From The Daily Colonist, October 24.

## MARINE MOVEMENTS.

### Arrival of the "Tacoma" From the Orient—Her Passenger and Freight List.

### A Missionary's Opinion of the Immediate Object of the Japanese Movements.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan, Captain Lee, R.N.R., arrived in port yesterday after a rough but otherwise uneventful passage from Yokohama, which port she left on the 12th instant. Of course the war was the all-important subject of the news brought by the big liner. She had full cargo and passenger lists and the usual number of Chinese immigrants. Among the first saloon passengers were Mr. Bird, the well known New York lawyer, who with Mrs. Bird has been travelling for pleasure; Mr. W. A. E. Creitchley, R.N.R., who having served some time on the China station is now on his way to England; Dr. George H. Duncan, Victoria's medical health officer, who has been travelling in the Orient and acquiring surgical experience during the past six months; Mr. M. W. Greig, a prominent tea merchant of Foo Chow; Miss Forrest, who has done good service in the missionary field in the neighborhood of Kioto; Col. James, another prominent New York lawyer; Miss James, his daughter; Mrs. Henderson; Miss Kemp; Mr. H. Macarthur, of Yokohama; Mrs. and Miss Macfarlane, who have been visiting a son and brother at Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls; Mr. G. Stafford-Northcote, who is now returning to England after acting for some time as postmaster of Hong kong; Mrs. Patten, Mr. A. Peine, Mr. B. J. Petre, of Tientsin; Mr. Wilson, Major and Mrs. Richter, Col. D. H. Robertson and Mr. R. H. Wolfenden, C.E. The Empress also had three distressed seamen of the ship Annie Mayne, who are returning from Yokohama to Glasgow on sick leave.

Rough seas were the luck of the Northern Pacific liner Tacoma on the trip just ended until she reached the Straits early yesterday morning. She left Yokohama on the 7th inst., and was alongside the outer wharf landing her mails, freight and passengers by noon yesterday. A fierce typhoon at Hongkong delayed her a day in starting, and it was September 26 when she sailed from that port. Head winds were met with after leaving Yokohama for three or four days, and then westerly gales continued until this coast was reached. A floating object, sighted in mid-ocean by the keen eyes of the ship's surgeon, Dr. Redpath, was at first thought to be the mast of some lost vessel. This was about 1,200 miles from land. The ship's direction was at once altered to allow a better view to be taken, with the result that the supposed mast was discovered to be a fir tree floating erect with about twenty feet out of the water. For Victoria the Tacoma brought 212 tons of general freight out of a total cargo of 3,000 tons, the balance being for Puget Sound and overland points. She had 48 Chinese and seven Japanese passengers, all for here. Rev. J. K. Robson, Rev. M. J. Walker, Rev. B. W. and Mrs. Waters and two children and Mrs. Perkes, wife of Capt Perkes, commander of the Tacoma, composed the saloon list. The three ministers are Northern Chinese missionaries who are returning home after a long experience in the Orient. Mr. Robson's home is in New York, while that of Mr. and Mrs. Waters is in Washington. Mr. Walker is a member of the Scottish Bible Association in England, where he now goes on a twelve month holiday, after spending nine years in China. Speaking of the Oriental trouble Mr. Walker said that apparently the Japanese highest ambitions, just now, is not that of attacking Pekin, but establishing themselves strongly in Moukden, the capital of Manchuri and the old home of the Chinese Emperor. The place is about 500 miles distant from Pekin, and into it the Japs are swarming in great numbers, expecting to there find comfortable winter quarters to make preparations for a great raid on the Chinese capital in the spring. At present the means of access to the place are greatly improved by the colder weather and the armies on the way do not suffer nearly so severely as at first anticipated. The frost hardens the roads of the low parts of the country through which the enemy is oblige to march and the ice on the rivers gives support to the forces passing over them. As will be remembered, there are but few if any bridges in that country. Mr. Walker says Miss Bishop, the lady journalist who passed through Victoria some time ago, was at Moukden and saw the novel sight of 4,000 Chinese soldiers armed only with bows and arrows in march to meet their Japanese foes.

## THE CITY.

The degree of honor of the A.O.U.W. held a meeting last night and decided to hold a social about the 12th of next month.

Sam and Peter, two Indians found in possession of intoxicants, were yesterday in the police court fined each $25 or one month's imprisonment. Robinson and Rooney, the two men charged with burglary, were remanded till to-day.

James Wishart this evening opens up the American hotel on Yates street with a first-class assortment of all the goods special to his line of trade. Jimmy, who is a caterer of recognized ability, will have a first-class cold lunch ready at all hours.

In this issue appears a combination coupon good for parts one to nineteen, inclusive, of the Masterpieces of Art. This will enable all to obtain full files of this work of art. As only a few sets are available no time should be lost in securing back numbers. Call at the business office and inspect samples.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare were "at home" to their friends last evening, and in response to the intimation to that effect a large number of friends congregated at their cosy residence on Hillside avenue. The Mayor and Mrs. Teague were amongst those present. Music had a prominent place in the entertainment furnished, Mr. Clement Rowlands and Mrs. Rowlands rendering several selections very acceptably.

There was no change in the programme announced in yesterday's Colonist as rendered at last evening's conversazione in the lecture room of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Dr. Milne acted as chairman and in the course of his remarks paid a high compliment to Mr. Fred. Richardson's orchestra, which took part in the programme, and he believed would attract a crowd to every subsequent social at which they played. The vocal numbers on the programme by Mr. A. C. Martin, Mrs. A. Carmichael, Mr. Collister, Miss Jameson and Miss Spring were also greatly appreciated, as were Miss Thain's and Miss Horton's piano solos. Mrs. A. T. Watt's reading demonstrated excellent elocutionary powers and was cordially received.

The open meeting of Perseverance lodge, I.O.G.T., last night drew together an audience that crowded Temperance hall to the very doors. The programme provided was excellent and the consequence was that encores were numerous. There was an address by the chairman, Rev. Bro. Turner, instrumental quartette, Prof. Francis, Miss Leo Francis, Gould and Holden; recitation, Miss L. Kettle; song, Mr. Douglas; song, Miss Kettle; comic song, Mr. Sweet; club swinging, Master F. Furnival; recitation and song, Dr. Douglas. Refreshments were served during the evening.

The first Martini-Metford rifle to come to Victoria is now in the possession of Arthur R. Langley, who received it from England a few days ago. The rifle is the gift of Hon. J. H. Turner, who presented it to the British Columbia Rifle Association for competition at their last annual prize meeting, and being offered for the highest militia aggregate Sergeant Langley was the winner. The donor's choice of a gift was particularly appropriate, as the Martini-Metford is soon to be the arm of the force in Canada, and this presentation rifle being of superior finish and workmanship will be of great practical use to its owner.

The Sewerage Commissioners held an informal meeting yesterday, the principal matter discussed being how many hours should constitute a day for the men who are doing sewerage work on Fort street by day's labor under Street Superintendent Wilson. Mr. Wilson, who was present, stated that at this season of the year the men could do as much work in nine hours as ten, because the days were so short that it was difficult to put in ten hours' work properly. Taking this into consideration and also the nine hour rule of the corporation the commissioners gave orders that nine hours should constitute a day's work.

William Knox and his wife were found unconscious in their house on Collinson street on Monday, the wife lying on the bed, the man stretched on the floor. Doctors John Duncan and A. T. Watt were called in and Mr. Knox soon recovered, but Mrs. Knox had to be removed to St. Joseph's hospital, where, at a late hour last night, she was still in a semi unconscious state. The doctors are unable to definitely state what is the matter. Mr. Knox says that between Sunday night and Monday morning Mrs. Knox was seized with cramps, and he worked so hard trying to relieve her pain that he finally fell down overcome with fatigue.

Francis Louis David was charged in the provincial court yesterday with stealing three fruit trees from the Isaac Todd estate on Galiano island. The alleged offence dates back to the early part of last year. The principal witness was a lad named Jas. Collinson, who was working for David at that time. He swore that he saw David dig up the trees and move them over to his own place. Collinson afterwards went off sealing and was away from home for nearly a year. By the advice of his father a few days ago he informed Constable Drummond at Plumper Pass, and in consequence David was arrested. David already has served a two months' term for a similar offence, committed subsequent to the one with which he is now charged. After hearing the evidence Magistrate Macrae committed David for trial at the assizes. The prisoner was admitted to bail, he being bound over in the sum of $500 and two sureties of $250 each.

## THE CITY MARKETS.

Merchants report a fair week's trade with a steady tendency to improvement. Produce has been coming in in large quantities during this week, but so far its main source has been the American side. Hay, grain and apples are arriving in cargoes almost every day; but notwithstanding this prices remain unchanged. The stormy weather is making it difficult for fishermen to do much, and the supply of fresh fish is no more than equal to the demand. Farmers are getting in shape for the winter and are beginning to dispose of their crops, though as yet to no great extent.

Current retail quotations are as follows:

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| Flour—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl | $ 5.50 |
| Lake of the Woods (Hungarian) | 5.50 |
| Premier | 5.50 |
| Three Star | 5.25 |
| Victoria | 5.25 |
| Lion | 4.00 |
| Royal | 5.25 |
| Portland roller | 5.00 |
| Snow Flake | 5.00 |
| Salem | 5.00 |
| Wheat, per ton | 25.00@30.00 |
| Oats, per ton | 25.00@30.00 |
| Barley, per ton | 32.00@35.00 |
| Middlings, per ton | 30.00@32.50 |
| Bran, per ton | 20.00@25.00 |
| Ground Feed, per ton | 25.00@30.00 |
| Corn, whole | 45.00 |
| " cracked | 50.00 |
| Cornmeal, per 10 lbs | .40 |
| Oatmeal, per 10 lbs | .50 |
| Rolled Oats, per lb | .6 |
| Potatoes (new), per lb | .1¼ |
| Cabbage, per lb | .3@4 |
| Cauliflower, per doz | 1 00 |
| Hay, baled, per ton | 15@18.00 |
| Straw, per bale | .75 |
| Green peppers, per lb | 10@12 |
| " " cured, per lb | 4@ 5 |
| Onions, per lb | 0.@05 |
| " Silver, per lb | .06 |
| Eggs, Island, per dozen | .40 |
| " Imported | .25 |
| Butter, fresh | .25@35 |
| " Creamery, per 3 lbs | 1 00 |
| Hams, American, per lb | .22 |
| " Canadian " | .18 |
| " Boneless " | .20 |
| Bacon, American, per lb | .20@22 |
| " Rolled " | .14 |
| " Long clear " | .15 |
| " Canadian " | .15 |
| Shoulders, per lb | .14 |
| Lard " | .15@20 |
| Golden Cottolene, per lb | .15 |
| Meats—Beef per lb | 7@15 |
| Sides " | 7@9 |
| Mutton, per lb | 7@12½ |
| Pork, fresh, per lb | 10@12½ |
| Chickens, per pair | 1.00@2.00 |
| Venison, per lb | 8@10 |
| Turkey per lb | .18@25 |
| Geese per lb | .16@25 |
| Pigeons, each | .25@35 |
| Duck, teal, each | .25@35 |
| " mallard, each | .75@1.00 |
| Grouse, per brace | 1 00 |
| Fish—Salmon (Spring), per lb | 10@12 |
| Do. Smoked, per lb | 10@12 |
| Halibut | 8@10 |
| Cod, per lb | 6@8 |
| Small fish | 5@5 |
| Smelts, per lb | 8@10 |
| Fruits—Apples per lb | 4@5 |
| Oranges (Australian) per doz | .25@30 |
| do. (Naval) " | .40@50 |
| do. (Mexican) " | .25@30 |
| Lemons (California) " | .40@50 |
| " (Australian) " | .25@40 |
| " (Sicily) " | .40@50 |
| Pine Apples, apiece | .35@40 |
| Honolulu Bananas, per doz | .25@40 |
| Tomatoes, per box | .75@1.00 |
| Green corn, per doz | .25 |
| Peaches, " | 10@12 |
| Plums, " | 4@5 |
| Pears " | .5 |
| Watermelons, each | .35@50 |

## VANCOUVER NEWS.

Vancouver, Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Lawyer Harris' house has been entered by burglars and a quantity of clothing taken.

Thirteen Chinese tenements are to be destroyed on Dupont street. This is the first move towards forcing the Chinese to the extreme end of the city limits.

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## THE WORLD OF SPORT.

### John S. Johnson Reduces the Mile Bicycle Record by Fourteen Seconds.

### Referee Quigley's Decision to Be Appealed—"Indian Queen" a Winner.

Referee Quigley, who has ample powers under the rules of the B. C. A. L. A. to decide the matter one way or another—in favor of Victoria on account of the failure of the Westminster team to be on hand at the proper time last Saturday, or that the remaining eleven and a half minutes shall be played—has declined to do anything further. He claims that he has given his decision and that the association must do the rest. The following is his letter on the subject:

Vancouver, Oct. 20, 1894.

*Mr. R. L. Drury, Secretary Victoria Lacrosse Club, Victoria.*

Dear Sir:—In connection with the Victoria-New Westminster match played at Vancouver to day, October 20, 1894, I have no option but to confirm the decision given on the field, namely, declaring the game off, on account of darkness not admitting same to be completed.

Whether the game will be continued as it stood, viz., 2 to 3 in favor of Victoria with 11½ minutes to play, and the question of time, are matters beyond my jurisdiction, and must be referred to the association for decision.

Yours truly,
E. A. Quigley, Referee.

Although Mr. Quigley claims that the matter is beyond his jurisdiction, the rules indicate otherwise; at any rate this is the opinion held by those qualified to interpret them. What will be the next move in the matter is not yet decided.

WILL APPEAL THE DECISION.

A special and important meeting of the executive of the Victoria Lacrosse Club was held yesterday evening, when the decision of Referee Quigley in regard to Saturday's tie game was the subject of discussion. It was finally decided to appeal the finding to the Provincial association, a meeting of which body will probably be called within the next few days to dispose of the important matter.

YACHTING.

WILL INCREASE THE FLEET.

The Victoria Yacht Club are already making preparations for next season and in the spring will not only have added largely to the fleet but will have a club house of their own. Designs are now being drawn for a club house 50 by 42 feet and two stories high. It will be placed in James Bay. At least six new half-raters will be built during the winter; T. C. Jones is now at work on one for a member of the club. It looks as if the club will have a regular flyer added to their fleet, by the commodore, Mr. G. A. Kirk. Forest and Stream is authority for the statement that Mr. Kirk has purchased on the Solent—the one rater Fron Fron, which during the past season won fourteen out of the fifteen races in which she was entered. This is in addition to the eight rater he purchased in England some months ago.

FOOTBALL.

MUST BE AWAKE BETIMES.

This morning at 6:30 the Y.M.C.A. Association football team will assemble at Beacon Hill for a general practice. Another practice will be held on Saturday afternoon.

A COLLEGE VICTORY.

The match between the College second eleven and the Sunflowers yesterday resulted in a win for the former by five goals to one.

THE HUNT CLUB.

SATURDAY'S AFTERNOON RUN.

The Victoria Hunt Club meet at the Fountain on Saturday; the hares start at 2:30 p.m. with twenty minutes' law.

THE TURF.

Newmarket, Eng., Oct. 24.—The Cambridgeshire stakes run to-day was won by the three-year-old filly, Indian Queen, who, carrying 86 pounds, walked clean away from her field, Gangway, with 121 pounds up, beating the French horse Collistrate by half a length for second honors. El Diablo, who started one of the hottest favorites on record, was at no time prominent in the race. The ring lost heavily, the stable having backed Indian Queen to win over £100,000, whilst the public generally invested at a long price on both Gangway and Collistrate for a place.

TRAVELLED A FAST MILE.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—Galen Brown's fast colt Libertine, by Leonatus-Falaise, established a new circular track record for a mile at Harlem to-day by running the distance in 1:38¾. It was a grand performance, and both horse and jockey were given a royal reception when they cantered back to the stand.

THE WHEEL.

Buffalo, Oct. 24.—John S. Johnson rode a mile straightaway this afternoon in 1:35 2 5, lowering the world's record 14 full seconds. The time was 1-10 second faster than the world's record for running horses, 1:35½, made by Salvator on the Starlight track at Monmouth park, N.J., August 28, 1890. Johnson rode in heavy black tights and two thick sweaters, which tended to impede the free play of his muscles. But even with these impediments Johnson never budged from his position at the rear of the quadruplet, and when he crossed the finish line his front wheel was lapped on the rear wheel of the big machine. As the record breakers and the pace making quartette crossed the tape the features of the men were absolutely indistinguishable. All that could be heard and seen was a roar, a flash of variegated colors and a cloud of dust. Electrical timing arrangements were provided, and each quarter was checked at both start and finish, so that there can be no doubt of the accuracy of the performance. Johnson made his appearance on the course at about 5 o'clock and rode half a mile back of the starting line. The quadruple started from this point in a lively pace, Johnson hugging the rear wheel, and riding as if he had plenty left for the finish. The five riders dashed over the tape with the report of the pistol, Johnson lapping on the quadruplet. They were going at a terrific clip. The first quarter was covered in 21 2 5 seconds, crowding closely the best record for a thoroughbred horse for the same distance. This was on the down quarter. In the quarter which was up hill, the distance was done in 25 2 5, making the half in 46 4 5, four-fifths of a second slower than the half mile record held by the California filly Geraldine. When they struck the level course, Johnson urged the quad men to do their best and made the third quarter in 25 seconds. Callahan and Seavry on the quad showed signs of distress at the unheard of pace and were inclined to slow up a trifle. From the third quarter to the goal they went very fast, beating the time for the second and third quarters. The time for the three-quarters was 2 4 5 seconds slower than the three-quarters made by Domino last fall. The pace in the stretch was wonderfully fast, and when the quad then crossed the line Johnson was a short foot behind the rear wheel, and riding as if he had been out for an exercise heat. The official time for the mile was 1:35 2 5. Several club riders made the time 1:35 flat. Johnson said after dismounting that he finished well within the limit of his powers and felt confident that he can do a mile in 1:30, and will make the effort over the same course tomorrow afternoon. The quadruplet team was made up of Callahan, (1); Seaver, (2); Patrick O'Connor, (3); and W. A. Rhodes, (4).

AND STILL ANOTHER.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 24.—Bert Harding to-day lowered the 100 mile record to 4 37 56 4 5; the former record, 5 01 12 4 5, was established by Radway, of London, Ontario.

HERE AND THERE.

The first football match of the season will be played at Brockton Point on Saturday between the Hornets, of Nanaimo, and the Vancouver team.

An exciting billiard match took place last evening at the Hotel Victoria between James Hilton and R. H. Williams, the latter giving Hilton 60 in 250. Williams made some fine breaks, going out on an unfinished break of 50 and winning by 10 points.

Toronto, Oct. 23.—More bicycle records were smashed at Rosedale yesterday by Harley Davidson, who cut the time for everything, from six to twenty-two miles inclusive.

## JUBILEE HOSPITAL BALL.

### A Brilliant Affair Given By the Ladies of the Auxiliary Committee.

### Five Hundred People Enjoy a Delightful Evening's Dance—A Luncheon To day.

To assist the sick and suffering by enjoying oneself thoroughly is certainly a delightful way of being charitable. That was the reason, no doubt, that the Jubilee hospital ball last night passed off so well. There were fully two hundred and fifty couples present, and if there had been more there would hardly have been room to dance. The arrangements were perfect and the ladies of the auxiliary committee—Mrs. G. A. McTavish, Mrs. Charles Hayward, Mrs. A. J. Smith and Mrs. (Capt.) Rudlin—are to be congratulated on the successful outcome of their efforts. They found plenty of willing friends to help the affair along. The A. O. U. W. generously granted the use of their hall free; Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt shouldered the expense of the music; the J.B.A.A. put up the decorations, and the supper was supplied by the ladies of Victoria. The assembly room looked wonderfully pretty, decorated with greenery and bunting, with bright colored Chinese lanterns hung here and there around the room. The platform on which was stationed Richardson's orchestra was almost hidden by palms and other beautiful foliage plants. Among the guests were the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, officers of the Navy, Engineers, Marine Artillery and B.C.B.G.A. The B.C.G.A. officers were in uniform, which made a pleasant variety from the orthodox dress suits of the civilians. The newly built supper room was used for the first time and was charmingly arranged for the occasion. The tables were decorated with lovely flowers, and the supper itself was an elaborate affair, set out in the most tempting manner by the ladies' auxiliary assisted by other ladies.

The programme of dances was well chosen with a view to pleasing everybody who cared to take part, and there were cosy little reception rooms for those whose dancing days were past or who preferred to sit and look on.

Even the crowd of small boys and individuals who are usually to be found hanging round in the outside darkness when a brilliant function is in progress had a chance of peering in at the windows at the ball from the roof of the dining room, till they became so numerous that at last a policeman had to be dispatched to clean them off for fear they would go through the roof and ruin the supper.

In fact it was a general good time all round, and if people didn't enjoy themselves it was their own fault. The dancing was kept up till the early hours of the morning, and the fourth annual ball of the Provincial Jubilee hospital was generally voted to be a grand success. The reception committee was composed of Messrs. Joshua Davies, president of the hospital; F. B. Pemberton, vice-president; Wm. M. Chudley, treasurer of the hospital; and Charles Hayward. Floor managers, Messrs. J. S. Yates, W. H. Ellis and F. B. Gregory.

As it was quite impossible to dispose of the generous supplies sent in for the supper it has been decided to give a luncheon today in the A. O. U. W. hall between 12 and 2 o'clock. This will give business men a capital chance to help in the good work of assisting an excellent institution, and no doubt many will take their noon day meal at the hall.

Mr. Justice Crease gave judgment yesterday sustaining with costs the appeal of defendant in the case of the Corporation v. Union Club, from the order of the police magistrate against the secretary of the club for non-payment of $100 under section 173 of the municipal act, 1889, as a trades license. The judge held that the membership of the club did not constitute a partnership for realizing joint profits, and therefore did not come under the description of a trading concern subject to trades licenses.

## CURRENT HUMOR.

"Doctor, I am troubled with shooting pains in my face." "Yes, madam. You use too much powder."

"What I tell my wife goes." "Indeed!" "Yes, she takes it to her mother right away, and pretty soon it is everywhere."

Inquirer—"Does a fish diet strengthen the brain?" Philosopher—"Perhaps not; but going fishing seems to invigorate the imagination."

She—"Before we were married you said it would give you the greatest pleasure to gratify my every wish?" He—"My dear, I said your lightest wish; and I'll do it, too."

Mrs. Caller—What is the name of your new servant?"

Mrs. Wifey—"We call her 'Bliss.'"

Mrs. Caller—"Why?"

Mrs. Wifey—"Because ignorance is bliss."

Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry cures Diarrhœa, Dysentery, Cramps, Colic, Cholera Morbus, Cholera Infantum, and all looseness of the bowels. Never travel without it. Price 35c.

## THE "PRINCE RUPERT."

### Rumor Has It That She Will Go to China for Service as a Transport.

### Something About This Much Discussed Steamer—H.M.S. "Champion's" Plans.

It is now a foregone conclusion in marine circles that Victorians are not to see, for some time at least, the new and elegant sidewheel steamer Prince Rupert, about whose building so much has been heard. Though she left Glasgow some time about September 1 with the announced purpose of coming here to give opposition to the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer on the Victoria-Vancouver route, the C.P.R. officials have preserved absolute silence in regard to her. At the same time the perplexity of the public has been still further intensified by the receipt of the news that the contract between the C.P.R. and C.P.N. companies for the continuance of the latter's service had been extended. Now a flood of light is thrown upon the whole matter by a vagrant rumor, the origin of which is a mystery but which (as would not likely have been the case had the element of truth been lacking) the officials of the C.P.R. have not yet taken the trouble to discredit it. It is to the effect that the Prince Rupert is not now on her way to Victoria, but to Port Arthur or Wei-Hai-Wei, and that instead of carrying passengers and cargo between this city and Vancouver for the C.P.R., her first service will be as a transport and troopship under the Chinese flag. This service is one for which the new vessel is admirably adapted in speed and design, and after the war is over there is no use for which she is better fitted than for river work.

"Of course I cannot say anything whatever in the matter officially," said one officer of the C.P.R who was spoken to in reference to the rumor, "because not one word in regard to the steamer has come to me officially at any time. Personally I may say, however, that I have no reason to disbelieve the report. When the steamer was built she was undoubtedly intended for the run between Vancouver and Victoria. When, however, the contract with the C. P. N. Co. was renewed she would be thrown on the hands of the owners and they would be glad to dispose of her profitably and realize without delay. No difficulty would arise in transferring her; this could be done at sea anywhere on the long trip round."

And in fact the probability is that the transfer has already been accomplished. Word is believed to have been sent to Cape St. Vincent, at the point of the South American continent, giving the steamer her new orders—to alter her course and proceed to China without delay. She is well provisioned for the long trip, and may next be heard from in connection with the operations of the Chinese forces.

Whether the Prince Rupert was in reality built for the C.P.R. or as a speculation is a matter of opinion. In any event she was formally inspected by Mr. Henry Beatty, manager of the C.P.R. lake lines, and pronounced by him on completion satisfactory in every way. Her lines are graceful in the extreme—yacht-lines the builders explain—and though owing to her high upper works she bears a somewhat shorter appearance than she would otherwise, her length is not less than 270 6 feet. The length between perpendiculars is 260 feet, and the moulded breadth 32 feet. The depth of hold is 12 feet, and the depth 'tween decks about eight.

It is, however, in her speed and fittings that the Prince Rupert excels. She is nothing less than a big and elegant steam yacht, with paddle wheels 18 feet in diameter and engines of 3,000 I.H.P., capable of developing 20 knots an hour. On her trial trip, which took place during the last week of August, it was remarked that she was the least noisy side wheeler ever turned out from the celebrated yards of Denny Brothers, her builders, or any other British yard. Even the two rakish masts of the new steamer are strictly up to the times, being of steel, pole shaped, and fitted with electric lights—electric search lights also being part of the equipment of the vessel. When the Prince Rupert sailed for Victoria, via Montevideo and San Francisco, she was officered by the following "old salts," some of whom are well known in these localities: Commander, John Richards, of Cardiff, late sailing master on Lord Brassey's famous yacht, the Sunbeam; chief officer, Jonathan Pauley, of Cardiff; chief engineer, John Munroe; purser, Svend Caspersen, of Copenhagen, son of the general superintendent of the Thingvalla and several other ocean lines; second officer, John McAnish; and chief steward, T. M. Macfie.

THE "CHAMPION'S" MOVEMENTS.

There has been no recent change in H. M. S. Champion's orders. She will go up to Vancouver to-morrow morning with the Pheasant's old crew and return thence to Esquimalt. She has taken in provisions as customary, so that she may be ready for sea if required—for Peru, China or Timbuctoo. At present, however, she is not expected to go to either of the three.

## THE CITY.

In the schoolroom of the Centennial Methodist church last evening an enjoyable social was held under the auspices of the young people of the church. A choice musical programme was the chief attraction.

Commencing Saturday next the B. C. B. G. A. band will continue the weekly promenade concerts at the drill hall. An excellent programme has been provided, and a first-class entertainment is assured all who attend.

At the cosy residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ktunard, No. 22 Chatham street, last evening a pleasant "At Home" was held by the Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Presbyterian church. There was a good attendance, and the amusements provided were heartily participated in. An informal programme of music, etc., was also provided.

The police magistrate yesterday gave his decision in regard to John Robinson and John Rooney, who were arrested for the burglary of Grant's saloon last Sunday. Rooney was discharged, he having proved by three witnesses, Charles McGill, Alex. Campbell and A. Cavin, that he was in one of the city saloons from 10:30 on Saturday night till 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, the burglary taking place between 1 and 2 o'clock on Sunday morning. Robinson was committed for trial.

Edward Burke is the name of an unfortunate inebriate taken to the police station yesterday afternoon. He was found in a helpless state of intoxication on Yates street, his misery being added to by the absence of one leg and the crippled state of the other. After sobering up Burke explained that he had been sent here by the Seattle police authorities who, prior to the day of his departure, had sentenced him to 30 days' imprisonment in addition to fines of $100 each for offences similar to that he has just committed. It was through strong special pleading that Burke was allowed to come to Victoria. He says he is quite at home here, but the police think him to be an undesirable character who as long as he remains will have to be supported by the city.

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The promenade concert and decoration committee in connection with the reception to the Governor-General met yesterday afternoon at the city hall. Most of the time was taken up in estimating the cost for decorating the hall, providing carriages and other necessary expenses. After figuring closely on the various items the committee resolved to ask the city council for $750, that being the smallest amount for which they could carry out the necessary work. This includes the decoration of the drill hall, the music for the promenade concert, a certain amount of decorations at the outer wharf, carriages and lesser details absolutely essential. Mr. H. E. A. Robertson was appointed secretary, and Messrs. W. Ridgway Wilson and J. B. Gordon were added to the committee. Messrs. Muir, Ridgway Wilson and Jensen were appointed a sub-committee on decorations. This committee will meet again on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The ball committee are considering the advisability of holding the public ball in the drill shed should permission be received from Ottawa.

## THE NORWEGIAN COLONY.

### Rules for Its Management Discussed With the Minister of Immigration Yesterday.

### Plans of the Settlers—They Leave By Special Steamer To-morrow Morning.

Rev. Mr. Saugstadt and his little party of sturdy colonists leave Victoria for Bella Coola to-morrow, the Princess Louise having been brought into service to convey them to their new home. All are enthusiastic and eager for the work of developing their farms. They are sytematic in their scheme of settlement and promise to transform the entire fertile valley of some 13,000 acres into which they are going, into a fruitful garden—and that within a very few years. Not only are the relatives and friends in Minnesota to be brought to the new Norway, but others are coming from the old land itself, and it will not be long before still another tract will be in demand. All agree that British Columbia is infinitely more homelike to them than any other part of America which they have yet seen; its mountains and fiords carry them back to their native land, while its stretches of alder-bottom land into which they are now going are rich in the extreme, and the climate is much more agreeable.

The government of the Norwegian settlement is to be administered by a council of five, under a code of local laws which are remarkable for their stringency in regard to the morality, health, industry and available means of the individual colonists. These rules and regulations are drafted by the council, and must have the approval of the Minister of Immigration before they become operative; having been so endorsed, it is provided in the terms of the agreement between the colonists and the government that they must be obeyed, the council having the power in default of obedience to expel the offender from the settlement.

To satisfy himself that the terms and conditions of settlement were thoroughly understood by all the colonists, Hon. Col. Baker yesterday afternoon met them—83 in all—in the legislative assembly hall, and carefully explained each provision of the agreement. At the same time he handed to each settler a printed copy of the agreement with the government, and received his assurance that he had subscribed to and was satisfied with the rules for the management of the colony laid down by the committee. In addition to the usual regulations for the direction of local affairs, these rules provide for the annual election of the council of five, through the vote by ballot of all the male adults of the community. The council is to consist of the president, vice-president, secretary and two members of the colony, and the president and secretary (Rev. Mr. Saugstadt and Mr. Christensen at present hold the offices) are appointed intermediaries between the colonists and the government.

Mr. Peter Leech, provincial land surveyor, will accompany the party north to-morrow to point out the lands taken up and attend generally to the requirements of the settlers. They take with them provisions for the entire winter, and will employ themselves next season in clearing their land and laying out small gardens. Stock will not be taken in until sufficient land has been made available to support them.

All the colonists are enthusiastic and do not fear any of the difficulties which beset the path of pioneers. There is more than a probability that a party of Scotch farmers will be the next to take up land on similar terms to those offered the Norwegians.

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