

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

A Fleet of Six Sealers Returns—The "Dora Siewerd" Runs Ashore.

Anxiety Entertained for the Sch. "Lincoln"—R.M.S. "Miwera" Outward Bound.

Within the last forty-eight hours six of the Coast sealers have returned home, nearly if not all having failed during the season, which closed on the 1st inst., to make running expenses. The first three to arrive were the Fisher Maid, Pachewalis and Amateur, which got in on Monday night. These cruised between Cape Flattery and Cape Beale, and respectively brought home in catches 63 skins, 152 skins and 109 skins. No particular incident of importance happened during their expeditions except that to the Fisher Maid, which arrived in Port San Juan, where she sank along-side the wharf a month or more ago. The other schooners which arrived in port during yesterday afternoon and evening were the Dora Siewerd with 37 skins; the Victoria with 70 skins; and the Kilmeny with something like 100 skins. On Saturday last at 6:30 a.m., when working down Uchelet Arm the Dora Siewerd got suddenly becalmed and before an anchor could be cast went ashore. She became unmanageable and the swift current running at the time carried the vessel upon a reef off Round Island. At rising tide the vessel was floated, but the damage she sustained is unknown. Rev. R. M. Stewart of Uchelet was a passenger to Victoria on the Siewerd.

ANXIETY ENTERTAINED.

The schooner Lincoln, which sailed from Seattle on March 8 with a party of twenty-five prospectors bound for Cook inlet, has not been seen or heard from since that date, and much anxiety is felt among shipping men for her safety. The vessel was heavily loaded with both passengers and freight and may have capsized during a squall. The news of her non-arrival was brought by the Lakme which arrived on the Sound a few days ago from Coal bay, where all the passengers bound for Cook inlet have been landed, and where they will have to remain until the ice in the inlet breaks up sufficiently to allow them to reach Six-Mile. The schooners W. J. Bryant, Stella Erland and Helen had arrived and landed their passengers, but nothing had been heard of the Lincoln. The Bryant, according to the Lakme people, sailed into Coal bay during a stiff breeze on April 24, having made the trip from Seattle in a little less than twenty-two days. All on board were well and in fairly good spirits, although the wind was disconcerting, carrying with it biting coldness. There are large quantities of coal along the beach and much drift-wood, so the residents of the camp will not suffer from cold to any extent. The Excelsior people, who were the first to land, are well housed and have stores enough for several years.—Seattle P.-I.

THE "MIWERA" OUTWARD BOUND.

It will probably be at daylight this morning when the Canadian-Australian steamship Miwera sails for Southern seas. Her freight from Victoria consists of 1,000 barrels of lime, 348 barrels of beer and a considerable quantity of miscellaneous cargo. Owing to the great demand on the ship's freight space she was unable to carry from the Terminal City all the cargo offering. Among the passengers embarking here on the Miwera were Mr. Achilles and family, who are going to Honolulu from Tacoma; Mr. Wickelman, who is also going to Honolulu; and Messrs. Ingram and Webb.

THE "TRANSIT" REPAIRS.

The repairing of the steamer Transit has been completed. The work was done by the Puget Sound Dry Dock Company, and has cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Twenty-four new plates were put on her stem, and some minor repairs made on her prow. Some of the cargo discharged when she entered port yet remains to be loaded.

MARINE NOTES.

The sealing schooners Columbia, J. G. Swan and Deakins, all manned by Indians, have returned to Port Townsend. The Columbia had 240 skins; the Swan 120, and the Deakins 80.

BRITISH COLUMBIA STOCK EXCHANGE.

The British Columbia Stock Exchange of Victoria was organized last night by the adoption of the constitution and by-laws and the election of the following officers: D. R. Harris, president; Thos. Shotbolt, vice-president; Geo. Byrnes, chairman; J. T. Bethune, secretary and treasurer. The standing committees for the year are: Executive—Dr. T. J. Jones, P. R. Brown, John Bryden, M.P.P.; H. Dallas Helmecken, M.P.P., and Captain John Irving, M.P.P. Mines—F. J. Claxton, Geo. Sheddin, Chas. Hayward, Wm. Wilson, Henry Saunders, and T. H. Prosser. Finance—P. R. Brown, Richard Hall, and A. L. Bell. Membership—Beaumont Boggs, G. B. Marvin, H. A. Munn, Geo. Riley and A. H. Harman. The exchange starts with a membership of 41 business men and brokers. The premises on Broad street occupied by Mr. A. H. Harman have been leased for the purpose of the Exchange, and extensive alterations will be made to fit them up for the convenience of the members. Applications from mine-owners on the Island and Mainland for listing have been received, and the Exchange will be opened for business about May 25.

THE CITY.

The annual business meeting of the Grand Lodge, K. of P., has been convened for June 7 at Nanaimo.

The schooner Carrie C. W. was spoken by an Alaskan bound steamer on or about the 5th of April, with 75 skins on board.

YESTERDAY while digging at Mrs. Lavender's, Camosun street, a gardener uncovered portions of an old skeleton, the skull of which might prove of interest to phrenologists, some characteristics being marked in an especially strong manner.

The clerical and lay delegates from this city to the annual session of the Presbyterian Synod left by the Charmer this morning for Vancouver, where the meeting is to open to-day, continuing in all probability until the end of the week.

LAST evening the closing concert of the season in Colquhoun hall was successfully given. Considerable city talent took part in the programme, and the drive out from town was not the least attractive feature of the occasion. The programme was made up of the operatic, musical, and dramatic selections predominating, but varied in a way suited to all tastes.

The trial of Lenz & Leiser v. Smith & Moss opened before the Chief Justice yesterday, the plaintiff suing for some \$1,200 for goods supplied, the defendant denying the name of the plaintiff. Vancouver Oil Co. Moss has gone away and Smith denies that he was a partner at the time the goods were purchased. The case goes on again to-day, Mr. Dennis representing the plaintiff, Mr. F. B. Gregory for defendants.

CAPT. RUDLIN, of the steamer Charmer, was a little indignant upon his arrival from Vancouver last night over the treatment he received from parties ashore at Trial Island. They signalled him with a lantern light as he was passing there, and believing someone was in distress the captain brought his steamer to anchor, expecting further directions. These, however, did not come, and annoyed at his waste of time and the seeming mischievousness of those ashore he proceeded to Victoria.

The loss by the recent fire at L. White's commission house on Yates street has been finally adjusted at \$550-\$200 on the building and \$350 on stock. In connection with this fire the Chief Justice yesterday gave a pleasant surprise yesterday when a letter reached him from Langley & Co., wholesale druggists, enclosing a check for \$10. "Herewith please find \$10," the letter read, "donation toward your department's coffee fund, in recognition of the good work done by your department at our neighbor's fire a few nights ago."

EARLY yesterday morning Capt. Barrie, of the tug Sadie, was sought to go out to the rescue of the little steamer T. W. Carter, which had gone ashore on Ripple point, Trial Island, at midnight. The Sadie succeeded to the scene of the accident at 4 o'clock, but the tide being unfavorable to the vessel's removal no rescue work could be accomplished, the Carter at the time being well out of water. About 11 o'clock last night the Sadie again went out to the disabled craft and it is expected will be successful in floating her. The Carter belongs to Messrs. Spratt & Gray, and is one of the smallest tugs belonging to port.

The "alert" sounded soon after midnight brought out the entire establishment of the Work Point barracks for drill. It was not a false alarm this time, as the wash house was found to be in flames. The little building was completely destroyed, but the fire was kept from spreading and the loss will not be many dollars. At 12:35 the "cease fire" and "retire" were heard, and the drill was over. The flames and their reflection as seen across the harbor at first gave the impression that serious work was before the soldiers, and quite a number of spectators gathered along the water front during the few minutes that the blaze was at the brightest.

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GRANTED A DIVORCE.

The Case of Cook v. Cook Results in Favor of the Petitioner.

Mrs. Cook Gets Her Decree and the Children Are In Her Keeping.

The suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Maria Cook against her husband, George J. Cook, was tried before Mr. Justice Walkem and a jury yesterday, the petitioner being represented by Mr. W. H. Langley, while the respondent conducted his own case and with some ability for a layman. The petition set out that George J. Cook in 1886 married the petitioner, then Miss Annie Maria Mesher, at Greenwich, England. They have lived in Victoria since 1891, and have two children—a boy and a girl. The petitioner alleged that the respondent was guilty of frequent acts of cruelty against his wife, that he had been convicted on January 4 of the present year she left him. The respondent it was also alleged was guilty of adultery, a Miss Lipscombe and a Miss Traynor, and that he had acted improperly, but altogether failed. A number of other witnesses were examined, though most of them had nothing material to offer. Cook himself took the stand and while denying the charges against him, he admitted that he had struck his wife, claimed in extenuation that he had received great provocation, his wife having acknowledged to him improper conduct on the part of Mrs. Cook, however, and the court charged strongly in favor of the petitioner.

The jury had a list of questions submitted to them and after a short absence brought in a verdict to the effect that George J. Cook had committed adultery with Miss Lipscombe; that Mrs. Cook did not condone the offence; that Miss Lillie Traynor, and that Mrs. Cook was not guilty of adultery with J. F. Prescott, or of improper conduct with him.

The verdict being entirely in favor of the petitioner, Mr. Justice Walkem granted her a decree of divorce and gave her the custody of both children.

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AN INTERESTING SOUVENIR.

At the meeting of the Natural History Society last evening no paper was read, but business of a miscellaneous character was informally discussed. The discovery was reported of an old cannon found near the mouth of the Somass river, Alberni, imbedded in the mud in the flats. It was impossible to give an exact estimate as to its age as it was very badly rusted, but it evidently belonged to the last century. How it came to be there, is of course, highly problematical. The gun carriage was also found, and it is understood to be in a fair state of preservation.

There was exhibited to the members the original manuscript edition of the "Soldier's Gazette and Cape Howe Chronicle," published on board the "Thames City," which brought the Royal Engineers to British Columbia in 1858-9. This interesting historical souvenir has been presented to the Legislative Library by Capt. Wm. Robertson, into whose possession it came some time ago. The entire issue consists of 17 parts, the matter having been prepared by officers and transcribed in very neat handwriting in newspaper columns, and by clerks of the shipping department in council assembled at stolen intervals aboard ship.

It will be of interest to know that Col. Wolfenden, the Queen's Printer, has one of the "Thames City" newspapers reproduced in printed form at the government printing office, New Westminster, and a number being sent out, of which, however, he has only one or two extant so far as known. The generosity of Capt. Robertson in presenting the original to the library will be appreciated by those who take an interest in the preservation of such reminiscences.

The society intends having another scientific expedition on the 16th of May and will probably take in Sooke bay and vicinity. The membership has been largely increased of late, and a season of useful work is looked forward to.

HARD STUDY IN SCHOOL.

BRINGS ON NERVOUS PROSTRATION AND ST. VITUS DANCE.

A Young Lady Prostrated for Five Years From This Cause—Had to be Carried Home—A Lesson Parents Should Heed.

Hard study at school brought on nervous prostration and St. Vitus dance. This is a very frequent occurrence in these days of high pressure study, and one of the many unfortunate results of it. It was found guilty and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor.

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GOLDEN PROMISE.

The Ledger on the Alberni Consolidated Getting Wider and Richer.

Some Remarkable Assays—A New Company to Begin Work.

The latest news from the Consolidated Alberni mine on Mineral Hill is of a very satisfactory nature. The shaft on Monday last was down nearly forty feet, and the ledge had widened out to three and a half feet. At this depth the ore was of the same remarkably rich character as that found at the surface, the gold being freely distributed through it, visible to the naked eye, while pieces of rock which seemed barren give most surprising assays. One made at the government assay office gave \$526 in gold per ton. Another made by Mr. Saunders of Alberni gave \$800 per ton, and still another in Victoria went over \$600 per ton. Reduce the rock to a pulp and "horn" it out, and hundreds of fine colors are shown. Mr. H. Saunders received several large pieces by Tuesday's mail which show the free gold and fine sulphurets scattered through the rock. At the surface the vein was only eight inches in width. At thirty feet it had doubled that size, and is gradually widening out. The walls are well-defined, with a thin deposit of "gangue" or clay intervening between the mineral and the country rock, proving it to be a true fissure. Work is progressing night and day under the direction of Adam Ross, and when development has still further proved the extent of the ore body, the necessary panning, drilling and hoisting machinery and mill plant will be erected.

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IT IS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

24th April, 1896. JAMES MARSDEN LINDSAY ALEXANDER, of Fort Simpson, Esquire, to be a Stipendiary Magistrate within and for the County of Nanaimo. JAMES MARSDEN LINDSAY ALEXANDER, of Fort Simpson, Esquire, S.M., to be a Coroner within and for the County of Nanaimo. EDWIN ABLETT BRAD, of Alert Bay, Esquire, to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Nanaimo. my7-1157

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terday of the object of his party to bring some length his prospects of Canadian investment of British

"Yes, we have a trip across. Ever on March 11 our first each other in their time we left until I had been allowed to pay drink. Most of our travelled in other parts and Mitchell-Innes own, have interests Empire to the other all agreed that we country where the seem to be so the real maxims as here, where consider and think you made before I has made us feel much little we are able when they come to perhaps I should say for I think every E glad enough to have the Englishman coming part of the Empire, out what would be I find with regard they have the wretched themselves away at chance of doing any hospitality when I rarely letting us go for them what I here.

"However, we should even with them. Oh, yes, my firm besides their Canada personally had the the Canadian Empire are just as much Australia and Africa persuade them how pleasant my work latest things that connected with the Railway of the South of which the 4 p shares are guaranteed, the share the government per cent., and the Railway Company guaranteed by the India, which is paying things as the other shareholders interest they divide with the government these enterprises 1880, and the last July, 1885, and portion of being great in active course of was scarcely our first commenced 12 years ago enterprises in Bombay,bourne, Australia, which came first; was even a clerk in tell you as about our done already. Yes, triumphal progress of everybody particular. We let 11 in a beautiful car of a dining car and at our disposal in Northwestern rail an ovation at E making a record and give us a send off at a suite of charming deck of the Teutonia Majesty, I think a ship aloft, and arrive March 18th. A day York and then on to passed a very enjoy- ment us, together with the Canadian Pacific 7 and lived on the cously for nearly two arrived in Vancouver stopped in Ottawa a Toronto for the day taken charge of the Railway, who took a lightful excursion to North Bay to press. In order the Toronto Horse show some of the ted railway journey, Ge kindly ran our we caused quite a making a record on sion, leaving Tor getting to North B. Trunk, is a very cl railway man through his joining we difference to share Trunk railway. At able to see what the able of, as under his day every one of us unfortunate career must expect too. Hays' appointment benefit to the whole Canada, it will be almost as will be the signal understanding bet railways and that will be avoided, which will be cemented in really never have ex- -one time Grand Trunk power with their against a new ra doubtedly plenty of think that Sir Will Mr. Hays will be at