If the A. P. A. meets on the coast next winter we may have our shows come off shortly after the meeting, so that we may have the opportunity of obtaining a judge from among them to act for us up here. We shall be obliged to obtain a judge from some place, either in the East or on the Coast. The incubators and brooders are getting in their work now. Great interest is being manifested in poultry, and quite a number of high class birds have arrived, and some on the way for different persons. The last number of the Fancier's Monthly was worth a five year subscription price to any one who uses incubators or brooders, or keeps hens."

LITTLE LOCALS.

F. W. Garland contemplates the establishment of a restaurant on Broad street.

The Islander brought a full cargo of freight, ex-Empress of India, last evening.

The recent rains on the mainland have caused a considerable rise on the Fraser River.

The Sound steamers brought over a large number of "sports" last evening. The races are the attraction.

It is high time for the Council to make a move toward putting the Beacon Hill race track into condition.

The Islander brought no Eastern mail last evening; the train was nine hours late and the steamer didn't wait.

Mrs. Dickenson's adult dancing classes will be brought to a close by an interesting gathering in Philharmonic Hall, this evening.

Mr. Thomas Shotboldt, J.P., will, with a special jury, enquire into the circumstances of the Johnson street fire, this afternoon.

The last boom of logs towed by the steamer Hope, from Roche Harbor to this port, contained 460,420 feet, and was valued at $2,302.

The framing of the timbers for the Lulu Island bridge is well under way, and some of the stringers have already been put in position.

A meeting of the Victoria City Council is called for this evening to dispose of the business which was on the orders for Wednesday night.

A large number of leading men and others of Seattle have signified their intention of being present at the Queen's birthday celebration in this city.

McGregor & Jeeves have placed a convenient sidewald around the excavations for the Jewell block. This was on account of a police court summons.

Mrs. W. F. Bullen is rehearsing a number of Victoria West amateurs for the minstrel performance to be given shortly, for the benefit of the church.

The fishing schooner Lady George has arrived at Port Townsend from Cape Flattery, with 6,000 lbs. of halibut, caught about 12 miles off the Cape.

Judge Bole's residence and grounds, corner Sixth and Agnes streets, New Westminster, have been sold to Mr. M. A. Herring, of that city, for $17,000.

E. C. Carpenter, of this city, intends to erect a block of pretty cottages on his property at Nelson, B.C. Five will be built at once, and as many more in a few months.

Mr. Donald Downie, a lecturer who has made Scottish subjects his speciality, will be here on the 20th and 21st with two of his taking illustrated lectures. He will appear in the Victoria Theatre, and according to press reports it may be expected that he will draw large and delighted audiences.

The funeral services of the late Jennie McDonald will be held at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, at St. Ann's Convent chapel, on Humboldt street, which will be open to the public. The orphans of St. Ann's Convent, who have been bereaved of one of their most promising schoolmates, will attend.

A real estate man of Victoria who went to Seattle, encountering President Harrison, endeavored to interest him in this city and to sell him a town lot. His Excellency said he would like to see what he bought before making a purchase, and in all probability either he or his son would come to British Columbia during the summer.

Direct and Indirectly.

KIDNEY complaint, dropsy, and similar troubles depend directly on wrong action of the kidneys and indirectly on all blood. Burdock Blood Bitters regulates the action of the kidneys and cleanses the blood from all impurities, in this way curing kidney complaint, dropsy, etc.

Str. Rainbow left for Port Angeles yesterday morning, before proceeding on her regular route around the logging camps.

FRUIT GROWERS IN SESSION

Annual Meeting of the Association at Ladner's Landing—The First Day's Proceedings.

This Year's Exhibition of Fruit and Flowers to be Held in Victoria.

LADNER'S LANDING, May 6.—The quarterly meeting of the directors of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' association was held in the Town hall, yesterday, the vice-president, Mr. John Kirkland, in the chair, and Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan, secretary of the association, officiating in that capacity.

The following gentlemen were also present: Messrs. John Lister, Thos. Cunningham, T. R. Pearson, Peter Latham and D. J. Munn, of Westminster; D. McGillivray, Sumas; N. Butchart, Port Moody; R. T. Robinson, Vancouver; D. L. Lockerby, Montreal; J. T Wilkinson, Chilliwhack; W. Knight, Popcum; Mr. Bush, Harrison river; Thos. McNeely, W. H. Ladner and E. Hutcherson, of Ladner's.

The Vice-President regretted that President Harris was unable to be present, owing to illness in his family. He felt a deep interest in the society, and had great pleasure in welcoming the members to Ladner's.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and the minutes adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Secretary, Mr Macgowan, said that in answer to inquiries as to the growth of catalpa and ash, distributed last spring, there was only one, from Plumper's Pass, but that was very satisfactory. He also read a communication from England, making inquiries as to fruit growing, by an intending settler.

From Mr. Ker, Victoria, in regard to holding a meeting at Nanaimo or Victoria.

From the Provincial Government, acknowledging the receipt of the association's letter, asking for a larger grant.

Mr. Macgowan remarked that the grant had been increased to $1,000 this year.

The secretary remarked that, at the close of the annual meeting, he called for a tender for printing the annual report, but the report was not yet ready. He hoped it would soon be out. He had ordered 2,000 copies.

Moved by Thos. Cunningham, seconded by E. Hutcherson, and resolved, that the thanks of this meeting be returned to the Provincial Government, for the liberal grant of $1,000, for the purpose of this society, and that the secretary be instructed to forward this resolution to Hon. John Robson.

Mr. Hutcherson presented the following address to the association from the Delta Agricultural Society:

GENTLEMEN:—This occasion of your visit to Ladner's and holding one of your interesting meetings affords an opportunity that is most gladly seized by the members of the Delta Agricultural Society to convey to you a most cordial and fraternal welcome to our Delta lands.

The benefits derived from the work of your association are apparent even to those who are not fruit growers, and the country in general profits very much by your work.

Your object, I believe, is to disseminate such information as will assist persons in every part of this province to select the best varieties of fruit adapted to their several localities, and thus prevent many failures and save valuable time. You thus encourage and increase the growing of fruit and add to the commerce of the country. This district, and all the districts from which you have come are capable of almost indefinite extension in fruit growing, and the greater the extension, within reasonable limits, the greater will be the benefits to this country. In addition to the commercial benefits that arise, is the great benefit which results to the health of the people from the use of fruits as a diet.

I again bid you welcome to the Delta, and am confident that your treatment here will be such that you will go away feeling that Ladner's is, at least, not the most forsaken place in the world.

E. HUTCHERSON,
President.

Mr. Thos. Cunningham moved, seconded by T. R. Pearson, that this meeting cordially reciprocate the kind expressions of welcome from the Delta Agricultural society, and express the hope that our meeting will be mutually beneficial. Carried

Mr. E. Hutcherson moved, seconded by Mr. Thos. Cunningham, that the annual show be held in Victoria.

Mr. Cunningham said the society should extend its operations all over the province. He had made enquiries in Victoria as to the amount of fruit grown there, and was surprised to find such extensive orchards. He had had repeated enquiries as to how to become members of the association, and he would suggest that the secretary could possibly double the membership by properly canvassing the Island.

Mr. John Lister said that Vancouver was more of a supporter of the association than Westminster.

Mr. Cunningham said the list at present showed very well for Westminster, and he could not sit still and hear strictures on that city.

Mr. E. Hutcherson said wherever the show was held the membership increased on account of it. He thought at present Westminster was ahead of Vancouver in membership.

Mr. W. H. Ladner said the representatives of the society came from all parts of the mainland, but none from the Island. He hoped to see it grow into an important industry, but it was not right for the Island to ask the society to hold its meetings there when it did not send a single representative here.

Mr. Peter Latham thought that Vancouver should have the exhibition. They had a double grant this year, and something should be done in connection with representing the Fruit association well in the agricultural exhibition in Westminster.

Mr. Hutcherson said that Mr. McTavish, of Victoria, had done more than any single man at the exhibition, last year.

Mr. Thos. Cunninghani said every member from the Island had supported the Government grant. Every inducement should be offered Victoria to stop the importation of fruit from the Sound.

Mr. Kirkland said the grant was from the whole Province. It would be no reflection on Vancouver if it went to Victoria this year. They should cultivate a friendly spirit with all parts of the Province.

Mr. Hutcherson said his reason for the exhibition going to Victoria, was to increase the scope of the society.

Mr. R. T. Robinson, of Vancouver, said that the Island should have its turn, and he thought the exhibition this year should be held on the Island.

Mr. Macgowan said, that previous to the last exhibition, Westminster had only five or six members, but many had subscribed handsomely then to the exhibition, and had been placed on the list as members. He believed the benefits of the association should be widespread, and it would make a better feeling between the Island and the Mainland, to hold the exhibition in Victoria.

The motion was then carried, and the meeting adjourned.

THE EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session, the chairman introduced to the meeting Mr. D. L. Lockerby, from Montreal, who said that he did not anticipate meeting the Delta citizens. On his first visit to this country he had seen fruit put up by Mr. Munn, and it compared favorably with California and the Southern states, especially the cherries and the three kinds of plums, egg and peach plum and green gages. The pears were not quite so good, but that was owing chiefly to not being properly put up, through inexperience. Fruit cannot be surpassed in any other country for size, lusciousness and appearance. For canning purposes, care must be taken in packing the fruit, and it should be clipped from the trees. Another year, it would be a great benefit not to pick them too ripe, and those only used that were clipped off. The quantity consumed between here and the Atlantic is not imagined. Montreal exports between 2,500 and 3,000 kegs of 150 pounds, and besides a large number of hogsheads. The prunes imported from the United State are in three classes. There was nothing, the speaker said, he knew of that would bring quicker returns with as little labor as prune growing in the Province. He advised studying the growth of cherries and the various grades of plums, not allowing them to be moss colored and keep them well pruned, otherwise no good results would follow. He said he especially noticed that the Chilliwhack farmers were indifferent in pruning. Cultivated fruit trees will always yield according to culture. For shipping he advised the fruit to be in a ripe state and packed in cases strong enough to withstand their being broken and pilfered during transit. In the drying of prunes he understood that the process was very simple. One ton can be dried in one hour with proper machinery. Prunes would be the least expense, but cherries evaporated pears and peaches would pay better. For sugar beet farming the bottom land in British Columbia is the richest, requiring no patent manures. The soil is a little too rich for beet root, the lands of hill sides being better adapted. The roots exhibited at New Westminster last year were not equalled in any part of the States, and they require not so much labor as in the East. Give the canners a show and not have the fruit too ripe, bruised or crushed. The speaker said he would be willing to take 500 cases of prunes for the East and increase it annually.

The Vice-President in reply thanked the last speaker for his very practical remarks and the information given was fully appreciated.

MOTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed at the evening session:

Moved by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Pearson, and resolved: "That the following be appointed a special committee for the local management of exhibition matter, viz.: Mayor Grant, Victoria; C. E. Renouf, Victoria; J. Kirkland, Ladner's; G. A. McTavish, Victoria; William Dalby, Victoria; D. R. Ker, Noah Shakespeare and H. Croft."

Moved by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. E. Hutcherson, and resolved: "That Messrs. Cunningham, Hutcherson, H. Latham and the secretary be appointed to fix the date of holding the exhibition in Victoria."

Moved by Mr. Hutcherson, seconded by Mr. Pearson, and resolved: "That Messrs. Cunningham, Robinson, Henry and Hutcherson be appointed a committee to revise the prize list."

Moved by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and resolved: "That at the request of the Directors of the Royal Exhibition and Industrial Association, this Association take charge of the fruit, flower and vegetable department of the show at New Westminster."

FROST AND SNOW IN THE EAST.

Peach Crop Greatly Damaged—Cold Weather Over a Wide Area.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 6.—There was considerable frost last night in this section. Tobacco plants and cotton were injured.

LOUISVILLE, May 6.—Frost last night did considerable damage to central Kentucky. Commissioner of Agriculture Wilson says in a bulletin that peaches and grapes are damaged, and there is some damage to wheat and corn.

WILMINGTON, Del., May 6.—There was a heavy fall of snow in this city and, throughout the northern part of the state this morning, but it at once melted. Fruit, it is feared, has been damaged.

PITTSBURG, May 6.—Reports from outlying country districts show that little, if any, damage was done by last night's frost. At Johnstown the ground was covered with a little snow, to-day, and the thermometer has been freezing, with some damage to fruit. Snow fell along the Blue Mountain peach belt, but not much damage was done. Up the Allegheny river heavy frosts are reported, and fruit is certainly injured.

COLUMBUS, O., May 6.—A dispatch from Lima says early fruits have been greatly damaged, if not killed, by frost. In the vicinity of Washington court house great damage was done, and one or two more frosts like last night will settle the fruit crop in that vicinity of the state. As far as can be learned no damage was done in the vicinity of Lake Erie.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Reports from portions of Delaware, Connecticut and this state indicate a heavy frost and freezing weather, last night. It is feared that fruits and vegetables are damaged.

CAPE TOWN IN REVOLT.

The Boers Running Wild Over English Territory—Bold Acts of Hostility.

LONDON, May 6.—Advices from Cape Town state that the greatest excitement reigns there in regard to the Boer expedition, and the situation is far more critical than has been supposed in England. As President Kruger of the Transvaal has avowed his inability to prevent the Boers from going into the territories of the South Africa Company, so Cape people look to the British government to fulfill its warning that any such expedition will be regarded as an act of hostility.

The Boers, it is said, claim that they mean to settle within the Portuguese limits, but this is believed out of the question, as the British country is much more desirable territory. The Cape Town settlers are deeply irritated against England for tolerating the aggressions of the Portuguese and Boers, and many at Cape Town go so far as to urge independent action on the part of the colony.

A FAMOUS DUELIST.

Tales of Alex. K. McClung, Once the Terror of the Mississippi.

Thirty-five years ago the name of Alexander K. McClung was known and feared all over the State of Mississippi, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. He had come out of the Mexican war with a dangerous wound, received at the storming of Monterey, while at the head of his regiment; he had killed several men in street encounters and under the cruel code duello, and he was known as a man of dauntless courage and imperious temper. Few men of his day entered life with fairer prospects of achieving an honorable and enduring fame. In some respects he was a natural "Admirable Crichton" among men. He was possessed of a magnificent physique, and was a born soldier poet, orator; but he died before his splendid gifts had hardly begun to germinate.

The curious lover of reminiscences has only to broach the subject of "McClung" to old residents to hear thrilling incidents of the desperado-duelist's doings. Occasionally they were of a humorous character. Upon one occasion Colonel McClung became enraged at an acquaintance in a public place, but instead of sending the usual formal challenge, he kicked the offending party out of the front door. A short time after this, at another public place, McClung saw the same person kick another man out the door. Very much amused and now in a good humor, the duelist pleasantly called attention to the coincidence between this and their own reconter.

"That's all right, Colonel McClung," retorted the kicked kicker, "you and I know who to kick."

Tradition says he never quailed before danger or seemed to be satisfied with the courage of his antagonist except upon one occasion. Having passed a challenge, the offender chose bowie knives in a dark room. Each was to take his stand in an opposite corner, when, upon a given signal, the seconds were to extinguish the lights, lock the door and retire; then the two were to meet and cut till one or both were killed or satisfied. Knowing McClung to be expert with pistol, sword and knife, the challenged party remained perfectly still in his corner, while the desperado went plunging around in the dark like a madman, hacking and slashing as if in close encounter. Finally, after several minutes of this terrific test of the nervous system, unable to find his antagonist, yet feeling conscious that he himself was in mortal danger, it is said his courage for the time failed him, and the hero of a dozen desperate fights stopped short and cried out: "Where are you?" and demanded that the door be opened. He was satisfied. When the lights were restored Colonel McClung was white as a sheet.

Upon another occasion he made an insulting remark to a little fellow whom he could almost have carried around upon his shoulder, for physical strength was another of his natural gifts. To his surprise and amazement the man proved game. Walking up to his towering antagonist and shaking his fist he exclaimed:

"Colonel McClung! I'll let you know, sir, I'm no sardine if you are a whale!"

McClung laughingly shook hands with him on the spot and apologized.

An anecdote is related of Colonel McClung, which may or may not be Gospel truth, but it is at least plausible as being in line with his well-known character. The story goes that he was in the habit of visiting a lady at Mobile whom he admired. One evening when calling he noticed that she seemed nervous and agitated. He understood why when a heavy step sounded along the corridor and a brisk knock came on the door, which had been hurriedly closed by the lady. The knock was followed by a gruff voice demanding admission. The fair one explained to the Colonel that they were both in imminent peril, as the gentleman on the outside was a river captain who came to town periodically and insisted much against her will on visiting her.

"Let him in!" said McClung.

"Oh, but he'll kill us!" said the poor lady.

"Never you mind about that; you let him in," said the gallant Mississippian.

The outsider was getting furious by this time, and when the door was opened he fairly glared at the man he looked upon as an intruder.

"See here, young man," he yelled, "climb out of here, and don't waste any time."

Colonel McClung was reclining on a sofa, his head resting easily on his hand. Without changing his position he simply asked the river man:

"Do you know who I am, sir?"

"No, and —— the difference; you clear out."

Still, without making a movement, McClung drawled:

"Well, I am from Mississippi, and my name is Alexander McClung. I'll give you ten seconds to vacate the room."

"I have time to spare, Colonel," said the Captain, as he made a bee line for the door.

Colonel McClung was found dead in his hotel at Jackson, weltering in his blood, with one of his dueling pistols lying by his side. No doubt existed but that he had taken his own life. The causes generally given are two—remorse because of the men he had slain, and disappointment in not receiving a foreign office at the hands of the Whig administration he had worked to place in power so far as Mississippi was concerned.

Vine Culture in America.

Some recent statistics show that very rapid increase is being made in vine culture in this country. There are now under vine culture in America 400,000 acres, of which about 300,000 are bearing. The estimated value of the vineyards and wine cellars is $155,000,000. In California there are 150,000 acres under vine culture, and a large proportion of the grapes produced are made into wine. Most of the grapes grown in New York State are sold for food. The total production of wine in the United States during the last year is about 40,000,000 gallons.