FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, MAY 3.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

In Honor of May Day.

The miners of Nanaimo, Wellington and Comox celebrated May Day by a grand concert and ball in Mahier's new opera house, Nanaimo, last evening. They held no mass meeting, nor was one contemplated.

Incoming Passengers.

The steamship City of Puebla, due from San Francisco this evening, has on board the following Victoria passengers: Mrs. M. Hacket and daughter, Mrs. G. Haynes, Thos. O'Brien, W. C. McBride, T. N. Simpson, L. F. Knight, Emil Erb, Wm. Barks, W. Lawrence and wife.

Admitted to Practice.

At a meeting of the benchers of the law society of British Columbia, held on Wednesday, Mr. J. A. Forin was admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor in the courts of British Columbia, and Mr. Arthur Dumbleton as a solicitor. Mr. Forin recently arrived from Toronto, Ont., where he was a student with Hon. Edward Blake. He intends to locate in New Westminster.

Fish in the Fraser.

Mr. Alex. Ewen, the Fraser river canner, has a large number of cases of the spring catch ready for market, he having been the only one of the canners to utilize the spring fish. He has this year used smaller tins, which he expects will find a better market, and which will distinguish the early from the late fish. The fishermen on the Fraser are still making good wages, supplying the local market and Mr. Ewen; their nets, however, suffer from the presence of the hair seals.

Inland Revenue Returns.

The following are the Inland Revenue returns for Division No. 37., Victoria, for the month of April:

Spirits	$ 8,976 67
Malt	1,253 00
Tobacco	1,287 40
Cigars	1,229 00
Licenses	10 00
Inspection Petroleum	149 00
Total	$12,905 07
April, 1888	9,427 57
Increase	$3,860 10

Nanaimo Coal Shipments.

The following are the cargoes of coal cleared at the Nanaimo custom house during April:—

New Vancouver Coal Co.	21,10
Wellington Coal Co.	20,88
East Wellington Coal Co.	3,26
Union Mines Co.	4,40
Total	49,66

Vancouver Customs Returns.

The Customs returns at the port of Vancouver for the month ending April 30th, 1890, were:

Value of imports free	$12,805 00
Dutiable	31,940 00
Total	$44,745 00
Value of exports	$16,461 00
REVENUE:	
Duties	$10,779 24
Other revenue	4,156 91
Total	$14,935 15

Visiting the Okanagan Country.

J. A. Mara, M. P., and F. S. Barnard, M. P., who arrived in the province Tuesday night from Ottawa, will proceed south from Revelstoke into the Kootenay and Okanagan country. These gentlemen are largely interested in the new steamers which are being constructed to ply on the Columbia river. They have also purchased a steamer at the Little Dalles, which will likewise be placed on the river route.

The Sewage Plan Competion.

There have been three plans sent in to the city clerk to compete in the trial for the best sewage system. Those received are from Mr. Pickering, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Mohun, and will be opened and examined along with any others that may be submitted, on June 1st, when judgment as to which is the best will be given. It is not stated whether the best plan will be applied to the city, but civil engineers and surveyors say that it is imperatively necessary something should be done.

New Northern Canneries.

By the Sardonyx is received the news that good progress is being made with Mr. Cunningham's new cannery at Lowe Inlet, which will be in operation this season, and which is expected to be very profitable, having the territory to itself. Laidlaw & Irving's cannery at Irving, situated at the mouth of the main Skeena, is also coming along well, 25 carpenters being kept busy. It will be one of the largest of the northern canneries, and will also be in operation this fall. All the old canneries are now employed in preparation for the season's actual work.

The Olympian's New Sister.

The new boat that is being built for the Tacoma and Victoria route is going to be a handsome as well as useful craft. She is in course of construction now at Portland, and will be finished about September. No care or expense has been spared to make her in every respect a sound, first-class, reliable boat. Her dimensions will be 256 feet long, 35 feet beam, and 16 feet depth of hold, so that, as she will be similarly rigged, she will be almost a sister ship of the Olympian, with all the additions and improvements up to date of building. She will be worked by a propeller, and will bear the proud name of the Victorian.

Victoria Sealers.

Of the Victoria sealing fleet, the Ariel, Pathfinder, Viva, Mary Taylor, Teresa, C. H. Tupper and Maggie Mac are now the only schooners which have not yet returned from the spring hunt along the coast. They will in all probability refit at Uculet or Clayoquot and sail north without visiting Victoria. The total coast catch this spring is estimated by a gentleman financially interested at not more than 1,500 skins, worth on an average $7 each. This catch, so far from being profitable, will not pay the actual expenses of the sealers, and they therefore depend on their success in the north to balance matters. Few of the fleet will visit Behring's Sea this year, despite all that has been said, as with the present unsettled condition of the international dispute they feel that they have too much to lose by the venture.

A "Cute" Little Stranger.

Among the passengers, whose names were not on the list of those arriving by the Islander last evening, was one from Ottawa, but claiming the Shetland Islands as her native land. It was a little pony, scarcely 38 inches in height, and as bright and well made as a full-blooded racer. Her limbs are as "clean as a whistle," her head is fit for a sculptor's model, and she has a neck and shoulders strong enough to pull down a moderately-sized house. No little interest was manifested in the little stranger, whose antics created much amusement. Accompanying this new resident of Victoria was a "cute" little cart; both will be for the use of the daughter of Col. Prior, who bought it for that purpose, and brought it out with him.

The Matsqui Dyke.

A correspondent of the Vancouver World writes: "There is considerable speculation being indulged in at present in connection with the Matsqui dyke. The belief is that the present season will witness a repetition of the high water of 1882. The river is already rising. In any event the Matsqui Land Company will make the dyke a success for the money already spent is not going to be lost or thrown away. It is believed that the prairie alone is worth $500,000. This would be a valuable asset of itself. Once the durability of the dyke is tested and found to be satisfactory the lands will then be sold and snapped up as quickly as they are placed on the market. That this will become one of the most important and prosperous settlements of the province is a foregone conclusion."

Obituary.

By mail, last evening, Venerable Archdeacon Scriven learned of the death of his father, Rev. Charles Scriven, which took place at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, on April, 13th ult. The deceased had been rector of Martinhoe and Trentishoe, Devonshire, England. The readers of THE COLONIST will sympathize with the respected archdeacon in his family affliction.

Railway Shares.

The shares of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, which rose to a very high point some weeks ago, receded during the very severe weather—owing chiefly to the increased expense in working—something like 12 per cent. This has now been recovered, and on Tuesday the shares stood at 78½ in New York, and 80 in London, which is the very highest point which they have ever reached.

The Northern Pacific railway shares also receded during the winter, as did other Pacific lines, but they have somewhat recovered, and are now 30¾, which is within 10 per cent. of the highest point reached during the past year.

Grand Trunk railway shares seldom alter from the low figure of 10¼, at which they are now.

RANDOM NOTES

Of the Preparations for the Queen's Birthday Tournament.

A meeting of the General Committee re 24th of May celebration will be held this evening, when the question of inducing the Cowichan Indians to hold their big demonstration here will be brought forward.

At a meeting of the Illumination Committee held on Wednesday it was decided to proceed with the arrangements upon the same general basis as last year. Whether Beacon Hill park, near the miniature lakes, or Government grounds shall be illuminated has not yet been decided.

Three hundred Japanese lanterns have been ordered for the bicycle parade, and it is expected that a prize will be offered for the best decorated and best illuminated wheel, which will no doubt bring out many original and beautiful designs.

Mayor Grant, Capt. E. Gray Hulton, R.N., Lieut.-Col. Holmes, and a few other gentlemen met in the Mayor's room yesterday morning and arranged a general programme for the navy and military, which will be presented at tonight's meeting of the general committee.

In order that the Jockey Club's arrangements—which have been carefully billed in every place of 100 inhabitants in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana—may not be interfered with, the committee hope that the regatta will be held on the opening day of the approaching tournament, the 22nd inst. The entries for all events promise to be full, and two day's first-class sport is assured. In the race bicycle vs. horse, it is expected that a lady cyclist, professional, will be one of the contestants.

TWO WEDDINGS.

Both Celebrated at the Same Hour on Wednesday Evening.

Two weddings, in both of which the principals were well known and esteemed, were celebrated in this city at 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening. The one was at the house of Mr. R. Cassidy, Chatham street, where his first daughter, Miss Edith, was by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge united in marriage to Mr. John L. Smith, with John Kurtz & Co. The bride was supported by her sister; the groom by his friend, Mr. Austin Shearer. A dainty wedding supper was served, and about thirty invited friends had the pleasure of shaking hands with the congratulating the newly wedded couple. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home on Chatham street.

Over the Bay, at the residence of Mr. John Robertson, Lewis Street, Rev. P. McF. Macleod performed the pleasing ceremony of uniting Mr. Edgar Fleming, of Fleming Bros., and Miss Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr. Robertson, in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride looked very pretty in a tasteful costume of pink and white, and her bridesmaids, Miss Lizzie Robertson, Miss Ella Robertson, Miss Ella Fleming, and Miss Maggie Fleming, looked very pretty in pink dresses and hats. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Charles Fleming. The happy couple were showered with congratulations and received many valuable presents. They will reside on Lewis Street, Fairfield.

BUSINESS OFFERS.

Two Propositions Made For Reclaiming the James Bay Mud Flats.

After the last regular meeting of the City Council, at which it was announced that the James Bay mud flats were unconditionally the property of the city, Ald. McKillican was informed by a prominent real estate man, of Government street, that if the council wished he would, for a local syndicate, purchase the mud flats, build the retaining wall, fill in the reclaimed area, and pay to the municipal corporation the sum of $150,000.

Ald. Harrison had formerly proposed that the council take the work in hand for the people, procuring a loan of $85,000 for the purpose from the people, and selling the land reclaimed at the highest market price. His estimate of the value of the land, although no survey had been made, was between $150,000 and $200,000.

No sooner had the first pushing real estate man made the proposition above referred to, than a business rival volunteered to do the same work at the same figure.

Yesterday Ald. McKillican was approached by agent No. 1, who stated that he had reconsidered his proposition, and if the council said the word, would build the sea wall and give the city a check for $200,000 for the flats.

This generous offer will receive the serious consideration of the Aldermanic Board at its next session. Several of the councillors are inclined to the opinion that it would pay the city best to follow out Ald. Harrison's original scheme, others think that whatever offer is accepted will have to be in the form of a sealed tender. In any case, no action can be taken without a vote of the people. The survey of the flats was commenced yesterday, and when it is completed a more intelligent opinion of the subject can be expressed by all.

THE LATE MR. URIAH NELSON.

In the demise of Mr. Uriah Nelson, which occurred yesterday morning, this province has lost a man of considerable prominence, and one identified with the most eventful periods of its history. Far back as the 50's dates his advent to British Columbia from California. He first went to the latter country in 1850, and came here eight years after. His native place was Augusta, Me. Such a remarkable and changeful career as his can be but briefly touched upon in the limits of a newspaper account, but the mere facts will well show what a restless, energetic disposition his was. When he first came to British Columbia he engaged in mercantile pursuits as a partner in the firm of Scott, Wright & Nelson; this firm continued till 1862, when he commenced business under the title of Nelson & Parsons, with headquarters at Douglas. Towards the end of the 60's this partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Nelson conducted business on his own account, having Yale as his initial point. In '74 again, he made another change and branched out to the Cassiar mines under the firm name of Nelson & Callbreath, but this alliance lasted only one year, for early in '76 a new partnership was formed of Nelson, Grant & Co., which existed till '74, doing business at Cassiar. From the severance of that connection till his death, he has been doing business generally on his own account.

He was interested for years to a large extent, in steamboat matters, as well as in ranching and stock raising, and transacted business in almost every mining camp and rural district in the province. During the earlier 60's, particularly, the amount of business done by the firms with which he was identified was very large. The deceased was keenly speculative as a business man; sometimes making profitable investments and others times the reverse. For a man so plunged in business, he was very generous, and it is said that many a poor man was aided by him to do something for himself. Further than this, he was a very kind father and an indulgent husband. It is understood that he carried about $75,000 of insurance on his life. He was also a member of the Oddfellows' Lodge No. 1 Victoria, the members of which will assemble at their hall to-morrow at 1 o'clock to attend his funeral.

MAY THE TWENTY-FOURTH.

What are Practically the Final Preparations Agreed to Last Evening.

At 8:30 last evening there were but few members of the general committee present when his worship took the chair. The fixing of the day for the regatta was again placed before the committee. The mayor notified the meeting that he had met the various officers and conferred with them regarding the celebration. Captain Hulton had said in the course of conversation that he could not give his men more than one holiday—the 24th. The desirability of holding a review on the 24th he thinks was doubtful, although the officers were willing to do everything in that direction, still as only 100 men could be spared from the Amphion and 100 more from the militia, the effect would be at least indifferent, as compared with last year. They thought, therefore, that it would be better not have a review. Captain Hulton promised to have two torpedo boats plying near Beacon Hill on the 22nd between 11 and 12 o'clock, and at 11:30 he would explode a submarine mine, showing the effect of a hundred pounds of gun cotton. They were willing to make the regatta a success. His worship expected that the public would supply flags for the decoration, the gun for the starting and all the cartridges necessary. Captain Hilton could supply two cutters in the cutter race, and one boat for the race; he will also have a number of boats on the line of reception. Col. Holmes will also fire a battery salute on the 24th. It was suggested that the committee telegraph to the Minister of Militia for instructions to take part in the celebration. To this the committee agreed, and the suggestions of the officers were, on motion, received with thanks.

FINANCIAL PROSPECTS.

His worship announced that he, along with Mr. Dalby, had in a tour of the city yesterday, collected the sum of $1,085, (hear, hear.) He thought they were both together good for $450 to $700 more.

Mr. Booth announced $160, with more to come.

Messrs. Holland and Jenkins—$285 cash; $109 promised and prospects of $300 more.

A communication was received from Davidson Brothers, offering a cup for the regatta—value $30 to $40. Accepted.

The motion to hold the regatta on the 24th evoked a lengthy discussion, as well as an amendment that it be held on the 22nd. The latter was submitted in view of the large number of attractions on the 24th, and the necessity for making the other two days equally attractive. The main motion was carried and the regatta will take place on Her Majesty's birthday.

With regard to the question of the Indians coming down from Cowichan, the secretary was authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $50 for this purpose.

The selection of two or three Japs to wrestle for a prize was referred to the athletic committee.

Messrs. Bridgen, McIntosh and Prior were nominated a music committee to meet and report to the general committee.

Mr. Hayward brought up the question of compressing the sports into two days, but the president suggested that it would not be fair to do so without having given notice of such a question being brought up.

Dr. Jones agreed with that side of the question, as there were plenty of sports to fill in. It was not necessary for everyone to keep his store closed for the three days. Mr. Braden also agreed in this.

The following programme was submitted:—

First day—Baseball—Townsend and Athletics. Afternoon—Athletics.

Second day—Vancouver and James Bay. Afternoon—Races.

Third Day—Lacrosse—Vancouver vs. Victoria. Afternoon—Regatta. Evening—Illuminations and fireworks.

Mr. W. C. Anderson submitted the question of decoration of the streets, about which nothing had yet been said. The matter was left in the hands of the reception committee.

The final decision in regard to the programme was as follows:

May 22—9 o'clock a. m., baseball match; 1 o'clock, athletic sports; sailing match at 2 o'clock.

May 23—9 o'clock a. m., baseball match; afternoon—races, commencing at 1 o'clock.

May 24—9 o'clock, lacrosse match; regatta, 1 o'clock p. m. Illumination in the evening.

The committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

The U. P. R. and N. P. R. railways and steamships will make special accommodations and special rates for visitors to Victoria during the celebration week.

One thousand dollars are now in the hands of the finance committee.

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More Passenger Accommodation.

An indication of approaching summer travel was noticeable yesterday morning in the increased accommodation on the E. & N. train. Hereafter there will be one extra passenger coach on the Nanaimo train, making, in all, three cars exclusively for passenger traffic.

Information Wanted.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of Richard K. Matheson, formerly of Battleford, Saskatchewan, or who will give any information that will lead to the discovery of his present residence, will confer a lasting favor to a loving wife by communicating through this office.

B. C. Fruit Growers.

A meeting of the directors of the B.C. Fruit Growers' Association will take place at Maple Ridge, Port Hammond, on Tuesday next, at which addresses will be delivered on fruit culture and other subjects. Members of the association and others interested are invited to be present.

For Nanaimo.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon a special train on the E. & N. railway will convey the Victoria Amateur Opera Co., together with the full orchestra, etc., to Nanaimo, where they produce Erminie this evening in Mahrer's new opera house. They will return immediately after the performance by their own special.

A Sailor's Life.

John Robinson and John Arno, two of the crew of the American sealing schooner Henry Dennis, arrived here from Sooke in an open boat on Thursday night. They lost the schooner on the 14th ult., and after drifting about for three days, boarded the Teresa, of Victoria, from which they received water and provisions. After bidding the Teresa good-bye they made Neah Bay, going from there to Sooke, and thence to this city.

The Mystery Nearing Completion.

The pretty boat Mystery is being rapidly completed. Her engines are in and the cabins are being put up. Her graceful lines are much commented upon by lovers of nautical beauty, and the masts, which rake a little aft, add somewhat to her nice appearance. She sits easily in the water, an indication of her being likely to be a clean sailer. Mr. Stephens, her builder, who has been much complimented on his work, has also under consideration the construction of a steam yacht for a well-known resident of this city. She will be 45 feet over all.

Lumber Laden Ships.

The American ship Pachtolus, of New York, 1,145, Capt. Reade, has cleared for Shanghai with 808,000 feet of lumber and four fine spars. She loaded at Moodyville sawmill.

The ship Willie Reed, of New York, 1,380 tons, Capt. Yates, is ready to clear for Valparaiso with 1,029,000 feet of lumber loaded at Moodyville.

The ship Nineveh, 1,130 tons, Capt. Broadfoot, will be towed from Sooke at Hasting's mill at the end of the week, and will then clear for Sydney, Australia, with over 1,000,000 feet of lumber, including laths.

Over Venturesome.

As a Fort street car, bound down, passed Douglas street last evening, one of the passengers, a young man named Armstrong, living at View street, attempted to step from the platform before the car was at a standstill. Either the speed was greater than he imagined, or he did not think to step forward. At any rate, the unfortunate young man was thrown to the ground, where he lay insensible. The car returned to the spot, the victim of the accident was carried into the Royal, and restoratives were administered. In a few minutes he rallied sufficiently to be removed to his home on View street, where medical men were quickly summoned. The full extent of his injuries was not known last night, but it is hoped that they will not prove very serious.

Working by Electric Light.

The work on the excavations for the Canada Western hotel has received an impetus which will cause considerable progress to be effected within a short time. Arrangements have been made to push the work through night and day, and to this end Contractor Haggerty has got electric lighting facilities for night work. In addition to this, there is now on the scene a steam drilling machine, worked by an engine of 22 horse power. This is a very desirable addition, as it can not only drill out 60 to 70 feet of solid rock per day, but by the aid of the engine large rocks can be hoisted, placed in position, or loaded by a couple of men. The machine was brought down from New Westminster by Mr. F. G. Strickland, and placed ready for use at forty-eight hours' notice. The rock excavated here is of a good solid quality, and is just the thing for building stone foundations and will be disposed of for that purpose. The place will be ready for building operations in about six weeks.

The work on the new Angel hotel will also be pushed through by electric light.

The Late W. L. Cusack.

The death of Mr. W. L. Cusack has cast a deep gloom in commercial circles around here, as well as throughout Canada. Those travelers stopping at the Driard will send as their tribute a floral pillow which is to be extremely handsome and rich; it will be the last token from the following friends: Messrs. A. A. Sandeman, Beattie, Graham, Watkins, Harris, Small, Booth, J. F. McMartin, Angus, Wey (London, Eng.), McGregor, Driscoll and Prentice.

The visiting travellers are requested to assemble at the house instead of at the church, at 2.30, and accompany the remains thence. Mr. J. C. Marshall has received a telegram from the headquarters of the Commercial Travelers association in Toronto, offering the deepest sympathy and condolence with the bereaved widow, and asking Mr. Marshall to send a floral tribute on behalf of the association. This will be done. Mr. Marshall has got a large wreath of very beautiful flowers, with the initials "C.T.A." worked in violets within the circle. He says the $1,200 insurance policy will be paid by the association at once, as well as $1,000 in the Mutual Benefit.

Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

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For San Francisco.

R. Borthwick, J. A. Eveleth, James Dunsmuir and wife, Miss Sadie and Miss Annie Gross, will compose the passenger list by the Walla Walla from Victoria for San Francisco this morning. A large quantity of freight also goes down.

A Generous Donation.

Among the bequests in the will of the late John Boyd are bonds of the following generous donations:

British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home, $250; Royal Jubilee Hospital, $250; the Masonic Royal Arch Chapter of Victoria, $250.

Tourist Accommodation.

It is requested that private individuals having accommodations to offer tourists and visitors during the coming celebrations, will communicate to that effect with the secretary of the general committee, Mr. S. Perry Mills, giving full particulars and location.

Salmon Fishery Regulations.

Inspector Mowatt has received word from the Department at Ottawa that the regulations recently issued have been amended so that the close season will be from 6 p. m. Saturday, till 6 p. m., Sunday, of each week. This is one of the changes the canserymen have been contending for.

Heavily Laden.

Early this morning the C. P. N. Co's steamer Sardonyx left for Port Simpson and all way ports with a full passenger list and over 400 tons of freight. A large quantity of bricks and lumber for Prior's new cannery at Gardner Inlet, new boilers and retorts for the Standard, and supplies for the Quashila cannery at Smith's Inlet, which is re-opening under Mr. Olcott's management, formed part of the cargo.

Westminster Customs Returns.

During the month of April the transactions in the Customs House at Westminster were as follows: The imports were valued at $21,708, upon which duty was collected to the amount of $5,279.38; other revenue, $62.65; total revenue for the month, $5,342.03. The value of exports were $1,507.83; increase in favor of 1890, $3,834.20.

Railway Developments.

A gentleman who has seen Mr. Harry Abbott, since his return from Montreal, says that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has sent Mr. White and an engineering party to survey the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway, with a view to location. He also informs us that another engineering party goes to survey the remainder of the line to get into Hope, with the determination to make that point, even if many miles of tunnelling should be necessary.

The Fraser Rising.

The Fraser for the past few days has borne upon its heaving bosom a miscellaneous inventory of forest logs and debris. Huge patches of thick foam have also flecked its tide, and there can be no doubt that the snows which have lain in gun their perennial melt in the mountains to the wholesale carrying off of all kinds of discarded forest truck. The water has risen four feet at Yale and one foot at Hope in the last few days, and is still rising.—Columbian.

A Splendid Donation.

The first, and a very valuable donation to the library of the British Columbia Pioneer Society, has been received from Hon. Theo. Davie, attorney-general. It consists of a complete set of Bancroft's history, 36 volumes, handsomely bound, and is worth at least $200. Several miscellaneous works have also been received from the attorney-general, and a complete set of Scott's works from Dr. McCandlish. These gentlemen intend furnishing the library in themselves, and it is to be hoped that their presentation will inspire other liberally disposed persons with a spirit of like commendable emulation.

The Spring Salmon Run.

Westminster Truth says: Spring salmon are running extremely well, and each boat brings in large catches. W. H. Vianen is now shipping to order 3,000 pounds per day to New York, via Montreal, and W. D. Port & Co. are averaging over 2,000 pounds daily to the same market; in fact, every fish caught and not required for home consumption is shipped east and meets a ready sale at very favorable prices. The colonists brought in 1,000 yesterday, Indians bringing them in in large quantities. The sockeye run is not expected before the latter part of June, but most of the canneries are busy with their preparations to can them when they do come.

The Last Sad Tribute.

A very large concourse of friends assembled at Christ church cathedral yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral of the late Mr. Cusack, the particulars of whose sad death have already appeared in these columns. The service was simplicity itself, and was read by the Rev. Mr. A. Beanlands. In addition to the large number of people present, a further testimony of the esteem in which the deceased was so universally held was manifested in the rich floral offerings that covered the casket from view.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. H. G. Good, J. G. Foster, Lennox Rowell, A. Edwards, F. Galbraith, J. Grice, T. B. McCabe, and J. C. Marshall.

Nearly all who were present at the service took carriages and accompanied the remains to their last, long resting place.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Cusack, widow of deceased, Mr. S. Kelly, senr., Mrs. Kelly, Mr. S. Kelly, jr., Mr. S. J. Pitts, Miss Kelly, Miss Cusack and several other members of the family.

The Great Indian Gathering.

The Columbian says: Chief George, of the Harrison river Indians, has arrived in the city to make arrangements for the quartering of sixty-four of his vassals who will come down shortly to assist in the fishing operations of the canneries. After arranging for the disposition of these men, Chief George will turn his attention to the great gathering of Indians at the Sechelt reservation, which is to take place next month. Almost every tribe on the coast will be represented at the great meeting, and it is expected fully 5,000, and possibly more, Indians will be present. The interior Indians from as far east as Sicamous, will come to the coast by special trains, and from Westminster and Vancouver they will be taken north by the C. P. N. Co's steamers. The gathering will be under the control of the Roman Catholic missionaries, at whose head is the well-known Bishop Durieu. The meeting will last about a week, and will be concluded in time to allow the Indians to return to the Fraser to take part in the salmon pack.

Sunday School Work.

A hand-book for Sunday school workers has been issued in connection with Sunday school conventions, in which a number of interesting questions are answered. The object of such conventions is defined to be to ascertain the number and efficiency of schools in a given locality, to consult together as to methods of carrying on operations, both in the school and among those who do not at present attend them, besides arousing more general enthusiasm and interest in Sunday school work. Such convention, it is also said, exemplify the essential unity of all Christians in the work of saving souls. It is pointed out that, as in political life, by organization workers are found, and by organization work is done, success being impossible any other way. Conventions should, it is urged, be conducted so as to get all persons, young and old, into Sunday schools, and to secure better teaching for those who already attend. Organization should be effected by the appointment to office of the very best men and women, each school being requested to contribute to the necessary funds according to its ability.

The Baxter-Jacobs Case.

Yesterday afternoon Capt. Sol. Jacobs, who has been confined in the provincial jail for several months pending his payment of the Baxter claim, was brought before Mr. Justice Drake on a writ of case for examination. The writ was served on him Tuesday, which compelled him to be imprisoned for the debt unless he could explain satisfactorily to the court that he had not since the Baxter judgment was given made such a disposition of his property as would prevent its being satisfied. Messrs. Helmcken and Belyea appeared for Capt. Jacobs, whose health is fast failing, and the attorney-general for Baxter. The case was adjourned without argument until 2 p.m. to-morrow.

THE LORNE RETURNS

With Latest News from the West Coast Stations and the Sealing Fleet.

The tug Lorne, Capt. Christensen, with a pleasure party of ladies and gentlemen, the latter interested in the sealing industry, returned from Alberni, Uculet, and Clayoquot, yesterday morning. A delightful trip had been enjoyed, the excursionists pronouncing the scenery along the various parts of the West Coast touched upon, beyond description. One of the party, who voices the sentiments of all, says that the pictures presented as each rocky point was rounded and each peaceful bay entered, seemed to be pages taken from Fenimore Cooper's portfolio of word paintings. There was the wild grandeur of nature, unmarred by the hand of civilization—the still water for a foreground, the dark forest rising behind, and the bluest of blue skies over all.

There is very little activity at any of the Coast stations, other than that occasioned by the running of the homeward bound sealing schooners. The Indian crews are all willing to ship for Behring's Sea, and find no difficulty in getting work. The Teresa, which refitted at Mr. Penney's station, left 124 skins; the Ariel and the Black Diamond will also refit at Clayoquot, and the Beatrice at Ahousett.

The sealers spoken and supplied by the Lorne, which also brought back their catches, were the Viva, with 262 skins; Pathfinder, 305; Mary Taylor, 114; Kate, catch not given. The Venture was passed on the return trip, inward bound.

At Ahousett an old Indian chief was met with, who proved very talkative on the Behring's Sea question. He could not, he said, understand what was the matter with the "King George people." Their big ships and fighting men seemed to be all asleep, and when their schooners were taken by the little American fighting boat, when the King George Indians had their canoes and sealskins stolen, the King George Chiefs seemed to be still too sleepy to do anything. He was beginning to get ashamed to let people know he was a "King George."

News was received at Clayoquot that the C. H. Tupper had been reported since leaving San Francisco, with one hundred odd skins, sailing direct for Behring's Sea. At Clayoquot also was found the name board of the lost bark "Nellie May," which, with part of the wreckage, was brought back to Victoria. There had been no accidents or sickness on any of the schooners.

A NEW PILOT SERVICE BOAT

Which is to be the Fastest Sailing Craft Round Here—A Handsome Model.

"She's being built to be the fastest craft round here." This was said of the pilot boat which Mr. J. B. Mair is building for Captain Urquhart, to be used in the pilot service in connection with the Victoria and Sooke handsome cutter rigged boat she will be, clean built, substantially put together, moulded dimensions 50 feet over all, 12 feet beam, and 5½ feet deep, and made out of the longest lengths of timber available on Vancouver island. Besides this, she will be copper fastened throughout, and covered outside from keel to deep water mark with Munsel's metal. A great deal of teak wood will be used in her deck fittings; this is not often done, and will be very costly as well as good looking. The interior will comprise a saloon 25 feet long, and a large cabin with a depth of seven feet, a galley, and a cook and mess room. Along with this there will be a large hold capacity. The estimate for building alone is figured at $2,500, but after this comes the decorative part, the fittings, sails and general furnishings, which will about double the above sum. The sails, bits, cabins, stairs and other parts will be brass mounted and elegantly finished. Gilding will figure prominently and will add considerably to the rich appearance of the boat. None but the latest appliances will be used throughout, from ropes to steering apparatus. Mr. Jones has its hand on, and read by the Rev. Mr. A. Beanlands. In addition to the large number of people present, a further testimony of the esteem in which the deceased was so universally held was manifested in the rich floral offerings that covered the casket from view.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. H. G. Good, J. G. Foster, Lennox Rowell, A. Edwards, F. Galbraith, J. Grice, T. B. McCabe, and J. C. Marshall.

Nearly all who were present at the service took carriages and accompanied the remains to their last, long resting place.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Cusack, widow of deceased, Mr. S. Kelly, senr., Mrs. Kelly, Mr. S. Kelly, jr., Mr. S. J. Pitts, Miss Kelly, Miss Cusack and several other members of the family.

The Great Indian Gathering.

The Columbian says: Chief George, of the Harrison river Indians, has arrived in the city to make arrangements for the quartering of sixty-four of his vassals who will come down shortly to assist in the fishing operations of the canneries. After arranging for the disposition of these men, Chief George will turn his attention to the great gathering of Indians at the Sechelt reservation, which is to take place next month. Almost every tribe on the coast will be represented at the great meeting, and it is expected fully 5,000, and possibly more, Indians will be present. The interior Indians from as far east as Sicamous, will come to the coast by special trains, and from Westminster and Vancouver they will be taken north by the C. P. N. Co's steamers. The gathering will be under the control of the Roman Catholic missionaries, at whose head is the well-known Bishop Durieu. The meeting will last about a week, and will be concluded in time to allow the Indians to return to the Fraser to take part in the salmon pack.

Sunday School Work.

A hand-book for Sunday school workers has been issued in connection with Sunday school conventions, in which a number of interesting questions are answered. The object of such conventions is defined to be to ascertain the number and efficiency of schools in a given locality, to consult together as to methods of carrying on operations, both in the school and among those who do not at present attend them, besides arousing more general enthusiasm and interest in Sunday school work. Such conventions, it is also said, exemplify the essential unity of all Christians in the work of saving souls. It is pointed out that, as in political life, by organization workers are found, and by organization work is done, success being impossible any other way. Conventions should, it is urged, be conducted so as

FARM PUPILS.

The murder in Canada recently of an English lad who had come to America to learn farming has directed considerable attention to that class of young fellows who are more common in the West than they are here, says the New York Tribune. In some of the North-Western cities, in fact, like St. Paul, Minneapolis and Winnipeg, it is an every day sight to see a young Britisher land from the train, with one eyeglass screwed into his face (in order that he may not see more than he can comprehend, some one has been unkind enough to say), a corduroy suit of blouse and knickerbockers, bright yellow leather gaiters buttoned up to the knee, a fore-and-aft cap, two guns, that he may shoot all the buffalo he expects to find just outside the town, a dog, and about 500 pounds of baggage. He has come to learn farming. He is a gentleman's son, accustomed to comparative luxury and ease all his life. Arrangements have been made for him by some English firm, of whom there are a good many in this business, to do "chores" for his board, and to pay £100 down to "learn farming." That is, to master the mysteries of harnessing a horse, to milk a cow, to drive a sulky plough, to drive a seeder, to drive a mower, to drive a harvester, and possibly to drive a bargain. As soon as he has mastered the last accomplishment, he generally sees that he has been duped, leaves his teacher and strikes out for himself.

The coarse food of the farmer's table and the rough society of his hired help, who get good wages, while he gets nothing, generally disgust him, however, long before he reaches the stage of educa ion last mentioned, and the young man starts for the nearest town, hoping to find more congenial employment. He goes to the hotel, and by the time he has discovered that there is no demand for any class of unskilled labor, save on the farm, he is in debt to the landlord, and in great many cases brings up in the hotel kitchen as a waiter or dishwasher, or even a stable boy.

One of the peculiar things about this class of young fellows is the longing all of them have to go home again and their evident inability to gratify that wish, although most of them receive sums of money fr m friends in the Old Country at regular intervals. The fact seems to be that they are not wanted at home. Their parents seem glad, or at least willing, to have their boys undergo considerable hardship, with such dangers to morals and health as a Western town may present, rather than to have them meet the inevitable evils of idleness in England. For the prejudice against any form of trade or business, outside the professions, is strong here yet, and many an English gentleman would rather have his boy washing dishes in America than stand ng behind a counter in England. Of course it is not heralded from the house-tops that dear Reginald is washing dishes in America, oh, no, he is ranching it in the West.

"I remember the case of two young lads," said a Dakota lawyer who was visiting New York the other day, "fresh from a famous boys' college in Englonn. What struck me particularly when first I saw them was their cheerfulness and their boots. They had heard of the spacious system of checking 'luggage,' as they called it, in this country, so that when they took the Grand Trunk railway a Montreal, and bought tickets for Minneapolis, by way of Chicago, they took clean shirts out of their 'boxes,' put the checks in their pockets, and were much surprised not to find their trunks at Minneapolis when they arrived. The ceremony of Customs examination on the border at Detroit, had escaped their notice. Their trunks not having been opened for the inspector, were lying there still, and it would take a little time to get them again, if indeed they ever came on at all. Still the lads smoked their cigarettes and smiled on everything.

"Their boots, too, were amazing. The boys were short for their ages, fifteen and sixteen, and the boots would have reached half way between the knees of the tallest man in the settlement, and were big in the feet in proportion. Walking was difficult in them. In answer to questions about the reason for such roominess, they replied that they had been led to believe that the cold was intense in the North-West that it was necessary for people to wear all the socks they had at the same time. When they learned that moccasins were the only things fit to wear in winter, they gave the big boots away, though they must have cost $10 a pair.

"Boots," we christened the boy, indiscriminately.

"Well, they went out to the 'teacher' who had secured them, and I lost sight of them for awhile. One day I came across such a thin, sorry, disgusted looking little chap, sitting on the back steps of a hotel, that I barely recognized him as one of the rosy, smiling boys I had laughed at a few months before.

"'What's the matter, old man?' I said, 'what are you doing here?'

"'Making the beds and washing the dishes,' he replied, sorrowfully. 'I'm "boots" now with a vengeance,' he added, with a flickering smile.

"'Didn't they treat you well?' I asked.

"'Oh, they did all they agreed to do,' he answered, 'but it was not what we expected, you know. I wish I had my hundred pounds back.'

"'Think you could have learned all you wanted without paying for it?' I askhd.

"'Yes, and been paid $1 a day for learning,' he said.

"'Where's your bro her and what's he doing?'

"'Cooking for a lot of English fellows that have a camp out at the Forks.'

"'Has he too thrown over his teacher and his "comfortable home, with plain but substantial fare," as the circular said?' I asked.

"'Yes,' said the lad, 'I think he'd like to go back, though, but the farmer will not have him. We broke the contract and left him, and I suppose he can refuse to renew it. He has our money safe, do you see.'

"'I saw, but what could I do?'

FOLIAGE INDICATIONS.

The careful gardener can tell whether his plants lack water by change of color in the foliage. Also, if otherwise in trouble, by insect enemies or poor root action from any cause, the growing green is changed to a lighter one easily noticeable if alongside one in perfect health, and its wants fully supplied.

M. George Ville, a French scientific agriculturist, has gone further, and after almost thirty years of assiduous researches on the experimental farm at Vincennes, has made a remarkable discovery of a relation existing between the color of plants and the richness of soils in fertilizing agents. His conclusions, recently reported to the Paris Academy of Sciences, deserve consideration by all farmers and