NGS FROM ABROAD.

Spencer Favors Home Rule.

ORK, April 23.—The Tribune's ys: Gladstone's most influential in the cabinet is Lord Spencer. ch at Newcastle, in which the d most resolute of the recent rwys advocated home rule, will ddly strengthen the position of ernment. No other English n could have declared so authori- hat Parnell and his supporters encouraged crime and conspir- the great body of the Irish peo- t want separation, and that the e measures will strengthen the tween England and Ireland. peer ought to have local weight pining the verdict of the liberal ncy.

erlain's declaration that he will r into a coalition against the gov- nor attempt to form a radical inist as significant as Spencer's support of home rule. His ar- against Gladstone's policy are fied, but his attitude is mark- ilitary. Sooner or later Glad- ght to make a journey to Ireland, the people there to express for the noble struggle he is n their behalf. What his meas- designated to effect is the recon- of the two countries. He will erious mistake if he allows Par- get the entire credit for home

Lourdes Pilgrimage.

, April 14.—The annual pil- to our Lady of Lourdes takes xt month and promises to be an usually significant. It will der the special sanction and of our Holy Father Leo. The pilgrims include not only who positively visit the shrines, those who, under the name of s by prayers and good works, articipate in the spiritual bene- the pilgrimage without being present. The benefits include st in the intercession of the lgrims who are expected to at Lourdes on the 28th prox. ociates are privileged to send and personal offerings, which laced in the Basilica or the t Lourdes by the chaplain of image.

Latest Murder at San Francisco.

n, Col., April 26.—Dr. E. H. whose body was found in Golden near San Francisco yesterday, Denver. Four years ago he was magnetic physician and had ctrative practice. One of his was a young French girl, a ser- he family of a prominent citizen, suffering from lung disease. The came fascinated with the person- ions of the girl and succeeded in her. She was soon in a delicate when Hirsch sought to get out emma by producing an abortion. was working to attain that ob- girl confided her condition to oyer, who obtained Hirsch's ar- conviction. His sentence to the ary for four years recently ex- Hirsch then went west, since hing has been heard of him.

of the Opportunity.

York Mercury: "The last wheat has ruined me!" said a speculator, as he staggered marble palace he called home. we must give up this house!" his wife.

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move into cheap apartments— r from our circle of society?" ainly. Can you bear up under sake?"

, I won't put it that way. I'll bear up because I want to re- where for two or three years my feet compressed until I No. 5s. This offers an oppor- Bring on your tenement

anadian Fisheries.

N, April 19.—George Osborne Under Colonial Secretary, tioned in the House of Com- s afternoon in relation to the fisheries. He said he was not at the Dominion Government plained of aggression by the States fishermen. If any dis- uld arise between Canada and ed States over the fisheries, ish Government would make ort to end it with as little fric- ossible.

ted for Six Centuries.

N, April 21.—A missing chap- , which was buried during the here in the thirteenth cen- been discovered by some who were excavating under- Christ Church cathedral." In pter house were beautifully figies, coins, tiles and marvel- mens of architecture.

N IN ENGLISH COLLIERIES.—A of pit girls was held on Satur- ing at Pemberton, near Wig- nsider the proposed insertion e in the new Mines Regula- forbidding the employment of bout collieries. The Mayoress presided. The Countess of and other ladies wrote letters against any attempt to de- women of their right to la- tition protesting against the n was unanimously adopted. Times, March the 22nd.

Through an Elevator.

Saville, the young Frenchman njured by falling through the Oppenheimer's warehouse yes- ening, and whose injuries were s probably fatal, was taken to He suffered no internal in- d the wounds sustained were erficial. He will be able to be in in a few days.

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DEATHS.

, on the 25th inst., Thomas Morris, a Kent Road, London, England, aged 47

on the 29th inst., Mrs. Peter McQuade, a native of Dublin, Ireland.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, April 29.

THE NAAS RIVER COUNTRY.

Its Resources, Its Capabilities and Its Prospects.

From a correspondence which recently passed between Rev. James B. McCullagh, one of the Church Mission society's agents, who is stationed at the head of canoe navigation on the Nass river, and a gentleman who was desirous of locating in that locality, and which was sent to J. Jessop, Esq., immigration agent, we glean the following information in reference to that vast undeveloped section of the mainland. Mr. McCullagh's belief in the great fertility of that country, and its future prosperity, is corroborated by the gentleman in question, who now resides at the Naas river fishery, and speaks in the most glowing terms of his new home. Mr. McCullagh says that it is the natural entrance from the north to that vast extent of country known as the Omineca and Cariboo countries. No better land could be desired for agricultural purposes, and also, with certain limitations, for stock-raising. It is well-watered, and in hundreds of places would need little or no labor in clearing large tracts for cultivation. The most important feature, however, to his mind, is the facility afforded by nature for opening the country up to settlement. From the head of Observatory Inlet easy access can be had to the interior. It would be a very practicable plan to lay a line of rails from Aieyanish, a natural harbor, on the Nass river, *via* the west shore of Babine lake, to a junction with the Canadian Pacific either at Kamloops or Lytton, thus opening up the most valuable agricultural district in the province to civilization and development. He says "it does not need the spirit of a prophet to predict the future of such a splendid country as lies between the points indicated, given the advantages of a commercial highway." The climate is remarkably fine, the snow disappearing by the end of March and only reappearing in November, allowing a long open season for the husbandmen. While the climate is severe lower down the river, where the mercury has been known to freeze, in the land spoken of it is very different. Being east of the coast range it is not subject to the northerly gales so in the coast. This year the snow did not fall until December, and up to January there had been only two really cold nights when the mercury fell to zero.

The winter is far less rigorous than in most of the northern states of the union or in the eastern provinces of the Dominion. The summer is very warm, the thermometer ranging between 90 and 97 degrees in the shade, but the long, bright, cool evenings afford ample opportunity for getting field work done without being exposed to the noon-tide heat. Cattle would have to be housed during the winter months, so that farmers would have to limit their stock to the quantity of fodder they could provide. According to the reports of the Indians there is coal in the district, and there is little doubt that, if properly prospected, gold would be found. There is a plentiful supply of timber, cedar excepted, and a number of sites suitable for lumbering purposes; indeed, in some places the mills might run throughout the year, since several of the streams do not freeze over. It is said that cedar is abundant in the vicinity of Observatory Inlet. Any scheme for the settlement of the country would have to be prefaced by the adjustment of the Indian claims, since the aborigines claim a right of hunting over the whole land. He expresses the belief that a satisfactory arrangement could easily be made. A long-felt want is the presence of a magistrate, by whom the Indians could easily be influenced, and the most beneficial results would surely follow. It would seem that none of the geological or other reports refer to the country north of the Skeena Falls, and there is little doubt that this section of the country is well worth a careful survey. As yet it is comparatively an unknown land, but one would judge from such unbiassed opinion that it is destined to be in time one of the richest districts of the province.

A Rough Trip.

The steam sealing schooner Thornton returned to port yesterday afternoon through stress of weather. On Sunday night last she was about 80 miles to the southward of Clayoquot sound, when a heavy gale direct from the westward sprang up, and when the wind moderated the schooner fetched up close to Shoalwater bay, half way between Cape Flattery and Columbia river. Just when the breeze was about over, and more sail had been spread, a heavy sea swept the decks fore and aft, splitting the jib into ribbons and washing the cabin skylight completely away. There were aboard twenty-four Indian seal hunters and twelve canoes, and used as the natives are to the salt water, yet they stood grouped on the decks

WATCHING WITH FEARFUL GAZE

the heavy descending billows that towered above the staunch little craft, each of which in turn, she nobly breasted. And as each approaching wave seemed to threaten to engulf the schooner, they lifted their hands in terror at the fate that seemed inevitable. Although this shows that their presence of mind is not remarkable, they nevertheless displayed a willingness to assist when requested. upon being told that all was well, Capt. Riley, who speaks of his schooner quite highly, says that he has "dug around" in a good many different waters, but the breeze was one of the strongest he ever experienced. The steamer G. W. Elder was sighted at about 11 o'clock on the morning of Monday, south of the Cape, laboring heavily. The schooner will refit and sail again in a few days.

New Freight Rates.

Agents of the C. P. R. have been notified that the following rates will go into effect after May 1st: Hammond or Moody to Spence's Bridge, first and second-class, $1 60 per 100 pounds; ditto to Ashcroft, $2 per 100 pounds; ditto to Savona, $3 per 100 pounds. This is a reduction of $20, $23, and $13 per ton, respectively, to the above points, and evinces a desire on the part of Mr. Onderdonk to meet the views expressed against the previous high rates.

Island Railway.

Mr. J. S. Antonelli, who arrived from San Francisco on the G. W. Elder, has completed his contract on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway, and will store his plant here to await the commencement of the Saanich & Victoria railway. The contract has been done to the entire satisfaction of President Dunsmuir, who exchanged compliments with Mr. Antonelli yesterday.

Methodist Church.

VICTORIA DISTRICT MEETING.

The first meeting of the above district met in the lecture room of the Pandora street Methodist church yesterday morning at 9:30 a. m., Rev. E. Robson, district superintendent, presiding.

After devotional exercises on ballot the Rev. R. B. Hemlaw was chosen secretary and the Rev. W. J. Dowler, A. B., assistant secretary.

On the roll being called all the members were found to be present, excepting Rev. William Pollard.

The examination of ministerial character being proceeded with, all were found to be blameless in life and character.

The Rev. W. W. Percival was elected representative on the stationing committee.

The district was discussing the arrangement and divisions of circuits when the hour for closing, 5 p. m., came.

The meeting opens again to-day at 9:30, and will continue in session from day to day until business is finished.

NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT MEETING.

This part of the Methodist church belongs entirely to the mainland, but in the absence of a regularly organized conference it is found necessary for both the New Westminster and Victoria districts to meet in one place, on account of stationing the ministers.

At 9 o'clock yesterday morning the meeting was opened with a prayer, lasting half an hour, to which the public were invited. On the question being asked, "What ministers are now present?" the following responded: Revs. C. Watson (superintendent), Jos. Hall, J. A. Wood, W. B. Sescombe, C. Bryant, C. M. Tate, T. W. Hall, J. P. Bowell, J. W. Patterson. Rev. C. M. Tate was elected secretary and Rev. T. W. Hall assistant secretary. Mr. D. Gillanders, of Chilliwhack, and Mr. A. Peers, of New Westminster, were the only lay members present. During the afternoon session the Revs. Mr. Barrs (Baptist) and Mr. Fraser (Presbyterian) visited and addressed words of fraternal greeting to the meeting.

The following property has been acquired during the year:

A new hall at Vancouver, value $600; a new church at Langley, value $1100; a new mission house at Chilliwhack, value $1500; an Indian church at Kultus lake, value $400; a building site at Sumas, value $100.

The meeting will be continued to-day.

What Some People Say.

That ten months ago the wife of a laborer named Navask, living at Niehl, near Bologne, in Rhenish Prussia, gave birth to triplets, and recently, to the dismay of her unhappy husband, she repeated the offence. The mother is convalescent and the six babies are thriving.

That "What has that handsome young man done that you sneer at him so much?" said Birdie McGinnis to Esmeralda Longcoffin at a party. "What has he done? Humph! he is engaged to be married to another girl. That's what he has done." "The wretch."

That "Are you pretty well acquainted with your mother tongue, my boy?" asked the school-teacher of the new scholar. "Yes, sir," answered the boy timidly. "Ma jaws me a good deal, sir."

That Vanity Fair publishes a singular rumor that a noble Scotch family have learned that Gladstone intends to become a Roman Catholic. The intimation is said to have been conveyed to them with an injunction not to disclose the fact for six months to come.

That some one asks Mlle. Bertha, aged 15, how old her mother is. "Mamma is not old," replied the young lady. "At the seashore in the summer she calls me sister."

That it would take a man 3000 years to read all the standard works; very few men, however, care to devote so much time to reading.

That the statement of the chartered banks of the Dominion for March shows total assets and liabilities of $225,929,095 and $144,490,341, respectively. Compared with the February statement there is an increase of $2,798,865 in the assets, and of $2,717,819 in the liabilities; and compared with the statement for March 1885, an increase of $13,124,314 in the assets, and of $12,266,197 in the liabilities.

That Mr. McLellan, of Yale, lately received word from an assayer at San Francisco that a sample of gold quartz, discovered in a vein near Yale, proved to be worth over $13,500 in gold and silver, in the proportion of twelve of gold to one of silver.

That a Pennsylvania editor says: "I started to walk yesterday, when a highwayman stopped me and demanded a cent." Curious how the man knew he was an editor.

That why do women always look under the bed before going to bed? So as to save them the trouble of getting up after they get into bed to look under it. Even a simpleton ought to know that.

That a remarkable bedstead, made to order by a Milwaukee furniture firm, is 24 feet wide and has nine compartments, each intended to hold one of the purchaser's children.

That in China the fee for medical attendance is from 5 to 10 cents a visit.

That the codfish continue to grow indefinitely, without regard to age, so long as it has a plentiful supply of food. The oldest codfish are the largest, and they sometimes grow to be as long as a man is high. They swim about near the bottom of the sea, not often ascending to the surface, feeding on all sorts of animal life, such as crabs, shellfish and other small fish, but not on vegetables.

The Seal Catch.

A Dodger's Cove correspondent says that the average catch of seals up to date far equals that of last year, if it does not exceed it. He states that the W. P. Sayward's total catch up to the 22nd inst., was 576, not as was stated, 200; that of the Grace was 302; of the Annie Beck, 209; of the Thornton, 190; of the Dolphin, 170, and of the Mountain Chief, 273. He further states that the total catch of the W. P. Sayward, up to the date of writing (April 26th) was 809.

THE LATE MR. ROTHSCHILD.—Further details regarding the death of the late D. C. H. Rothchild, of Port Townsend, substantiate our first account of the sad affair. The body when found was on the beach, just above high water mark, about 200 yards below the Cliff House saloon. It was lying prostrate, face downward, with an American bulldog pistol underneath the breast. Three empty cartridge shells were lying on the ground, though they had evidently been removed before the fatal shot was fired. The ball had entered the skull about an inch above the right ear, passing clear through the head and emerging from the left temple and passing through the hat. The jury returned a verdict of suicide while in a state of temporary insanity. Mr. Rothschild was born at Sulzbach in Bosnia, in 1824. His life had been heavily insured for over thirty years, and he was both a freemason and oddfellow. Great sympathy is expressed for the family of the deceased, who is said to have been universally esteemed and charitable to a degree. The funeral took place yesterday, under the care of the Masonic fraternity.

The Weather.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—8 p.m.—Indications for Washington and Oregon: Rain preceded by fair weather in Oregon. Cautionary signals are ordered north of the Columbia river.

THE ALASKA ROUTE.—The Pacific Coast Steamship company has secured the mail contract for carrying the mails from Port Townsend to Sitka via Loring, Wrangel, Juneau and Kilsonoo for four years from July 1st, at $9000 per annum. The service will be as at present.

B. C. EXPRESS CO.—This company announces that their rates to all points along the C. P. railway have been greatly reduced.

Personal.

Rev. Mr. Brenton, principal of Lorne College, N. W., is at Roccabella.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. T. Caton arrived from England by the G. W. Elder.

Mr. T. F. Oakes and C. B. Wright, Northern Pacific railway magnates, are at Tacoma.

Mrs. R. E. Jackson will leave for England to-day.

Mr. Henry M. Cavendish, one of San Francisco's prominent lawyers, is at the Oriental.

Mr. Otto J. Klotz, of the Dominion Survey department, has left the east to resume work near Kamloops.

At the Driard: John H. Low, Montreal; G. Evanovitch, New York; Mrs. William Faell, St. Paul; Miss H. Burrell, Portland.

At the Oriental: William L. Cusack, Victoria; Henry M. Cavendish, wife and child, San Francisco.

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Marine.

Ship City of Brooklyn, at Melbourne March 12 from Burrard Inlet, had rudderhead split and lost part of bulwarks in hurricane.

Bt bark Lakefield, at Melbourne from Burrard Inlet, met westerly gale November 17.—Vessel had one side of topgallant rail washed away, cabin and forecastle flooded, and part of deck load washed overboard.

Bt bark George sailed from Hongkong for Victoria March 18.

American schooner Helen Blum, Capt. Carlsen, from San Francisco, arrived in port last night with 700 sealskins aboard. She will leave in a few days for Behring's Sea.

The ship Ocean King, which has been laid up at San Francisco since June 1st, 1883, has been chartered by R. Dunsmuir to load coal at Departure Bay at $2 per ton.

The Alexander last night towed the ship Frank Carville loaded with spars for London from Hastings mill, to sea.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

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Sailed—Steamer State of California, Astoria.

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The tender of Messrs. Kelly and Shearing for the works required in the extension of St. Ann's convent has been accepted. The additions will consist of an extension 46x50 feet three stories in height, with a wing 48x54 feet attached. The building will be of brick, with stone foundations. The old Catholic church on Humboldt street will be removed and form part of the extension. These improvements will make the convent one of the most spacious and convenient on the coast. Work will begin immediately and and uninterruptedly until the building is completed.

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Mr. Wm. Duncan, of Metlahtkala, returned from England on Wednesday and will sail for the field of his mission labors by the B. Boscowitz.

Mr. M. Bray, government agent at Nanaimo, is recovering his health slowly.

At the Driard: H. W. Koch, Woodland, W. T.; C. D. Perrin, New York; C. H. Douglas, Winnipeg; P. Vogelman, Germany; G. Foyust, Tacoma; James Aylmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turnbull, Toronto; T. W. Gray, New Westminster.

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At the Oriental: W. Finlay Hall, Vancouver; Lewis Petersen, Seattle; M. Warren, A. R. Johnson, Nanaimo; F. L. Richmond, San Francisco; D. McRae, Chilliwhack; J. Kirkup, St. Paul; J. W. Litman, Port Moody.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY.—At a meeting of this vestry on Wednesday evening, Dr. Harrison was nominated as bishop's warden, and Dr. T. J. Jones was elected as people's warden; Sidemen, Dr. Preger, and C. W. Busk, C. E. The financial statement for the year was read and was very satisfactory, showing a steady increase in receipts.

CABLE RATES.—From and after May 5th the tariff from here to Great Britain, Ireland, and France, will be twenty-nine cents per word, and to Germany thirty-two cents per word.

BULLDOG KELLY.

Return of the Officers Without their Man.

Mr. W. McNeill ("sheriff") and Officer Kirkup, who have spent more than four months at St. Paul in the fruitless endeavor to secure Kelly the Bulldog, returned yesterday. Mr. McNeill says that they received the utmost kindness at the hands of the St. Paul and Minneapolis people, many of whom are much disappointed at the course of the U. S. government in releasing Kelly. The murderer is described as a handsome young fellow of 27, straight as an arrow, with a love of a moustache and a handsome, dare-devil air. His sister is a teacher in the high school of St. Paul, and

THROUGH HER INFLUENCE

her good-for-nothing brother escaped justice. When Mr. McNeill was coming away Kelly came to the cars to say good-bye. He was very pleasant and agreeable, and wished Mr. McNeill better luck next time. At Dillon, Montana, McNeill stayed over to be present at the trial of Morgan, the slayer of Haining, who was arrested by McNeill at Nanaimo last year. He found that Morgan had been tried and acquitted by a jury of twelve cowboys. Morgan was in high spirits and accompanied McNeill to the cars and wanted to treat him like a prince, constantly asserting that he

"DIDN'T BEAR NO GRUDGE"

against him for the part he had taken in the arrest. While at St. Paul the British Columbia officers put up at the St. James hotel, which they recommend to all traveling British Columbians as possessing all the comforts of a home combined with moderate charges. The Irish Standard of St. Paul discourses in the following florid style of the case:

Instead of all this we had Commissioner (or, as he was fittingly described by some, "Old Grandmother") Spencer reporting that the evidence for the prosecution was tenfold heavier than on the first trial. If that was so, the evidence on the first trial must have been alarmingly insignificant, indeed.

Kelly, the accused, remained for a considerable time in the northwest after the murder unmolested; and it was not until he had crossed the line into the United States that the bloodhounds of so-called British justice, true to the instincts of their bloodthirsty ancestors, came in pursuit, endeavored to trample down every vestige of justice and fair play in our midst, and to drag the object of their enmity again into their kennels, and consign him, as many an honest Irishman has been consigned before, to an ignominious death on the scaffold, whose blood stains, like the blood of Abel, cries aloud for vengeance on the cowardly curs, who have so often besmeared it with the heart's blood of the bravest and true. For over seven months over fourteen of these wretches have been living fat and merry in the St. James hotel, St. Paul, at the expense of their government, receiving in addition $3 per day each. No wonder that to-day they should sigh for another Dainard to appear, and on his questionable evidence have a third trial, but if they try that on Humboldt street will be removed and form part of the extension. These improvements will make the convent one of the most spacious and convenient on the coast. Work will begin immediately and and uninterruptedly until the building is completed.

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Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sabiston, of Nanaimo, leave next week on a trip across the Atlantic. They go to the Orkney islands. Mrs. Wm. Raybould accompanies them to Liverpool. She will visit her friends in Staffordshire, England.

Mr. Wm. Duncan, of Metlahtkala, returned from England on Wednesday and will sail for the field of his mission labors by the B. Boscowitz.

Mr. M. Bray, government agent at Nanaimo, is recovering his health slowly.

At the Driard: H. W. Koch, Woodland, W. T.; C. D. Perrin, New York; C. H. Douglas, Winnipeg; P. Vogelman, Germany; G. Foyust, Tacoma; James Aylmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turnbull, Toronto; T. W. Gray, New Westminster.

At the Occidental: Miss M. Keith, Portland; Geo. Baker, London, Eng., Wm. Swanson, Mandan, Dakota; E. Watson, San Juan; John H. Stratford, Somenos; F. H. Price, Cowichan; George Cosins, New Westminster; Jas. Montgomery, Vancouver; Thos. E. Ladner, E. B. Ladner, Ladner's Landing; John Hickey, Cowichan; Chas. Geake, Robert Lowery, Gold Stream; E. Choote, Thos. Johnston, E. & N. R.

At the Oriental: W. Finlay Hall, Vancouver; Lewis Petersen, Seattle; M. Warren, A. R. Johnson, Nanaimo; F. L. Richmond, San Francisco; D. McRae, Chilliwhack; J. Kirkup, St. Paul; J. W. Litman, Port Moody.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY.—At a meeting of this vestry on Wednesday evening, Dr. Harrison was nominated as bishop's warden, and Dr. T. J. Jones was elected as people's warden; Sidemen, Dr. Preger, and C. W. Busk, C. E. The financial statement for the year was read and was very satisfactory, showing a steady increase in receipts.

CABLE RATES.—From and after May 5th the tariff from here to Great Britain, Ireland, and France, will be twenty-nine cents per word, and to Germany thirty-two cents per word.

Port Simpson News.

From the Rev. Mr. Crosby, who came around from Port Simpson on Wednesday we glean the following information:

THE CANNERIES,

including the British American, the British Columbian, Mr. Cunningham's, the Inverness and the Metlakahtla, are preparing to run their full complement this season. The River's Inlet cannery is also preparing for a full run, and there will be a demand for a large supply of Indian labor to help them. The oolachan catch was only a middling one. The run was good, but the ice prevented a large catch being made.

THE SKEENA RIVER

is open to the forks. Parties have been down to get goods, and the miners have gone up, as well as the freight canoes of the Hudson Bay Co.

THE GLAD TIDINGS

made two trips to the Queen Charlotte Islands this spring, one to Bella Coola to bring the missionaries around to the district meeting at Port Simpson, and has now just brought them back, the work occupying four days, anchorage being made each night. She and the Boscowitz had a race coming around, which resulted in the latter being left far in the wake.

CHURCH WORK.

The labors of the missionaries have been crowned with abundant success, and the missions are all in a most peaceful condition. Skeena river has made a call to increase the labors there, and it is thought the want will be supplied. Rev. Mr. Green, of Naas river, has gone to England, but will return to his charge some time during the summer.

The Condemned Man.

A public meeting is called for Saturday night next at 8 o'clock, at the city hall, to consider what steps should be taken to call the attention of the Dominion government to the necessity of postponing the execution of sentence on Robt. E. Sproule. The grounds for taking this step are, we believe, the affidavit of an important witness for the prosecution to the effect that he committed deliberate perjury at the trial, and that his evidence was a portion of a plot concocted to obtain the conviction of the condemned man. Allusion will probably be made at the meeting to the fact that the United States government, acting upon the representation of U. S. Consul Stevens, to whom the friends of Sproule applied, have interceded with the authorities at Ottawa to consider the new evidence that can be adduced, and upon it grants a new trial. With regard to the meeting we may mention that, whoever are the prime movers in it, the fact that it was going to be held was unknown yesterday morning to Mr. A. Sproule, the brother of the prisoner, and also we have reason to believe to Mr. Theo. Davie whose advice, as counsel for the prisoner, it would have been politic to obtain. Whether the meeting will have any result or not, it is doubtful if it can effect more than is being done by Mr. T. Davie at Ottawa, whose hand, perhaps, can be strengthened by nothing more potent than three affidavits that he took with him, made respectively by three of the jury, in which they solemnly state that when they returned their verdict they had not the remotest idea that it could possibly involve the capital punishment of the condemned man.

Death of Capt. Pingstone.

News was received yesterday of the death of Capt. Pingstone, master of the steamer Kootenay, which plies between Little Dalles and the Canadian Pacific railroad.

Saturday morning last, while in a house near Little Dalles a deer came close to the house. One of the men ran to get a Springfield rifle, and in the hurry of loading, the weapon was discharged, the ball striking Pingstone in the knee, severing an artery. He died in a few moments. The man who did the shooting is almost crazy. The body was taken to Pingstone's home at Marcus for burial. The news will be a shock to his many friends and acquaintances throughout British Columbia. He was one of the oldest and most skilful pilots in northwest coast waters, and his survey of the upper Columbia for several hundred miles in a skiff some years ago connects his name as firmly with the navigation records as his work at the wheel has done. He commanded the first steamer, the "49," that ascended Columbia river in 1864, and was well known to many Victorians.

Caprices of Fashion.

New York Post: A French correspondent of a noted fashion journal writes that a transition epoch is predicted for the coming summer, destined gradually to supplant the fluffy bouffant arrangement in dress, so long in vogue, to the undraped clinging style. She further writes upon the subject that "the large dressmaking establishments have decided upon a *coup* for next autumn to restore the fashion of ultra flatness. It is always so in France, when an evil is remedied by resorting to the opposite extreme. Since the marriage of the daughter of the Duc de Chartres with the Prince of Denmark, the fashion of non draped dresses has begun to prevail in the highest circles, for which these dresses are styled *a la Chartres*."

Nanaimo.

McDonald Smith is canvassing the city for subscriptions to the stock of the Nanaimo gaswork. The company express themselves satisfied that the support already promised will return a fair percentage on the invested capital, and that they will commence operations at an early date, so as to supply gas at the time agreed upon with the municipal council.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sabiston and Mrs. William Raybould leave next week on a visit to the old country—the former to the Orkney Islands and the latter to Staffordshire, England.

SAVAGE DOGS.—Yesterday morning an expressman named Charles Burnley had occasion to call at the house of T. W. Pierce, on Pioneer street. Unable to make himself heard at the front of the house, in an evil moment he went around to the back, and was in an instant attacked by two large dogs, one of which, hungrier or more lucky than the other, got the two bites that (paradoxically enough) Burnley received. Seizing a broom that was near, Burnley drove the handle of that domestic weapon of warfare down the throat of one dog, said "Hoot" to the other, and flew through the back gate—his celerity saving his person by one inch from the dogs which were trying to attack him behind his back. The wounds inflicted on the right elbow were duly cauterized and dressed, and Burnley, as an extra precaution, is thinking of taking a trip to Paris to see M. Pasteur.

A DELICACY.—"In the name of all that's awful, what's that?" was a fair sample of the enquiries that was made by nearly every person who rounded a corner of the freight shed of the C. P. N. Co.'s wharf yesterday. The question was evoked by an odor that would lead one to suppose that a very active process of animal decomposition was going on very near. "I can't smell it myself," said a man with a cold in his head, "but it comes from that Chinese package there that is bound for Kamloops. It is esteemed a great delicacy; but as nobody is allowed to break bulk, you won't be able to try it."

POLICE COURT—YESTERDAY.—Ah You, vagrant, got one month at hard labor. Ah Louie, loitering on Herald street and throwing stones. Prisoner, with Ah Jim, had assaulted an Indian from whom they got $1 to buy whisky. Both remanded until to-morrow. John McDonough, using abusive language to Officer Grant. Twenty dollars or one month at hard labor. Ah Sing was again remanded for one day and admitted to bail. Henry Heath, of unsound mind, remanded for one day.

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TRANS-PACIFIC.

The Provincial Government and the B. C. Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the British Columbia board of trade was held yesterday, President Todd in the chair. It was unanimously resolved to support the action of the city council with respect to the China steamers touching at Esquimalt or Victoria in going to and coming from the orient. It was resolved to telegraph Messrs. Baker and Shakespeare, M. P., to the same effect, asking them to use their influence with the Dominion government to have this requirement embodied in the contract. Later on in the day from the board of trade

A DEPUTATION

waited on Hon. Mr. Smithe and asked that an official cablegram be sent to Mr. Beeton, agent-general of the province in London, requesting him to wait on the imperial government and ask that a similar clause be inserted in any contract that may be made for the transportation of British mails across the Pacific. The board of trade also passed a resolution requesting the Victoria members at Ottawa to ask for a sufficient appropriation to remove all the obstruction to navigation in Victoria harbor.

St. George's Banquet.

The inaugural banquet of the B. C. St. George's society at the Theatre Comique last evening was, as anticipated, a most successful gathering. Mr. M. W. T. Drake presided, while the vice chair was occupied by Mayor Fell. The ordinary loyal toasts were speedily disposed of and the musical portion of the evening was initiated by a baritone solo, "The Lost Chord," by Mr. Norman, followed by character changes by Mr. Wash. Norton, whose performance was received by the company with deafening applause. Among some of the best vocal efforts of the evening were sterling old English songs and glees by Mr. E. G. Prior, Mr. C. E. Redfern, Mr. J. J. Austin, Prof. Sorge