

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

News of the Day Selected from Thursday's Evening Times.

FINANCE MINISTER'S VISIT.

Hon. George Foster Will be in Victoria on the 25th Instant.

BUSINESS MEN WILL INTERVIEW HIM.

He Wants to Have a Private Interview With Them—Finance Commissioners Refer to the Complexity of High Duties—Lowest on the Coast.

The tariff was the subject of a discussion at a special meeting of the council of the board of trade held this morning. President Plummerfelt occupied the chair and there were present: Messrs. C. E. Renouf, H. E. Connon, J. P. Rithet, A. L. Belyea, Col. E. G. Prior, M. P. Thomas Earle, M. P. H. F. Heisterman, T. B. Hall, Messrs. D. R. Ker, Mr. Earle read a passage from a letter which he received from Hon. G. E. Foster before that gentleman left Ottawa. He stated he would be here about the 25th instant and desires to hear from the different traders and industries of the province to meet him at the board rooms upon the dates which he will fix for such interviews; and that the rooms of the board be placed at the disposal of Mr. Foster during his stay in the city.

The secretary of the board was requested to publish a notice calling upon business men and others interested to take steps to appoint delegates to meet Mr. Foster and represent their views regarding the customs tariff of the Dominion. The board rooms will be open between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on and after the 16th instant to give delegates and all interested, whether members of the board or not, an opportunity to organize.

Advance copies of the annual report as printed were placed on the table. The report contains a lot of useful information. In answer to the letter from the Canadian Paint Company complaining of high pilotage charges, E. C. Baker, secretary-treasurer of the pilotage board, wrote stating that there was no foundation for the report and he suggested that there might be other reasons why the steamer Haytian Republic did not want to call here. The pilotage dues, he said, were lower than at any other port on the coast.

It was decided to subscribe for the Imperial Institute year book. Some Boom Left. W. H. Barnes returned on Tuesday from Kootenay. Everything is booming along the line of the Nakusp & Sicocan railway. In Nakusp many of the inhabitants cannot get rooms in which to sleep, but nevertheless they are very orderly. This Mr. Barnes thinks is due to the manner in which Judge Sprunt and Government Agent Fitzsimons enforce the law. At the Mountain Chief and Slovan Star claims there is a large amount of ore on the dumps awaiting shipment. There is a healthy boom at New Denver and real estate is changing hands rapidly. Four miles of rails have been laid on the Nakusp & Sicocan.

A Successful Bazaar. The bazaar in aid of the infants' ward in the Protestant Orphans' Home held at the home of Mrs. Charles Vernon, was successful, \$118.50 being realized. It was under the patronage of the Lieut.-Governor and Admiral Stephenson and the direct supervision of Miss Violet Vernon, Miss Violet Drake and Miss Grace Pinder. After deducting a small sum for expenses and reserving \$10 for a similar affair, \$100 was forwarded to F. W. Worlock. The acknowledgment of the Victoria B. C. Oct. 11, 1893.

I beg to acknowledge, with many thanks to Mrs. Charles Vernon and the young ladies who so kindly assisted her, the receipt of \$100, which sum I have handed to the honorary treasurer, to be applied toward the furnishing of the infants' ward of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home.

(Sd.) FREDERICK W. WORLOCK, President.

The steam schooner Mischief passed Race Rocks this afternoon on her way from the west coast.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEET.

An Additional Teacher for the Victoria West School.

A meeting of the school board was held last evening, Chairman Hayward presiding. Trustees Marchant, Yates, Lovell and Saunders were also present. Applications for positions as teachers and janitors and for a part of the insurance on school buildings were received. The new buildings will be insured during construction.

Rev. P. McF. Macleod received permission to use the James Bay school for Sunday School purposes.

Principal Netherby reported relative to the visit of Sergeant Hawton to the school and the seizure of pupils. The report was laid on the table. Skene Lowe suggested that some provision be made for a stand where children could obtain a cup of coffee, chocolate or tea to drink with their lunches. On the recommendation of Architect Soule it was decided to level the grounds around the new North Ward school. Tenders will be called for the work.

The report for September showed an average daily attendance of 371, an average actual attendance of 1,951, and a total of 1,921 pupils in actual attendance, this being an average of 47 per cent, and a considerable increase on the attendance for the same month last year.

The following firms tendered for the supply of 500 desks: Lemon, Gonson & Co., Taylor Mill Co., Muirhead & Mann, Martin & Robertson, Sehl, Haslie, Erskine Co., and James Haslie. Trustees Marchant, Saunders and the chairman were appointed a committee to deal with the matter.

Mr. Tait was appointed an additional teacher for Victoria West school, Trustee Marchant having reported that the teacher of the lower class had more pupils than one person could attend to. The same trustee called attention to the fact that large number of children residing outside of the city were attending the Victoria West school. As it will soon be necessary to erect a new school, he suggested that the government be asked to contribute towards its construction.

Trustee Marchant thought an inquiry should be instituted as to the right of a policeman to search the pupils. Trustee Lovell said it was the duty of the police to confiscate catapults and other articles which were looked for. One reason was that a number of robberies had recently been committed and the other reason was that a number of knives with improper inscriptions in the handles had been brought to the city.

The chief of police will, however, be asked for an explanation.

Marine

The City of Carlisle is still in Royal Roads.

The schooner Otto left for the west coast this morning.

The five-masted schooner Governor Ames is in the Roads.

The schooner William Bowden is nearly ready for sea with a cargo of lumber.

The tug Lorne has been undergoing repairs for a few days and will be out to-morrow.

There are about 35 men at work on the steamer Princess Louise, which is in the dock at Esquimaux. She will receive new copper, a number of new planks, and will be re-caulked. The men are at present engaged stripping off the old copper. The vessel will be in dock nearly all next week.

The Great Family Medicine of the Age.

There is, probably, no family medicine favorably and so widely known as Davis' Pain Killer. It is extensively used in India, China, Turkey—and, in every civilized country on earth, not only to counteract the climate influences, but for the cure of bowel troubles, cholera and fevers. It is used internally for all diseases of the bowels, and externally for wounds, burns, bruises, etc. Sold by druggists generally. 25 cents for a big bottle.

Mountain Railroads in Switzerland.

Some of the mountain railroads in Switzerland find it advantageous to open long before the snow melts on their upper parts, and to do this an enormous amount of snow has to be shoveled away. Last May, when the road from Gion, on Lake Geneva, up to Rocher de Naye was opened, the cars ran for some distance between walls of solid compressed snow 12 to 20 feet high. When the work began one of the upper stations had disappeared, and it was supposed that it had been swept away by the winter storms, which are not always zealous. A rounded elevation was recognized as the site of a water tank, and from this the position of the station was determined and excavations were begun. After digging down six feet the shovellers struck the foundation, but the roof of the station, which was in its place intact.

SHORT LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The schooner Walter L. Rich has discharged her skins and will pay off her crew immediately.

Nearly every schooner in the sailing fleet has been overhauled preparatory to making a start next season.

The lighthouse keeper at Race Rocks reports that he saw a large upturned canoe in the surf on Sunday. It is supposed the occupants were drowned.

Counterfeit Canadian silver is in circulation in New Westminster and Vancouver. It is only a middling imitation of the genuine coin, and is easily detected by ring or color.

No further work regarding the supposed drowning of Messrs. Macnaught and Daykin was brought to the city by the Dominion government steamer Quadra, which arrived yesterday.

The poultry show at the market will take place to-morrow night, and the admission fee to the general public will be ten cents. The minor shows are very useful for working up interest for the big exhibition.

Bishop Perrin presided at a meeting held in the Cathedral school last evening to organize a social club. Two committees were appointed, one to arrange for intellectual entertainments and the other to formulate a plan to organize the club.

A drunken man paid a visit to the James Bay school this morning. He critically inspected the desks and other curiosities and then tumbled in a heap on the floor. Miss Bradley persuaded the man to go out and then locked the door.

The Y. M. C. A. gymnasium is to be reopened this evening under the direction of H. H. Roper and a corps of volunteer class leaders. Dr. McKechnie will act as medical director. Classes will be held for business men Tuesday afternoons from 5 to 6 and for young men Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9.30.

The first indoor social given by the members of the Y. P. L. A. of the First Presbyterian church was held last evening in the school room. There was a large attendance and a very pleasant evening was spent. Musical selections, Miss Munroe's reading, Mr. Foreman's solo, Mr. Collier's recitation, Mrs. Watts' solo, Miss Gilmore's duet, Miss Grant and Miss Collier's reading, Mr. Landell.

It is believed that an attempt was made about 9 o'clock this morning to rob Davidson's jewelry store on Government street. The burglar alarm which is connected with the District Telegraph office gave a violent ring at that hour, and soon a messenger had a squad of policemen about the place. The doors were skylighted all of which were connected with the alarm, did not show signs of having been disturbed or touched in any way.

Page & Winnett propose organizing a vegetable competition. They have now on hand in the vegetable garden some very large and fine specimens of various vegetables, and for the next sixty days they invite farmers, gardeners and others to send in their biggest specimens, with name of grower and place where grown attached. At the end of the time mentioned an assortment will be made up of the largest and finest specimens and forwarded, with the growers' names, etc., to the Midwinter Exhibition at San Francisco.

There were six whiskey cases and one cruelty to animals case in the police court this morning. James Thomson, charged with the largest horse hair, and Klodochman, and Joseph Bull were each fined \$5 and costs for being drunk. Annie, Albert Bay, Billy, Songhese Indian, and Bob Johnson, Indian, had whiskey in their possession and were fined \$25 each. D. McPhadden was charged with cruelty to a horse. Lorne was charged with driving about. Veterinary Surgeon Tolmie testified that working the horse did not hurt him and the case was dismissed.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Thompson, Christie & Co. have been awarded bid contract for completing the new drill shed.

Joseph Adams and wife have been duly appointed assistants in the new Protestant Orphans' Home.

H. C. Lucas, baker, Victoria, has taken W. H. Long into partnership under the style of Lucas & Crogan.

The Cariboo and Fly arrived from the north last evening with lumber and salmon from the R. C. Cannery and mill at Claxton.

His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Edgar Dewdney has given \$10 toward the purchase of souvenir lockets for the members of the Victoria lacrosse team.

S. D. Schultz and Geo. A. Morphy will shortly enter into business under the firm name of Schultz & Morphy, at No. 49 Langley street, Victoria.

E. B. Marvin & Co. shipped 39 cases of sealskins to London this morning over the C. P. R. From Montreal the shipment will go forward on the Alia ship.

There was a congregational social at the Calvary Baptist church last evening. It was given by the ladies, who provided an old New England dinner for the company, and a program was pleased.

Although he has telegraphed for particulars, Supt. Hussey has not received any official notification of the reported murder along the line of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway.

The annual charity ball in aid of the Jubilee hospital will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Assembly hall. The Ladies Auxiliary met yesterday at the home of Mrs. Rindlin, Pandora avenue, to make preliminary arrangements.

C. E. Earle, the Kingstons' baggage-master, charged with smuggling forty pounds of opium last Tuesday night, was released on Monday on bonds furnished by Capt. Melville Nichols and Chief Engineer Snyder of the steamer George E. Starr.

The United States Steamer Mohican of the Behring Sea patrol, was in Alert Bay when the Danube passed there. A majority of the crew were down with the gripe and the vessel could not be properly navigated. The commander expected to be able to leave in a few days for the Sound.

An information has been sworn to charging J. B. Barthe, a stoker on H.M.S. Royal Arthur, with stealing a lot of jewelry and other trinkets from the White Horse saloon. If Bastable is arrested this evening the case will be tried to-morrow.

Work is being held this afternoon in Temperance Hall, Pandora street, by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. There was a large attendance, the plain and fancy goods tables being besetged all

afternoon by purchasers. This evening a concert will be held in the hall.

John Wilson, a native of Barbadoes, who was found guilty of manslaughter at the special assize, was last evening sentenced by Mr. Justice Crease to serve 12 years in the penitentiary. The jury in the case of Francis, charged with assaulting Wilson, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

All the outgoing steamers were late in leaving this morning, the storm keeping them in port. The Premier did not leave until 7.30 and the Yosemite and Hithet did not get away until noon. The Premier had a very rough passage in coming down last night.

Ah Bow was in the police court this morning charged with supplying liquor to Indians. The case was remanded until to-morrow. Felix Borell, charged with assaulting Annie, an Indian woman, did not appear. The police stated that he had left the country, going to Puget Sound.

A general meeting of the members of the Merchants' Exchange club will be held on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock to receive the report of the provisional committee. Gentlemen wishing to have their names placed on the charter members' list should apply immediately to the secretary, F. Elworthy, late ship-

A letter from Dutch Harbor, Alaska, says: "The annual quota of 7,500 seals allowed to be taken on the seal islands have been all secured with the exception of 1,500, which the company have left to be shared in the season, so as to give the natives a chance to secure the seal carcasses for food for winter use." The native seal catch is placed at 350, which is very low, and is feared that many of the Indians will suffer this winter.

The sale of sealskins in London will probably not take place until some time in November. It is stated here among those in the trade that there is a disposition to put it off as long as possible. The sales are usually held in October, but have been put off as long as Nov. 9th. There may be some private sales in London this month, but the auctions will probably be postponed for a month yet.

The postponement will give late shipments an opportunity to reach the sales. The entertainment, "The Happy Family," given at the Victoria theatre last evening by the children of St. Paul's Sunday school, Victoria, was well attended and a pleasant evening was spent. The affair was given in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home, and the friends of that institution turned out in force. The children took their parts well and showed their little talents. There will be a fair balance for the Home.

Charles Wilson, an old acquaintance of the public, was this morning committed for trial by Justice Macrae on a charge of larceny. Yesterday afternoon Wilson met Ben, a Swahili with a deep throat, down near the custom house. Wilson told Ben if he would produce a dollar he would give him two big bottles of whiskey. Ben produced and Wilson levanted with the dollar. Wilson, who had been before Magistrate Macrae several times, elected to go to the supreme court and take a jury trial.

The second night of the musical result which is to be expected every time the wind begins to make music in the chimney, namely, it levelled the wires and cut off communication by telegraph with the city. Their windows quivered with the thunders from Krakatoa, which, with an account of the third in the international yacht race between the Vigilant and Valkyrie, sailed to-day in Long Island Sound. The lines are being repaired as rapidly as possible, and it was expected this afternoon that communication with Vancouver would be re-established to-night.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Joseph and Mrs. McAdams have been appointed assistants in the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home.

Joe Hess, the temperance worker, formerly a prize fighter, died at Clarendon, N. Y., on Oct. 5. He lectured here twice.

Should this paragraph reach the eye of Max Penner, he will please communicate with the Imperial German consulate, 83 Wharf street.

O. M. Crozier, who was charged with being an accessory in the alleged robbery of the Victoria bank, was tried and acquitted yesterday.

One of the jurors who sat on the special assize gave his \$10 juror's fee to the Protestant Orphans' Home. He had scruples about receiving the money.

The members of the First Presbyterian church will hold their social at the residence of James Hastie, 141 Chatham street, on Wednesday, Oct. 25. Admission with refreshments, 25 cents.

Mr. Macleod's congregation will entertain the social and their friends at a social and concert this evening in the old Methodist church, corner of Pandora and Broad streets.

Rev. P. McF. Macleod will lecture at Vancouver on Monday night, his subject being "That Young Man." He will also preach the special sermons at the opening of the First Presbyterian church on Sunday.

William Smith, charged with the larceny of a horse from some Indians at New Westminster, was given a hearing in the provincial police court this afternoon. There was no evidence and he was discharged.

Pride of the Ridge lodge, No. 37, I. O. G. T. pleasantly entertained Victoria West lodge last evening. The following programme was rendered: Song, Bro. Collins, encored; song, Bro. Cooper; reading, Bro. Jewell; reading, Bro. Farmer; recitation, Sister Bamfield; recitation, Sister Diker and song, Sister Johnston.

Charles Wilson, who cheated an Indian out of \$1 and was sent up for trial last evening, was given a hearing this afternoon. The prosecuting witness is going home to the west coast and will not be here at the time of the trial. Wilson will be kept in jail until time for trial.

Friday and Sunday afternoon trains on the E. & N. railway have been cancelled for the winter. The Saturday afternoon train will leave Victoria at 2 o'clock, arriving in Nanaimo at 5.45. The south-bound Saturday afternoon train will leave Nanaimo at 1.45, arriving here at 5.30. The morning trains will run on the old time.

J. Blackburn and W. Refure had a narrow escape from drowning. A boat house moored near Jones' landing drifted toward the house back but had not time when the boat began to sink. It rapidly filled and they had to paddle back to shore while standing in water up to their knees.

The annual sports of the fleet will take place at Esquimaux on Saturday afternoon. There will be all manner of

LEANDER BATHS.

An Institution Designed to Meet a Long Felt Want.

The Leander Swimming and Shower Baths in the Five Sisters block will begin business at noon on Monday, Oct. 16th. These baths are first-class in every particular and can be safely ranked as among the best on the coast. The swimming tank is spacious and elegantly fitted. Its dimensions permit of an excellent swim, or a dive from a considerable height. The size of the tank is 20x52 feet; three feet of water at the shallow end and eight feet at the other. The tank is hewn out of the solid rock and lined with cement, which is tastefully painted with a composition manufactured specially for the purpose by the Canada Paint Works, this city. The water in the tank will be kept at an even temperature of 70 degrees, and will be frequently changed, thus securing absolute comfort and cleanliness. Over the swimming tank is a row of travelling ladders, fording patrons of the bath a capital opportunity to enjoy exercise in conjunction with their swim. At the deep end of the tank there is a spring board, which the bather can take a header with perfect safety. Galleries run around the bath, making communication with all parts of the tank easy. A neat handrail a few inches above the water level is provided, which affords a firm foundation for the swimmer to lean upon without the necessity of going around to the steps. There is an abundance of dressing rooms; one of the prettiest and most comfortable of the bath, and especially for ladies. The rooms are all heated by means of steam pipes, and will contain the requisite seats for toilet purposes. The shower baths are undoubtedly the best in the province; they are beautifully fitted up, and it will be a genuine pleasure to get under the cascades and feel how thoroughly independent a fellow can become of his mackintosh and umbrella. Every patron of the bath who desires to swim in the electric bath on the coast outside of San Francisco, and its use is available in certain rheumatic disorders.

Certain days will be set apart for ladies, who will be admitted by ticket only. Bathing costumes and towels will be provided, and separate boxes for persons furnishing their own. A very useful part of the institution's outfit is the provision made for the safe keeping of valuables of visitors. These will be deposited in separate boxes, the owners retaining the key. The lighting, sanitation and ventilation are perfect, and taken all round the Leander swimming baths are a credit to the city.

A thoroughly qualified swimming instructor has been engaged by John St. Clair. He will have entire charge of the baths and classes. His qualifications as an instructor are too well known to need recital.

Some Negro Superstitions.

"Did you ever hear of 'picking up tracks'?" Congressman John Allen, of Mississippi, asked a group of southern members. It was something new to all of them.

"Well," explained Mr. Allen, "it was new to me until a short time before I left home to come here for this extraordinary session of Congress. I went into the country visiting some of my people, and there I found great excitement prevailing. A young woman had been 'picking up tracks,' and it had broken up one family. Everybody was afraid. Nobody knew whose tracks might be picked up next.

"It seems that the young woman had a grudge of some kind against her man and a woman. She had followed them and had 'picked up their tracks.' Then she had gone off and buried the tracks she had picked up. She had put dog's hair with the tracks of the man and woman's hair with the tracks of the woman. After that the man and the woman could not live together any more than a cat and dog could. They had separated and the wife and the man were in an uproar when I arrived. They were both sent off some thirty miles for a negro preacher. It seemed that he was gifted with the power to break the spell. The woman said she never gave the voodoo woman a cent, and she never gave a grudge of some kind against her man and a woman. She had followed them and had 'picked up their tracks.' Then she had gone off and buried the tracks she had picked up. She had put dog's hair with the tracks of the man and woman's hair with the tracks of the woman. 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