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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's daily.

—The Journals of the Legislative Assembly, for last session, have been issued, and are being circulated by the Queen's Printer. The World is indebted to Mr. Wolfenden for an early copy.

—The World has to thank Japanese Consul Nosse for a copy of Resume Statistique de L'Empire du Japon, which, now in its ninth year, contains a fund of useful information concerning the new great power.

—C.E.L. Agassiz, youngest son of Rev. Rudolph Agassiz, M. A., rector of Radnage, Oxfordshire, Eng., was married at Victoria on Tuesday evening to Eva, the youngest daughter of George Stewart of South Saanich.

—Allan Cameron, general agent of the C.P.R., with headquarters at New York yesterday to Miss Ethel Woods, of Staten Island. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron started west immediately after their wedding congratulations.

—The Triangle lacrosse club of Victoria has asked the Capitals of the same city for the loan of some men for the match here on Saturday. The request has been granted subject to the approval of the Intermediate Association.

—The annual reunion of the Foresters of British Columbia will take place at Victoria on June 15th. There will be a monster procession, in which every lodge in the Province will be represented, as well as those of Washington. There will also be sports and other amusements.

G. A. Roedde, practical bookbinder, paper ruler and blank book manufacturer, Horne block, Cambie street, Vancouver. Orders from the country will be promptly attended to. Correspondence solicited.

From Friday's daily.

—The jury yesterday decided that Mrs. Muller was a partner in the Buse Mill business at Hastings.

—The Dominion Express Co. have commenced the sale of money orders over their entire system at low rates.

—Public spirited citizens have guaranteed $500 of the $700 owing in Victoria for the supper at the Governor-General's reception.

—Miss Nellie Harrington, murdered in San Francisco, is claimed, by ex-Senator Buck, was a native of Prince Edward Island, and went to Chicago with her family when quite a child.

—Kootenai Hydraulic Mining Co., (foreign), with an office at Rochester, N. Y., has been registered in this Province for the purpose of mining near the Pend d'Oreille river and other places. The capital is stated in dollars.

—The Nanaimo-Rossland Mining Co., limited liability, has been incorporated, the trustees being C. N. Westwood, Jas. McGregor, Alfred R. Robins, W. K. Leighton and Thomas Kitchin, all of Nanaimo. The capital stock is $500,000 and the headquarters of the company at Nanaimo.

—Before Chief Justice Davie and Mr. Justice Walkem at Victoria on Thursday afternoon the appeal of Bonehill vs. Rolls was argued. This was an appeal from a judgment of Judge Bole in the County court, Vancouver, declaring void as against creditors a certain bill of sale from James T. Rolls to William Rolls. Judgment was reserved.

—Notice was given in the B. C. Gazette that A. R. Brown, F. W. Galpin and John Irving, all of Victoria, have incorporated under the name of the B. C. Market Co., limited liability, for the purpose of acquiring the business of butchers carried on in Victoria and Vancouver by the B. C. Cattle Co., limited, and the Western Canadian Ranching Co., and to generally carry on a butcher business. The capital stock is $50,000.

—It is stated intending have all the warships now at Esquimalt, here for Dominion Day. The Royal Arthur will likely come over for a couple of weeks previous to that time, the others will arrive just previous to that day. The Nymphe will leave shortly after for Bering sea and on her return from there will go back to England, her place on this station to be taken by the Racer. The Royal Arthur is to be relieved by the Imperiense next May.

—Notice is given in the official Gazette that a court of revision for Provincial voters' lists will be held at the court house, Westminster, on Monday, August 5th, for New Westminster city and the Delta, Dewdney and Richmond ridings of Westminster district; at Rogers, Fulford Harbor, North Victoria district, on August 5th; at the court house, Vancouver, on August 6th, for Vancouver City electoral district; at the court house, Victoria, on August 6th, for Victoria City and Esquimalt districts; at the court house, Donald, on August 5th, for East Kootenay district; and at the court house, Nanaimo, on August 5th, for Nanaimo City, North Nanaimo and South Nanaimo electoral districts.

From Saturday's daily.

—It is announced that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will have a large survey party at work on the Crow's Nest Pass route within a few days.

—Much sympathy is being expressed for Fred. Ford of Salt Spring Island because of the death of his wife. She was 28 years of age and they had been married only 18 months.

—A Japanese physician, duly qualified, now practicing in Portland, is thinking of removing to Vancouver. He has been enquiring of Dr. McGulgan what it will be necessary for him to do in order to be admitted to practice here.

—W. T. Cox, the veteran railway mail clerk, has been given what his fellow mail man, R. F. Drummond, describes as the "feather-bed run," between Vancouver and Westminster, leaving the Terminal City at 9 in the morning, returning at 6 o'clock on the evening of the same day.

—A Westminsterite visiting the city would probably rub his eyes and wonder if he had been suddenly transported back home when he saw cars of the Westminster city service running on the streets. The C. R. & L. Co. now owns the systems in both places as well as the interurban line.

—Says the Nanaimo Free Press: W. J. Rogers, of Vancouver, formerly of McDowell & Co.'s in that city, has taken charge of the drug store in the Johnson building, known as the Medical Hall, a branch of the newly organized company of McDowell, Atkins, Watson & Co., (Ltd.) of Vancouver.

—At Victoria on Friday the sealing schooner Shelby was released on bail on the order of Chief Justice Davie, bonds to the amount of $2,000 to be given to the satisfaction of the registrar, and the proceeds of the sail of the sealskins to be deposited in the Bank of British Columbia to the order of C. E. Pooley and H. Dallas Helmcken.

—The Calgary Herald says: Recently the doctors of Vancouver met in convention and established a scale of prices, about double what is charged in the east. Disagreement and misunderstandings soon arose and no less than three doctors adopted the unprofessional plan of advertising cheap rates in the local papers, with the result that the three doctors mentioned have more patients than they can attend, while the others are dosing away at the old rates."

—Fred Schwarz, late proprietor of the Colonial hotel, New Westminster, but now proprietor of the Metropolitan hotel, Yokohama, writes to a friend in the Royal City, indignantly denying the charges contained in a letter received last March by the chief of police from a woman in San Francisco, who claimed to be Schwarz's only legal wife and who charged him with swindling and deserting her, and other very grave offences. Mr. Schwarz gives a point blank denial to the whole list, and credits the letter to some malicious or spiteful person, or to some person wanting to blackmail him. He says he has been living openly for years, and has never attempted to conceal his whereabouts, having nothing to fear.

—In the Provincial police court at Victoria on Friday J. C. Prevost was charged with an infraction of section 53 of the Dominion steamboat inspection act. The charge was that on March 2nd., when the tug Velos was wrecked, the barge Pilot, owned by Mr. Prevost, which was towed by the Velos, carried passengers without a license to do so. Mr. Prevost who appeared on his own behalf, stated that he was the owner of the Pilot and admitted that she had no license. He, however, pleaded not guilty to the charge, as the persons about the Pilot at the time were not passengers, they being there without his knowledge or consent. An adjournment of the case was taken till the 13th inst.

From Monday's Daily.

—Frank Burnett, of Johnson and Burnett, has been appointed a notary Public for the Province.

—The pay roll of the N. V. C. Co., on Saturday amounted to close upon $60,000.

—W. F. Wilson won the Pacific Building Society's drawing for $2,000 on Saturday evening. His share number was 45.

The post-office at Amity, Or., has been rifled by burglars, who secured $48 in cash and a large number of postage stamps.

—F. Buscombe won the yacht Siren, and Wm. Brown, F. Logan, A. McQueen, W. A. McIntosh, and W. A. Lewthwaite the dolphin at the Delmonico on Saturday evening.

—Bradbury & Hurst have been awarded the contract for the erection of the new court house at Nanaimo. The work is expected to be completed in four months.

—Nine women and 18 children arrived from Portsmouth on Sunday and went over to Victoria where the women will join their husbands who are members of the Royal Marine Artillery.

—An Ottawa despatch states that the Fitzsimmon's case was up before the Cabinet on Saturday. It is understood that he will be either superannuated or removed to another penitentiary.

—Ernest Fortin, son of Wilfrid Fortin, of this city was killed at Nicomen yesterday by falling off a horse. He was visiting his sister, Mrs. Alphonse Profountain. He will be buried to-morrow at Nicomen.

—The assessment role of Victoria for the current year shows the following figures: Taxable land, $13,176,250; improvements, $7,310,620; exempted property, $2,701,600; total, $23,188,500.90. A general reduction of about $35,000 is expected from the total.

—Miss May Cook (Mrs. Sharp,) of Victoria, has been invited to play before the National Music Teachers' Association of the United States, which meets at St. Louis next month. "This is a great honor," comments the Oregonian, "as only recognized artists of the highest standing are assigned places in the programme."

—The license commissioners held a special meeting this morning and decided to allow M. G. McLeod to continue his duties as inspector. They held out so far as his position of license inspector went the council had nothing to say. He had been appointed by the board and it was for the board to suspend him or not as it saw fit.

—Constable Gilchrist, of Victoria, had an exciting encounter with an Indian on Saturday morning. He was about to arrest the Siwash for having liquor in his possession when the native drew a revolver and attempted to shoot him. Gilchrist seized the weapon and the Indian pulled the trigger, the hammer, however, falling on the officer's thumb, and thus saving his life, as the muzzle was close to his head.

—J. T. Wilkinson is on his way to Kootenay. The World's Man on the Wing will give a faithful and graphic account of what is going on there. The district is undoubtedly becoming the richest silver producing section of the American continent. Gold is also being mined in paying quantities. Kootenay is of immensely valuable importance to British Columbians and the Man on The Wing purposes to tell our thousands of readers all about it.

—The moonlight excursion on Saturday evening by the steamer Comox, under the management of the wardens of St. Michael's church, Mount Pleasant, was well patronized. A run up the Inlet was made until Port Moody was in sight, and upon returning the North Arm was navigated for a short distance. The trip was enjoyable, but the excursionists were kept upon the water too long, it being nearly midnight before the wharf was reached, although a landing might have been made fully an hour before. It is to be hoped that this will not occur upon the next excursion.

—A despatch from Nanaimo says that a keg of powder habitually kept under his bed and a pipe dropped from the mouth of a sleeping man is the theory, and the fact is that Jessie Smith, an old time miner, has journeyed over the Divide to the great beyond. The affair took place at Wellington on Saturday morning. Smith and the Abbotsford hotel at about midnight sober, and about 2 o'clock A. McMurtrie was awakened by the glare of fire at Smith's cabin. He had just reached it when a terrific explosion took place. Later Smith's charred body was taken from the cabin. Death did not take place at once as his cries could be heard in the flaming building, but before aid could reach him the fire had finished the work of the powder.

From Tuesday's daily.

—Complaint is made of the shutting off of the water from the drinking fountain at the corner of Carrall and Hastings streets.

—E. Cooksley, of New Westminster, is going to the law courts to see if he cannot force the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias to admit him as a Past Chancellor.

—The Grange, Mr. Campbell McPherson's residence, at McPherson's station, E. & N. railway, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon, together with the contents.

—In the matter of the Fraser River Mining and Dredging Co., Judge Bole will on Thursday hear an application for the dissolution of the injunction that was secured by some of the shareholders some time ago.

—A congress of "scientists" now going on in Chicago has announced a peculiar discovery. It declares that cyclones are not due to atmospheric disturbances, but that they arise solely from lack of harmony in communities where the people have not yet learned to live in peace and concord. By the way, we have been having somewhat unsettled weather hereabouts lately, but not one supposes that the condition of affairs in the Vancouver city council is responsible for it.

—In reply to an enquirer from Sumas it may be stated that taxes can pay the taxes at any time. The formal notices will be sent out sometime this month. The 20 per cent. rebate remains in force until the first of August.

—The U. S. sealing schooner Bering Sea bribed the Indian crew of the Canadian schooner Triumph to repudiate their articles and reship on the first named vessel. Collector Milne has sent word to the Quadra to enquire into the matter.

—H. Keefer has been making a careful examination of the stone on Gabriola Island, samples of which he has forwarded to Victoria for the inspection of the architect of the Government buildings. Should this rock meet with approval, Mr. Keefer will no doubt at once proceed to open a quarry on an extensive scale.

—On Monday at Victoria a young man named H. Callow had a narrow escape from death on the Esquimalt road. He was riding on a street car and stood on the front on the lowest step. On approaching a curve, Callow, who had his hands in his pockets, not apprehending danger, was thrown off, and as the car swung around the curve it caught him by the foot, tearing the shoe almost completely off and inflicting several wounds on the lower portion of the leg. He fell with considerable violence and sustained a gash in the head, being picked up insensible. Later he came round, but is pretty badly used up.

—The Hamilton Methodist Conference has evidently gone farther than ever our sabbatarians. The Spectator recently said: Our good friends of the Hamilton Methodist conference might be warranted to come out strongly against the riding of bicycles, the running of street cars, the manufacture of butter and cheese, and the paying of social visits on Sundays, but when the conference formally condemns the delivery of milk on Sunday mornings it goes too far. Fancy a crowd of big, robust, meat-fed men solemnly and calmly affirming, in effect, that sickly babies in crowded cities should not be allowed to have fresh milk on Sunday! There can be no doubt that if such a restrictive law were passed it would result in an increase of mortality among infants—a slaughter of the innocents in the name of the Lord!

From Wednesday's daily.

—Sergeant Labranche of the B.C.B.G. A., will start swimming classes at English Bay shortly.

—Capt. Cook has left Nicola for his mining claims. Capt. Hughes will follow in a few days.

—One of the largest bears seen for years in the Selkirks was shot by S. Yule at Bear creek last week. It was a silver tip and weighed over 1,000 lbs. The skin is valued at $50.

—Edward Kane, brother of Pat Kane, is trying to raise funds to pay the costs of getting a new trial for his brother. There is a general feeling that a new trial would be in order.

—V. H. Sutton, of Chicago will leave Seattle on June 15th, on a trip round the world, which he has to accomplish in 90 months. He is to start without a cent and get $5,000 before his return. The Chicago Despatch, it is stated, will give him $25,000 if he accomplishes this feat.

—A case of peculiar interest to mining people was heard before F. W. Jordan, J. P., at Nakusp last week. Capt. Moore, John Vallance and Ole Peterson were charged by Mr. M. W. Rathbun with stealing a log, valued at $1 from the Premier mineral claim. It appears they were cutting the right of way across the claim for the tramway now building from the concentrator, and were seen to take a log off this ground. Charles Rashdall, the new magistrate in New Denver, ordered the issue a summons for the case, hence the trial at Nakusp. Moore, Vallance and Peterson were each fined $8 and costs. They have appealed the case to the County court.

—Rt. Rev. Bishop Lemmens had his right leg badly broken in two places yesterday by a runaway accident. In company with Rev. Father Vullinghs he was driving in to Victoria from Saanich and when passing a farm house a dog rushed out startling the horse and causing it to take fright. His Lordship attempted to jump out of the vehicle, but his feet becoming entangled in the reins he fell in front of the wheels, which passed over them. Rev. Father Vullinghs remained in the carriage, and eventually succeeded in getting the horse under control. He then drove back for His Lordship. Dr. Jones found the injuries to consist of two fractures of the right leg just above the ankle. He will probably not be able to walk for two months.

THE SEALING FLEET.

Sealing operations on the Japanese coast are now practically over for the season, and the returns have not been very large. Nearly all the Victoria fleet will go to Bering sea before returning home, following the seal as usual along the Copper Island coast. When the Empress of Japan left the Orient all had not yet made their appearance in port. One schooner in particular, the E. B. Marvin, had not arrived. Advices received by the Empress of Japan on her Twenty-first Voyage.

The sonorous tone of the Empress of Japan's whistle struck pleasantly on many tympanums at about 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening. There are many good fellows on the Japan and she is always welcome in this port. The Empress had a pleasant and comparatively uneventful trip. She left Yokohama on June 1st at 5 a.m. and had a good passage. Her runs were as follows: 1st day, 314; succeeding full days 375, 365, 368, 385, 370, 375, 372, 372, 378 and 377. Her saloon passenger list was as follows:

Dyke Acland, Hon. and Mrs. Dyke Acland and maid, E. F. Alford, wife and two children and Amah, Mr. Allen, Mrs. W. Ashmore, Miss Edith Ashmore, Master Ashmore, Dr. and Mrs. Baker, F. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. Bertheimer, G. S. Blake, A. D. Boden, Mr. Bondit, Capt. Bourchier, Mr. and Mrs. Cairns, Miss Louise Cummings, F. S. Curtis, Mr. Davis, R. N. Denman, C. Dubois, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Fenn and infant, Capt. R. N. Fleet, Mr. Ford, Master Fraser, Admiral Sir E. R. Fremantle, Miss Greary, Robt. S. Greene, D. N. and Mrs. Henderson and child, E. E. and Mrs. Kinsley, A. Knight, A. G. Laflin, L. Laflin, Lt. R. N. Leatham, Mr. Levy, Geo. H. and Mrs. Mairs, Capt. R. N. McQuhae, A. Maschwitz, B. and Mrs. Matsuki, K. Minami, Mr. Morley, Miss Moore, L. and Mrs. Muir, Samuel M. and Mrs. Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Mrs. B. Hyde Pearson and child, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps, Miss Phelps, R. R. Phillipps, S. Pohl, Mrs. N. Pratt, Master Pratt, Col. Ramsden, A. S. Rowbotham, H. M. Schultz, A. Smead, Hon. Wyndham Smith, Murray Stewart, Miss Stewart, R. de St. Mathurin, H. N. and Mrs. Swayne, J. Henville Thresher, J. Troup, Surgeon Major Whitwell, N. Wignall, I. T. and Mrs. Williams, G. Wortmann, Mr. Wrigley.

The usual voyage report of the Empress is as follows: The Empress of Japan arrived at 7 p.m. on June 11th from the Orient. She has a large freight list and her complement of saloon passengers is a good one. The weather experienced from Yokohama, can almost be described as summer sailing. Although leaving Yokohama 18 hours behind the usual sailing date, she kept up her reputation of arriving at Vancouver on time, and that too, without any extra exertion of the engine room department. Her runs have been of a good average, and as long as this speed can be easily maintained by the Empresses there is no fear of the mails ever being late. Among the passengers brought over by the Empress are Vice-Admiral Hon. Sir E. R. Freemantle and his staff, who are returning home to England on the expiration of their commission. The admiral has been well before the English public lately owing to his having been in command of the British fleet in the East during the late war between China and Japan. His departure from the Centurion in Nagasaki harbor was an incident not witnessed every day. The senior officers of the fleet manned the Centurion's gallery and rowed the Admiral and his flag officer to the Empress. On the Empress leaving the harbor all the men-of-war—five British, three American, three French and one Italian, were manned and the cheering that followed fully demonstrated the popularity that the Admiral enjoyed in the Orient. It would be totally unlike all notions out of the head of the author of Is England Doomed? if he had witnessed the feeling exhibited by the Britishers on this occasion in Nagasaki. Our correspondent is rather inclined to think that England is only now being born to a greatness that it would furnish the greatest living mind with a puzzle as to whether her future greatness can be imagined. With Admiral Freemantle are Captain McQuhae, Commander Fleet, Lieut. Leatham, H. W. Paul and J. Denman, who now comprises his staff during his command in the Orient.

It is also noted that the Admiral's staff were similarly honored by the other officers of the fleet. May the navy always maintain a similar harmony. Mr. and Mrs. Ashmore are missionaries from Swatow. Up to the time of their leaving the natives had been undemonstrative though very friendly to them. Dr. and Mrs. Baker are prominent social lights in Washington, D. C.,—Bartlett is a Boston millionaire doing the around-Armstrong-and-Maxim-dispensing guns and Chinese. Strange, queer and most entertaining are Pythagorean Rancies, by H. Arthur Amongst Illustrated Books, Mr. Blake is a gentleman, beautifully illustrated, by C. R. W. Biggar, Q. C.; Castle Frank, Toronto, by Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D., and Portland, Maine and Environs, by Robert E. Noble. Mr. Stearns, His Herbal, by Dr. Susanna P. Boyle, recalls the queer and curious ideas in medicine prevailing over a century ago. There are also several other articles and stories of considerable merit. The Canadian Magazine, published by the Toronto Publishing Co., Ltd., Toronto; annual subscriptions, $2.50. Single copies, 25 cents.

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FROM THE ORIENT.

TWO GIRLS DROWNED.

Sumas Prairie the Scene of a Terrible Fatality.

Chilliwack, June 10.—(Special.)—The saddest drowning accident that has ever occurred in our valley took place yesterday at Sumas. Two daughters of Malcolm McLeod, named Lottie and Lydia, aged 14 and 12 years, met a watery grave about 11 o'clock in the forenoon. In company with their mother, an elder sister, and a friend, they had left their home on Sumas prairie, near Matthew Hall's farm, to attend church, and had reached the slough in front of D. McGillivray's farm, and opposite the Methodist church. They could not get over without a boat, as the water was over the road, so they beckoned to some boys who were in front of the church, Lockhart Chadsey, a son of Wm. Chadsey, went over in a light boat, and rowed Mrs. McLeod and her friend over safely. He then returned for the three girls. When in the deepest portion of the slough, the boat was leaking, and by some means the girls in trying to keep out of the water capsized it. They all clung to Young Chadsey, who is about 15 years of age, and they went down together. They came up, and went down a second time, still clinging to him. He succeeded in freeing himself from the two youngest and got ashore with the eldest, in an exhausted state. The people in the church heard the screams and ran to the sad news, and rushed to the locality. Geo. W. Chadsey and Louis L. Chadsey and others dived in the water time and again, hoping to bring them up, but without success. Mr. Atkinson, who was there at the time, drove with all haste to the town for grappling irons, but before he returned they had hooked the little girl's out with nails driven in the end of poles. They were in the water a little over an hour. The father was sent for, and the members of the family are grief stricken. The whole valley is excited over the lamentable affair. There are four girls left, three at Sumas and one at the High school in Vancouver. A message was sent her last night. The deceased were exceptionally bright, and winners of several prizes in school, and were universal favorites in the neighborhood. Many remark a coincidence. Just one year ago to-day William Ballam was drowned in this slough. The afflicted family have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their sad and sudden bereavement. The funeral will take place on Tuesday from the Sumas Methodist church, and is certain to be largely attended.

LADY ABERDEEN.

During her short sojourn in Canada Lady Aberdeen has won the unqualified admiration and respect of all classes, says the Toronto Globe. Her position in the vice-regal household made her the social leader of the capital, and in that position she has won deserved popularity. Without considering the rivalries and jealousies inseparable from the general round of social events, the keen intelligence, tact and diplomacy of the successful leader can be better appreciated. Being a woman of mind, she has not always drifted with the social tide. But issue of every slight difference which has arisen, she has been happy in vindication of her course. Her unqualified success as a social leader is now beyond question. But Lady Aberdeen has been more than a social leader. Before taking up her residence here her interest in the serious side of life and care for the producing classes has established for her a wide reputation. Her work amongst the industrial classes of Ireland was not the spasmodic giving of a generous heart, however admirable that might be, but the more effective and enduring instruction on lines of self help leading to industrial independence and higher standards of comfort. In Canada she has impressed the often difficult Ishmaelites of the sphere of useful activity is never limited. It is fortunately no peasant class in need of instruction in useful arts in this Dominion, but there are social and industrial problems of a different nature, for which the kindly sympathy and intuitive tact of women can help towards a solution. In organizing the National Council of Women Lady Aberdeen has done a good work. She has brought to the women of Canada into closer touch with the religious, political, social, industrial and economic institutions of the country. The wide range of subjects discussed, the new interest which must have been awakened in many minds in matters of public concern, and the new light which many of the more advanced women in other economic questions must have obtained, are influences which cannot be weighed, but which will certainly be far-reaching. It is safe to assert that no one else in Canada could have brought together such a gathering of the representative women of the Dominion; and no better use could be made of a position of social prominence than the establishment of so influential an organization. As yet the National Council is not two years old, and those eager for immediate results should remember that Canadian women have not been as ready to do their part in the outside world as the women of some other nations. However, their influence may be exerted in the future, the National Council affords perfect scope for its free and natural development.

HOPE ECHOES.

Hope, June 10.—The weather is getting warmer. The thermometer registered 86 in the shade yesterday and the day before. The river has been gradually rising for the past three days, it having risen about a foot during that time. The next two weeks will decide the matter as to whether we shall have high water or not. Until then the question is disputable.—A few errors inadvertently crept into my report of the wedding here last week. The bridesmaid, which I made the bride is the second daughter, not the eldest, of Charles Murphy, not James Murphy, as stated, and the groom did not manifest that nervousness and weakness, attributed to him, but stood the trying ordeal like a martyr. Your correspondent also omitted to mention that a large number of valuable presents were donated to the bride and groom, attesting the high esteem in which each is held by their numerous friends here and elsewhere.—Mr. Padget, also Capt. Woolley and his private secretary, of Victoria, passed through here last week en route to the Similkameen district.—Captain Bethune is again returned from St. Mary's hospital, New Westminster. His shoulder is pretty well healed but Jeremiah says its "all dashed nonsense" having to carry a fellows arm hanging in a cotton rag for five weeks.—Mr. Cap. Cooper's boat is expected up this way this week and the steamer Transfer on or about the 20th of the month. The latter will take a load of cattle from the Similkameen.

CHILLIWACK TALK.

Chilliwack, June 10.—Topic Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will meet at their lodge rooms on Sunday next, the 16th inst., and march to the Presbyterian church where the Grand Chaplain, V. W. Bro. Rev. J. A. Logan will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

On Wednesday, the 5th inst., Rev. J. W. Macmillan, of Mount Pleasant, lectured in Camp Slough Presbyterian church, on Poetry. The discourse is spoken of as one of the best ever given in the valley. A large number went up from Chilliwack, and the school edifice was filled to the doors.

The first consignment of cheese from the new factory on the farm of J. A. Evans was disposed of the other day at a satisfactory figure. Jos. Kerr is in charge. Mr. Evans states that his crops promise to be extra heavy. He has a field of oats two feet high already. The prospects for a big crop of hay, grain and fruit were hardly ever so promising.

H. Hulbert, Sardis, has plans for a new hop kiln at the store of S. A. Cawley for inspection.

The Cultus lake bridge will be completed this week, and will be a first-class structure.

T. R. Whitley and his sister are stopping at the Harrison house until their residence is completed on Fairfield Island, near W. H. de Wolfe's.

The case of Branchflower vs. Branchflower, which was postponed, comes up again on June 12th. Mrs. W. S. Branchflower is suing her husband for support.

Jas. Kipp, who came out from Goble's, Ont., recently in the car of stock selected by himself and J. T. Wilkinson returns home to-morrow.

Mrs. J. R. Smith expects to go East this week.

GETTING THERE WITH BOTH FEET.

Harry MacGregor, son of J. M. MacGregor, of The World, is making a great record for himself as an athlete. He is now living in Tacoma, and he was recently sent as representative of the Tacoma Athletic Club to the tournament at Portland. He was first in the 100 yard dash and in the 220 yard race. The Tacoma Ledger says: "MacGregor went down with the intention of breaking the P. N. A. 100 yard dash record of 10 4-5, and did so. It was hardly thought he could win the 220 yard race as he has not been training for it, but his victory once goes to show that the confidence of the club in the plucky little man has not been misplaced. The club would have no fear of the result in putting him up against Scroggins, the California sprinter, who runs in 10 seconds, and who has created such a furore in the inter-collegiate games this season. On a perfect track and on a good day it is thought MacGregor can go it in 10. Harry also won the Tacoma Athletic Club's gold medal for the 100 yard dash some time ago. He was not unknown as an athlete when he lived in Vancouver and he holds the gold medal for the championship of British Columbia for the 100 yard dash.

DESTRUCTION OF A CANNERY.

A costly fire occurred at Steveston on Tuesday afternoon and as a result Costello & McMorran are heavy losers. About 4 o'clock flames were noticed in the loft of the new cannery just completed this season by the firm named, and despite everything that could be done the whole building was consumed by 5 o'clock. Messrs. Costello & McMorran, who were both at the cannery when the fire started, think it was caused by sparks from a pile driver which was working a short distance away. When the news reached New Westminster acting Mayor Keary sent the ferry Surrey to Steveston with the New Westminster Fire brigade. Although too late to save the building the ladders did good service in totally extinguishing the smouldering ruins so that there was no danger of embers being carried to any other buildings. The structure and plant are valued at $35,000, the stock—that is cans, soap, etc., at $10,000 and on this there is insurance in the Phoenix of London, Phoenix of Brooklyn and Guardian for $5,000 each and in the London and Canadian for $3,000, a total of $21,000, so that the enterprising men who owned the cannery lose heavily, without taking into consideration the fact that no fishing can be done this season. It is very regrettable and sympathy with Messrs. Costello & McMorran will be general.

ANOTHER INDIAN CHIEF DEAD.

Word was received by Coroner McGulgan this morning that Chief George of the Seymour creek Indians had been found dead on the beach near the mouth of Seymour creek, in the vicinity of the old potlach house. The canoe from the story of the Indians thought that George had been drowned. He secured the assistance of Provincial Constable Hanna and having summoned a jury secured Linton's napha launch Hummer and repaired to the scene. The jury empanelled was as follows: A. E. McCarthy, Capt. Reveley, Hugh Pollock, Matthew Rae, John Allard and T. B. Lockhart. After hearing what could be got out of the Indians the jury decided that, in view of the fact that the dead man's head was badly cut up, a verdict of death by drowning could not be brought in and the inquest adjourned to have a post mortem made.

It appears that several of the Indians, George among the rest, were on a big spree on Tuesday afternoon. Those who participated seem to have, or profess to have, but little distinct recollection of what happened. Another suspicious feature is the fact that George's klootchman, who was about on Tuesday afternoon is now missing.

George was a man grown up in years. His Indian name was Too Nah Hah. He was known to the whites as Big George. He has been chief for many years. When the body was found at the time given by noon a number of Indian women gathered about the coffin and set up a most doleful kind of howling. This seems to be the last season the native chiefs. It is not long since Chief George of the Capilano's met his death in a somewhat mysterious manner. About his end there was also an odor of bad whisky.

TRAPPERS RETURN.

R. Blackmore and J. Jackson left Revelstoke last September to spend the winter hunting and trapping on the Canoe river, and returned on Monday. They were 40 miles up the Canoe river and had fair luck in their catch of furs, bringing in 68 marten, 16 beaver, 9 bear, 2 wolvrine, 2 fisher and 1 lynx. They report very mild winter in that part of British Columbia, the heaviest snowfall being in December, and it was only one foot deep at any time; each snowfall usually ending with a chinook wind that melted it away, and it was all gone on the 10th of March. The weather was not colder at any time than 10 degrees below zero. The valley of the Canoe is broad, meadow-like and half prairie, with considerable willow brush in places, and has a clay soil. When they left, wild strawberries, raspberries and gooseberries were half-grown, and pea-vine was a foot and a-half high. Stock would have wintered in good condition.

SHOULD BE RESIDENTS.

It appears that the article published on Saturday about Central Park, our newest suburb, did not convey the exact position of affairs, that is, to one who is resident in the vicinity and aware of details. A visitor to The World office to-day stated that the Government holdings in South Vancouver, which number 14, are not all settled on, as the article might lead one to think, only four are. Those who have moved on to the land think it unfair that this should be the case, as by the non-residence of those who hold lots their progress is retarded. Out of the entire 60 holdings in South Vancouver and Burnaby only 25 have owners living upon them. In Burnaby the 31 settlers are thriving; good houses have been put up, land is being cleared and abundant crops will be harvested this summer. Postal facilities are badly needed. The settlers are grateful to The World for its action in bringing the matter of reduced fares before the attention of the tramway company.

BABES IN THE WOOD.

When on his way home with his wife on Tuesday night about 11 o'clock James Orr noticed two heads beside a boulder on a vacant lot on Georgia street, near Jervis. He went up to investigate and found two little girls in an exhausted state. He made enquiries and elicited from them that they were from New Westminster; their names were Lawrence and Robertson, and they were aged 12 and 13 years respectively. They had been to a picnic near Burnaby lake on Tuesday and had got lost in the woods. They wandered for a long distance and reached a road. They followed this to the tram and followed the tram to the city. They did not know where they were, and walked to the extreme West End looking for a way home. Mr. and Mrs. Orr took them home, fed and housed them and started them on the tram this morning for the Royal City. The feeling of their parents on Tuesday night can only be imagined. One of the girls told Mr. Orr that at her school one of the exercises was the writing of compositions and she promised to write one on her adventure and send it to him. 'Tis well for the youngsters they were found by such kindly hearted people.

Thomas Dunn, D. McGillivray and Wm. Farrell left Tuesday on a route for Barkerville and other points in Cariboo. They take a private conveyance from Ashcroft and are to be driven and chaperoned by Steve Thurley, the popular and enterprising manager of the B. C. Express Company. They expect to be gone three weeks. Business combined with pleasure is the joint object of their trip.

DOMINION DAY.

The Celebration Committee Hard at Work Arranging Details for the Festivities.

The Dominion Day Celebration Committee met last evening in Rand Bros., office, Mayor Collins in the chair, and all the members present. Communications were read as follows: From E. Burnham, Vernon, and J. Hird, Whatcom, asking for particulars regarding the athletic canoe races; secretary to reply. From W. H. Ward, Nanaimo, asking about canoe races; secretary to reply. From G. Griffiths, offering use of the Dunsmuir hall for the citizens' ball; laid over. Wm. McGirr, J. Goudron and Jas.