Weekly Colonist

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FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, July 13.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Indian Trouble.

It is rumored that H. M. S. Caroline with a heavy detachment from "C" Battery will proceed to Hazelton at once to the rescue of the besieged specials.

Naval.

H. M. S. Caroline left Vancouver last night and will engage in firing practice in the gulf before returning to Esquimalt, which she will reach on Saturday morning.

Orangemen's Day.

Yesterday the Orangemen throughout the Dominion commemorated in respect to the memory of King William of Orange. The day was not observed here, but at Vancouver the Orangemen celebrated the event assisted by a few Victorians.

The "Bonanza" at Cayoosh Creek.

The news from the Bonanza mine at Cayoosh Creek, Lillooet, continues to be of an encouraging character. Work has been stopped in the tunnel, which had reached a depth of sixty-five feet, at that point the ore body being extensive and looking remarkably well. Work has now been commenced at another point in the claim. It is understood a good offer is at present under consideration by the company from an English source.

The "Islander" Launched.

Capt. John Irving received a cablegram stating that the new steamer, the Islander, had been successfully launched yesterday. She would have been launched some time previously had not a delay occurred in making the machinery. However, the interior fittings were proceeded with, and it is expected that the steamer will be completed in contract time, 7th August, and sail for this port. She will probably arrive the first or second week in Oct., and will be immediately placed on the Victoria-Vancouver route.

Heads the List in Beer.

The diagrams placed on the bulletin board at Frank Campbell's corner yesterday, and which illustrate the amount of beer, spirits and wine consumed by the different provinces since Confederation, have attracted considerable attention inasmuch as British Columbia heads the list with 72,000 gallons of beer, leaving all competitors far behind. In wine this province also heads the list, but we can only claim second place on the spirits. Quebec holds first place in the latter beverage.

The Steamer Idaho.

The steamer Idaho, Capt. Wallace, arrived at the outer wharf from the Sound yesterday afternoon and left for Alaska at 11 o'clock last night. Since being in San Francisco, the Idaho has undergone a complete overhauling and many changes were made. New boilers were placed in her and the cabin accommodations were greatly enlarged. Where cargo was formerly stored, staterooms have been built, the long saloon being now used as a dining room in conjunction with the old one. Altogether the alterations are a success and the steamer a picture of comfort. About 150 excursionists went up on her last night.

The Thistle Nuisance.

The city by-law providing that thistles shall be destroyed within the city limits is rigidly enforced and the noxious weed is thereby kept from spreading. This only operates to the city boundary, for in the adjacent districts the thistle is permitted to grow in luxuriance. On a windy day, when the thistles are fully grown, clouds of seeds are blown into the city, and form the nucleus of next year's crop. Citizens who have paid attention to the by-law, think it but right that the provincial authorities should see that thistles in the districts are kept down, and especially along the roadsides, where they are specially abundant. District officers might be instructed to cut down all roadside thistles, thus preventing a great spread of seed.

The Old Telegraph Trail.

Mr. R. Borland, who took a pack train from Quesnellemouth to Skeena Forks, states that the trip occupied thirty days. The trail in many places had become overgrown and a great deal of slashing had to be done to make it passable. The old bridges across streams had been washed away or were rotten and in some cases structures ninety feet long had to be thrown across. The feed all along was most luxuriant, the grass in some cases being the height of a man. Owing to the extreme high water it had been impossible up to the present to bring goods up the Skeena and as a consequence the pack train has not made a trip from Hazelton, over the mountains and into the Omineca country. Mr. Borland will leave for the north at the first opportunity, and expects to start a pack train on his arrival.

A Pioneer Gone.

Mr. Thos. Hoy, who has been a patient in Saint Mary's Hospital, Westminster, died in that institution on Tuesday evening after an illness of many years standing, aged 65 years. Mr. Hoy came to this province in company with his brother Richard in 1861, and at first engaged successfully in mining along the Fraser and Thompson rivers until they settled down on their farm at Lillooet where they have been ever since. During all these years of toil in this country the deceased accumulated a large fortune and was one of the wealthiest men in the upper country. The funeral took place yesterday morning from St. Peter's Cathedral at 8 o'clock to the Catholic cemetery at Sapperton. The news of Mr. Hoy's death will be received with feelings of deep regret by many of the old timers of the province among whom he was well known.

From Kyoquot Sound.

Rev. Father Nicolaye, of Kyoquot Sound, a mission about 120 miles above Barclay Sound, on the West Coast, is in the city and is a guest at the Episcopal Palace, Yates street. The rev. gentleman arrived by canoe and was eleven days in making the trip. He had some difficulty in obtaining a crew to bring him to Victoria, owing to a report which had circulated among the Indians on the coast that smallpox was prevalent here. The natives dread this disease, and the report spread consternation among the tribes along the coast. It was only by the merest chance that a crew could be induced to come up to Victoria, and after landing Father Nicolaye they made all speed for the Mainland to be out of reach of the supposed disease. The rev. gentleman reports the mission in a flourishing condition, and the natives all well and happy. There is little news of the sealers. Capt. Sieward's schooner had obtained a hunting crew of six canoes at Kyoquot and sailed for Behring's Sea. One of Spring's schooners being unable to obtain a crew, was laid up. The other sealers had not visited Kyoquot. A few hours after Father Nicolaye had started for Victoria he was overtaken by another canoe of Indians who reported having found the body of a white man which had just been washed ashore. The body, which was quite sound, and apparently not long in the water, was attired in black pants, blue shirt and vest; but had no shoes or coat. In the vest was found a pocket-book with some papers, and these the Indians had handed over to Mr. Campbell, the storekeeper at Kyoquot, who will doubtless forward them to Victoria at the first opportunity. The body was decently interred by the Indians.

No Trace Found.

No trace has been found of the bodies of Mr. Russell or the sailor from H.M.S. Caroline, drowned in Burrard Inlet. Mr. Thomas, the diver, is going to make an additional effort to locate the Thistle's whereabout, for if once found, she can easily be brought to the surface.

Cricket Team.

The following gentlemen have been chosen to represent the Westminster club in the cricket match against "C" Battery on Saturday: Miles, Raymond, Lewis, Chappel, Wilson, Armstrong, Woods, Gifford, Smith, Reed and Dockrill; spare man, Hamber; Mr. Wolfenden, umpire, and Mr. Wilson, scorer.

Fur and Salmon Shipments.

Thirty-five hundred cases of salmon, valued at about $24,000, for points in Eastern Canada, and seven bales and six casks of furs, valued at about $13,000 for New York and London, were shipped on the Alaskan yesterday morning and will go *via* the Northern Pacific railroad. It is stated the Northern will carry most of the salmon to be shipped out of the province this season.

Ladies Aid Society Organized.

The ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon and formed a Ladies Aid and Missionary Society. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. John Robson; vice-president, Mrs. T. M. Henderson; secretary, Mrs. R. B. McMicking; treasurer, Mrs. J. McB. Smith. Another meeting will be called shortly when committees will be formed. This movement on the part of the ladies of the church is one worthy of encouragement and it is hoped they will succeed in their endeavors.

Canners' Association.

The salmon packers met a few days ago and formed an association which they hope will result beneficially to all concerned. Mr. J. H. Todd has been elected president, and Mr. E. A. Wadhams secretary and treasurer. The object of the association is mutual benefit and the advancement and protection of the fishing industry on the Fraser river. The association have issued a poster offering $500 reward to anyone who can prove that the employees of the canneries have sold fish to outside parties. The association has enrolled the name of every canner of importance on the river.

Excursion to the North.

The C. P. N. Co. announce this morning an excursion to the north on the steamer Princess Louise, calling at various points on the coast, including Queen Charlotte Islands. The course of the steamer will be through the inner passages amidst the grand and beautiful scenery, and the trip will prove one of rare enjoyment. Comparatively few Victorians are acquainted with the many beauties of the northern coast, and this trip will afford an opportunity to a limited number to become personally familiar with them. The number to be taken is limited to forty-four, and all intending to take in the excursion should at once consult the C. P. N. authorities regarding fare, etc.

A Mongolian Dude.

Toronto *Empire*: A well-dressed Mongolian might have been seen yesterday afternoon doing King and Yonge streets, inspecting shop windows, casting furtive glances at the Melican gal, and otherwise acting the gay in a distant land. One decided weakness in his make-up is his name, and that is Wun Lung. He was not without acquaintances, for he greeted one person hailing from the west with, "hullo, Mlister, I no see you long time; how you makee things in Toronto?" Mr. Wun Lung further stated that since living in Victoria, B. C., he had made a journey to China, and when asked what he was doing now, said: "Nothing. Me what Melican man callee dude; me go island and mashee, oh, me likee Tolonto velly much, and perhaps me stayee here."

Fighting for Their Rights.

A Washington, D. C., despatch received yesterday, says: Handy & Co., of San Francisco, owners of the schooner Silva Handy, which was seized in Behring's Sea in 1887 while taking seals, have applied to the United States supreme court for the release of the schooner and her cargo. The case was tried in the district court of Alaska and resulted in a judgment of forfeiture being given for the government by Judge Dawson. The defendant's attorney maintains that Russia exceeded her powers in claiming jurisdiction over these Behring's Sea waters, and asserts that she could convey no powers to the United States when she sold the territory of Alaska. He showed that Russia failed to carry out this claim when in 1864 she allowed several United States vessels to be destroyed in these waters without protest, thus showing that she seriously considered them as the high seas.

An Excursionist Paralyzed.

On the Mexico, last Monday, there arrived a gentleman named Flood, of San Francisco, who was accompanied by his nephew. He had been ill for some time and was on his way to Alaska, hoping to benefit his health by the trip. He went to Seattle on the steamer, where on Wednesday he joined the Idaho. He was taken ill during the night and when the steamer was nearing Port Townsend was stricken with paralysis. Capt. Wallace did all he could for Mr. Flood and on the arrival at the port above mentioned had him conveyed to the hospital, where at last accounts he was lying in a critical state and not expected to recover. His nephew remained by his side.

The news was received here yesterday and startled the friends of Mr. H. S. Flood, the representative of a large wholesale establishment in San Francisco, who imagined that he is afflicted the man. For their information we will state that that gentleman is well and expects to be over here shortly.

In a Nice Fix.

The Westminster correspondent of the Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: A few evenings ago a number of boys went in an express to bathe in the Brunette river at the bridge on the Coquitlam road. All their clothes were left in the wagon, which stood on the road some little distance from the spot chosen for swimming. The horse became frightened at some object in the bush near by and bolted at a terrific pace along the road towards the city, and it was not until he had reached Sapperton that the horse was stopped. All the boys looked at each other in amazement and some of the younger ones commenced to shed tears, but that would not bring their clothes back. The only thing for them to do was to walk along the road which they did carefully avoiding all the stones and pebbles. Nearly all their clothes were strewn along the road, a pair of trowsers here and a shirt there until they reached their horse and wagon. No damage was done to either horse, wagon or anything else.

Undeniably True.

"I have used Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry and found it a sure cure for summer complaint. I was very sick and it cured me entirely." Alexander W. Grant, Moose Creek, Ont. tu-th-sat-dw

V. I. BUILDING SOCIETY.

Semi-Annual Meeting—Share No. 27 Draws an Appropriation—Motion Carried to Remunerate the Directors.

The semi-annual meeting of the Vancouver Island Building Society was held last evening.

The first business transacted was the drawing for an appropriation of $1,000, which resulted in No. 27, held by Mrs. Spooner, being the winning number.

The question of remunerating the directors was again brought up, and caused considearble discussion.

It was finally moved and seconded that the sum of $125 be paid the board of directors for their services during the six months ending December 31st, 1888; carried.

Nominations were then called for to fill the vacancies in the board of directors caused by the resignation of Messrs. Shakespeare and McKittrick.

Messrs. Shakespeare, Leonard, and M. Miller were put in nomination.

Mr. Shakespeare here withdrew, and Messrs. Leonard and Miller were declared elected.

A letter was read from Mr. Ross Munro tendering his resignation as auditor unless the remuneration of $5 per annum was increased.

Moved and seconded that Mr. Munro's resignation be accepted; carried.

Another discussion here arose as to the advisability of increasing the amount paid to the auditors.

Mr. Shakespeare moved that the sum be increased to $20 each per annum.

Mr. Geo. H. Maynard was decidedly opposed to voting away the funds of the society in this manner, and made the proposition that if any gentleman would consent to do the work gratuitously, he (Mr. Maynard) would do likewise. (Applause.)

Mr. Flitcroft Evans said it was evident there was a desire on the part of some members of the society to vote all the surplus money away in salaries to themselves. He would like to know what surplus was on hand available for such purposes?

The Secretary—Something over three hundred dollars.

Mr. Evans (in a sarcastic tone)—Then the best thing we can do and put an end to this remuneration business is to devote the entire balance on hand to the auditors. I move an amendment to that effect. (Laughter.)

Mr. Morris Moss—I second that amendment.

Mr. McKittrick thought that $10 to each auditor was quite enough, and moved an amendment to the amendment.

Mr. Evans here consented to withdraw his amendment.

The original motion of $20 for each auditor was then put and carried.

The following gentlemen were then nominated for auditors: Messrs. Ball, R. Jones and Ross Munro.

A ballot resulted in the election of Messrs. Jones and Monro.

This concluded the business and the meeting adjourned.

CIRCUS VANDERBILT.

Turns Horse Thief and Leaves for Parts Unknown—Consummate Cheek.

H. L. Vanderbilt, says the Seattle *Enterprise*, who has furnished considerable material for the press of late, added to his former escapades what may be called the *chef d'œuvre* of a cool and calculating schemer. Vanderbilt was released on the evening of July 3rd on bail of $100 and was no sooner on the "free wing" when he betook himself to his old game, namely, that of the tricky confidence scheme and sneak thief. The ink had been scarcely dry on the instrument that enabled him to walk through the streets as a free man *pro tem*, when he met a Mr. Crandall and passed himself off as Mr. Lacey, the advance agent of Maggie Mitchell's show. It appears that Mr. Crandall, who formerly ran the Montana stables in this city, first met Vanderbilt about a month ago on the voyage between San Francisco and Portland, on which occasion Vanderbilt represented himself as given above. Crandall had been reading the papers about a certain Vanderbilt, but failed to see any connection between the confidence operator and the oily-tongued Lacey, the advance and advertising agent of the Maggie Mitchell troupe. Who would? Vanderbilt stated to Mr. Crandall that he was obliged to go to Renton in the evening and had already half completed an arrangement with Mr. Sears, livery keeper, for a saddle horse, but dislikes making the trip on horseback and would prefer going over in a buggy. Mr. Crandall took him to the Montana stables and after some talk with the manager, Mr. Dickson, he was allowed to take a horse and cart which he promised to return on July 4th. He did not return of course, and the sheriff is now engaged in looking for the missing three.

POLICE COURT.

Minnie Robbins Charged with Manslaughter—Other Cases.

Fook Kim, charged with allowing his chimney to catch fire was fined $5, and Frank Hammond, charged with being drunk, was fined a similar amount.

Minnie Robbins was charged with killing her infant child.

The information of Officer Walker, which is as follows, was read. He says he has just cause to believe and does believe that one Minnie Robbins, on or about the 10th day of July, 1888, did feloniously slay one Jennie Slaughter, an infant under the age of two months, the child of the said Minnie Robbins, contrary to the form of statute made and provided.

Supt. Bloomfield, in opening the case, said it was a most serious one and the first of the kind ever brought before court since he became connected with the police force. The witnesses for the prosecution were in court, but the woman did not seem to realize the nature of the charge, as possibly she might wish time to prepare a defense.

Judge Richards thought that evidence should be heard and Dr. Renwick was called. His evidence being similar to that taken at the coroner's inquest, we refrain from publishing it.

Supt. Bloomfield then asked for a remand until to-day, which his honor granted.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The railway party returned south this morning.

It is said the sawmills on the Inlet have large orders for lumber from all parts of the world.

Under the chilling influence of the present weather bannanas will be less than a half crop this year.

The hack-driver Seaman, will appear in the police court this morning charged with being drunk and behaving in a disorderly manner on the streets.

Peter Ustate, an Austrian, aged 41, died at the Royal Hospital last night from heart disease. He has been an inmate of the institution for seven months.

The cargo of the Italian bark Innocenti, bound from Moodyville for Melbourne, consists of 1350 tons weight of lumber which is equivalent to a total of 1575 tons measurement.

Vancouver's city treasurer was examined before the supreme court registrar yesterday on the matter of monies said to be owing to a defaulting contractor by the city, but he did not possess the requisite information.

CABLE NEWS.

A Committee of Judges to Enquire Into the Parnell Charges.

Malicious Rumor Concerning the Dowager Empress Victoria—Dr. Mackenzie Severely Criticized by the German Press—Conclusion of the Pan-Presbyterian Council.

Suggested by the Liberal Unionist Leader.

LONDON, July 12.—It is generally understood that the liberal unionist leader suggested the appointment of a judicial commission to investigate the charges against Parnell.

Vote of Confidence.

In the House of Lords this evening the Duke of Argyle moved a vote of confidence in the government's policy towards Ireland which secured to the people of Ireland a full enjoyment of personal freedom in all lawful transactions.

Officially Contradicted.

It is semi-officially stated that the story sent to the *Pall-Mall Gazette* by its Berlin correspondent with regard to the treatment of the Dowager Empress Victoria is based on a lying rumor which was circulated in that city.

The Parnell Charges.

In the Commons to-day Mr. Parnell asked the government to grant a select committee from the Commons to investigate the charges made against him in the *Times*. W. H. Smith replied that the government maintained an opinion that a tribunal such as Mr. Parnell proposed would be incompetent to deal with the question he raised, but he said the government were willing to pass an act appointing a committe wholly consisting of judges, fully empowered to enquire into allegations and charges made against certain members of Parliament by the *Times*. Parnell then asked if Smith intended to place on paper the terms of the motion he proposed. Smith replied that if Parnell accepted his offer he would put on paper a notice for such motion, asking leave of the house to bring in such a bill. Gladstone said it was desirable for Smith to do this in order that the house might see the exact terms of the motion. Smith said it would be done.

The Ashbourne Act.

In the Commons this morning Balfour arose to propose a measure to be considered during the present session to prevent a system of land purchase as in Ireland under the Ashbourne Act, from lapsing. Gladstone reminded him that Mr. Smith had stated on Tuesday that the only new measure that the government would introduce this session would be the bill for the attention of the Minister of Agriculture. The bill extending the Ashbourne Act, Mr. Gladstone said, would tend to prolong the session. Mr. Smith said that the bill contained one clause covering the proposed extension. The fund was almost exhausted and Parliament must be asked to assist. Mr. Gladstone said the proposal opened a new and most important chapter on subverting promises of the Government, the Opposition would thereby reconsider their proposition.

Parnell Accepts the Government's Proposal

Parnell accepts the government's proposal for the appointment of a commission to investigate the *Times'* charges against him. He will, however, subject the judges appointed to rigid conditions and restrict the scope of the inquiry.

A Malicious Rumor.

The *St. James' Gazette* commenting on the story regarding the rigid surveillance maintained over the Dowager Empress Victoria, which the *Pall Mall Gazette* published to-day, says: "The rumor is the most malicious one ever invented and cannot possibly have the slightest truth for foundation." It says that it is afraid that the publishing of the story may do harm to men who may not have had anything to do with it. This reference is to Dr. Mackenzie.

The Pan-Presbyterian Council.

At the pan-Presbyterian council today, Dr. Turnbull was elected treasurer of England and Mr. Junkin American treasurer. Dr. Chambers, of New York, presented a report concurring with the Quakers' memorial for the substitution of arbitration for war. A motion was adopted extending fraternal sympathy with the Anglican bishops and advocating closer union between the Anglican church and the Presbyterian. At the closing meeting of the council this evening Dr. Speimer, of Calcutta, said he was convinced that the council had been laying the corner-stone for a grand superstructure. Mr. Apple, of Lancaster, Pa., said that the meeting were the most important in the history of Protestantism.

Dr. Mackenzie's Treatment Criticized.

The excitement created through Germany by the reports of the doctors who attended the late Kaiser Frederick is intense, and their criticisms of Mackenzie's conduct of the case form the sole topic of conversation. The *Kreuz Zeitung* writes comments on reports and overwhelms Dr. Mackenzie with invectives. To the question why the German doctors did not attempt to save the royal patient from Dr. Mackenzie? The *National Zeitung* replies that according to Prussian principles their official position in the tragedy prevented them from making an appeal to the public, but they did appeal to Kairer William while the sick man was at San Remo, and one of their number stated the case to him without reserve. His majesty was deeply distressed by the recital of the circumstances and answered, "My son is 56 years of age, and the right of final decision regarding his medical treatment cannot be taken from him." The Progressist journals which are inclined to defend Dr. Mackenzie, point to the fact that there were eight doctors concerned in the case who did not sign the reports criticizing Dr. Mackenzie.

The Imperial Widow.

The *Pall Mall Gazette*, in its issue today, publishes a sensational article from its Berlin correspondent, dated July 10th. The correspondent states that Freidrickskron palace, at which the Dowager Empress Victoria is stopping, is in all but name a prison and that the Empress is virtually under arrest. The correspondent adds that in any case the imperial widow is receiving but scant consideration from the men now in power and it is presumed the object of this treatment is to obtain possession of the late Emperor Frederick's papers.

Celebrating the Twelfth.

DUBLIN, July 12.—Immense meetings of Orangemen are being held to-day in Ulster and at Glasgow in honor of the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne.

Mandeville's Funeral.

MITCHELLSTOWN, July 12.—The funeral of Mandeville took place to-day. It was ordinarily quiet and many manifestations were shown. Wm. O'Brien delivered a funeral oration at the grave of a eulogistic nature.

The Emperor's Russian Visit.

BERLIN, July 12.—Emperor William will leave Potsdam to-morrow evening at seven o'clock on the royal yacht. He will proceed to Spaudau on the yacht and thence by rail to Kiel, where he will embark for St. Petersburg.

A High Class Decoration.

Professors Bergman and Gerhardt have been decorated with the high class order of Hohenzollern.

Emperor William's Escort.

BERLIN, July 12.—The fleet which will escort the Emperor to Russia will be the largest ever sent out by Germany. It will contain four dispatch ships, six iron-clads, four vessels of the training squadron and a flotilla of torpedo boats.

Haytian Insurgents.

PARIS, July 12.—A despatch from Port au Prince stated that Haytian insurgents have burned 500 houses in that city and most of the public buildings.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Premier Mercier Receives a Jesuit Degree.

QUEBEC, July 12.—Premier Mercier had the order of D. L. conferred on him by the Jesuits' College of Fordham, N. Y., as a recognition of services to the order.

MONTREAL, July 12.—The storm, which burst over the city on Wednesday afternoon, seems to have been general. In Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec it was most disastrous in its effects particularly to the telegraph companies, who were paralyzed by the demoralization of wires, the C. P. R. being the only route to Toronto, and even they were not able to get west, as a result of another storm on Lake Superior. Consequently only the bare result of the Manitoba elections, which were waited with much interest, were received. The damage to property in the country districts is immense and it is feared many disasters happened on the lakes.

The Manitoba Elections.

The *Witness* this morning says: The liberal government of Manitoba had a tremendous victory at the elections held in that province yesterday. According to the reports which so far have reached us, the government carried twenty out of twenty-seven seats contested. At the nominations a week ago ten government candidates were elected and one independent. The government has therefore thirty supporters, a majority of twenty-two in an assembly consisting of 38 members. Such a majority is altogether too large. Effective opposition is a necessity. When governments have disproportionately large followings dissensions creep in and the public get the benefit.

Arrested for Beating His Wife.

J. G. Tellier, a commercial traveler, was arrested this morning for beating his wife. Both parties are well connected. The affair has caused a big sensation.

Quebec Legislature Prorogued.

Early this morning a session of the legislative council was held to finish the discussion on the conversion bill, which finally passed the legislature to enable prorogation this afternoon according to the programme laid down at the beginning of the week. During the session, which began on 14th May, 197 bills of various kinds have passed. The number is in excess of any former session of the legislature.

Governor Anjers formally closed the session with the usual ceremonies, which were deprived of some of their brilliancy by the bad weather preventing the attendance of the ladies invited. The speech closing the session contained nothing particular, beyond reviewing the work of the session, and at 4:30 the legislature was formally prorogued to the 18th of August.

WESTMINSTER NOTES.

Laying the Corner Stone of St. Andrew's Church—The Rifle Company Offer Service for Skeena—A Trade Dinner—Salmon Run an Average at the Present Time.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

WESTMINSTER, July 12.—The corner stone of the new St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was laid to-night with the usual ceremonies by the Rev. Robt. Jamieson, in the presence of a large assemblage. The new edifice is to be of brick, with stone facings, and its estimated cost is $12,000. Speeches were made after the ceremony by Rev. Mr. Thomson, of Knox College, Toronto, Revs. Haddon White and Scoullar, of Westminster, and the Hon. John Robson.

It is stated the Westminster company of rifles have volunteered for service at Skeena.

The citizens' dinner to-night to the promoters of the Southern railway scheme and foreign lumber industry was well attended and proved successful.

The salmon run is still small, but cannery men say it is about an average for this date. It is expected the big run will start inside of a week. The fish this season are larger than usual.

ARCHBISHOP SEGHERS' SUCCESSOR.

The Papal Bull Appointing Rev. J. N. Lemmens Bishop of Vancouver Island Received from Rome.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

PORTLAND, July 12.—Archbishop Gross has received from Rome the Papal bull appointing Rev. John Nicholas Lemmens Bishop of Vancouver Island and Alaska, and has forwared the document to the new bishop-elect at Victoria, B.C. The archbishop also desires that the consecration should take place at as early a date as possible, as he intends to make an extended tour of his diocese after the ceremony.

The Papal bull referred to in the above despatch will probably reach Victoria today, and the official announcement of Bishop Lemmens' appointment will be made at St. Andrew's pro-Cathedral on Sunday, when the date of the consecration of the new prelate will also be probably announced. A remarkable coincidence in connection with the receipt of the papal document to-day is that on the 13th of July, 1886—two years ago exactly—the late Archbishop Seghers left this city to meet his death in Alaska at the hands of the miscreant Fuller.

PRESS COMMENTS.

(Vancouver Herald.)

The Victoria *Times* has not yet got over the Saanich election. It talks about the personation of dead men and such like in the style generally adopted by defeated politicians. It is a way they have of letting themselves out of the fight, or of explaining why they were not elected. If it is satisfactory to themselves, it is very unsatisfactory to the general public. They might like it better if those who have been bribed or bribing were designated by name, they might then have some hope that there was something in the accusations. When the accusers remain at a safe distance in making their charges, by referring to nobody in particular, the public may fairly assume that there is nothing to be particular about. It is a wonder that those who use this method of explaining how they failed to be elected do not see that it has been too often used to be effective. The public look for it as a matter of course and would be apt to think that something had got out of gear if it did not make its appearance at the regular time, and under the ordinary circumstances.

THE HERMIT KINGDOM AND CHINA.

TO THE EDITOR:—To what lengths His Excellency Li Chung Tang will proceed in asserting his right to be King of Corea remains to be seen, but when we read the significant fact that "an uneasy feeling exists amongst the foreign community at Seoul," we can be at no loss to read between the lines of its furnishing that astute statesman with a favorable opportunity of throwing into a defenceless country a large body of troops; ostensibly with the view of protecting foreign interests, but in reality furthering his own. At this distance, we can form no proper opinion or trace the foundation of these fears, whether real, or only the production of an intrigue of China by their Corean agents. However, cleverly, the prime minister of China may have intrigued to fasten the links of suzerain rights on Corea, the fact indisputably remains to be faced, that Corea holds herself a separate kingdon, and in despite of pressure of power has managed to send forth her envoys to place matters right and to seek that moral support of foreign nations who honor her with representatives at Seoul. If these ambassadors are true to themselves and the instructions of their king, they will undoubtedly enlist the sympathy and good will of England, United States, and other powers to which they may be accredited to; for beyond dispute, as their king has made and signed (independent of China), treaties, and permitted foreign ministers to reside at his capital, they expect, and will most assuredly receive the same courtesy at foreign courts. China, in lending foreign nations her aid, to open up the Hermit Kingdom of Kowliaan or Corea, took the opportunity of placing her agent, Herr Von Mollendorff, in the position of adviser to the king, as well as others who were transferred to manage her customs revenue. In this way a cordon of Chinese foreign officials was formed, ably seconded by Corean merchants, whose trade interests were at Peking; these, it is needless to say, spared no pains to form public opinion in China as to the suzerain rights of that empire over Corea. The result of these manœuvres may be found in the emeute which closed in the captivity of the king at Powtingfoo, the residence of Li Chung Tang. Corea does not for a moment dispute the greater power of China, and continues yearly her complimentary presents to that Empire, but these must only be viewed as offerings of good will from a weak to a powerful neighbor, and are certainly not sent in the spirit of vassalage. We ought to remember at this time, that not many years back one of our first missions to the Imperial court at Peking, bore a flag over the head of our ambassador entitled "Tribute bearers to our Exalted Emperor." China lays claim to this right over Burmah, and it is credible to indulge the thought that the resistance we meet there is secretly fostered by China. In the struggle between France and Annam, over whom this right was claimed, France traced to China, the assistance Annam was secretly receiving, and declared war against her. She claims this right over Siam, but one has only to observe the smile that mantles the face of Krone Muvri Devaswonger, the Crown Prince of that country, to see the futility of pressing it. She covers the Nepaulese and Thibetin ambassadors with court robes, which are thrown aside the moment the *cortege* leaves the city gates. This shadowy suzerainty, extending to individuals as well as nations has but an imaginary foundation. And as the weak seek the protection of the powerful and good, it is but right and manly that they should have it. It will be a matter of sincere rejoicing if Corea finds a friend in England and the United States.

Since penning the above, intelligence has come to hand that nine of Corea's patriotic officials have been decapitated, and that foreigners have fled to the protection of their consulates. It will not be a matter of surprise should events in Burmah, which I foresaw two years since and expressed in your paper, lead England to thrust aside the flimsy veil which conceals the part China is playing in that country. Should that event happily occur, we know the result will be, to use a colonial phrase, "England will shut down upon her." "So mote it be."

C. F. MOORE.

Victoria, B. C., June 27th, 1888.

PERSONAL.

Sir John Macdonald is now at Inch Arran, Dalhousie.

F. Bourchier has been appointed a notary public for the province.

Ald. Penwill has returned to the city after a very pleasant holiday trip.

David Wells and party arrived at Winnipeg on Tuesday morning *en route* west.

Mrs. L. M. Starr arrived on the Olympian last evening and is at the Driard.

Geo. F. Baldwin, treasurer for the City of Vancouver, returned home this morning.

Lieut.-Gov. Nelson will, it is said, shortly pay Lieut.-Gov. Schultz a week's visit.

Capt. Power, of Moodyville, returned home this morning after one of his usual flying visits.

W. E. Stubbs, the efficient representative of Meyer Bros., San Francisco, left for the Sound this morning. He will return again shortly.

H. Percy Blanchard, barrister of Baddeck, C.B., and formerly a resident of this city, was married to Miss Julia Calkin, of Kentville, N.S., on the 27th June.

Hon. F. G. Vernon, Wm. Gordon, J. W. McFarland, F. S. Barnard, J. L. Beckwith and L. Dumbleton were passengers by the Yosemite from the mainland last evening.

James Ross, of the firm of Ross & McDermott, contractors, Toronto, has gone to Europe. Mr. McDermott will come to British Columbia to look after his mining interests here.

J. C. McLagan, late editor of the *Times*, and an all round jolly good fellow, who will be much missed in the city, leaves with Mrs. McLagan for Winnipeg to-morrow morning for a well-earned rest. He will permanently locate in what the *News-Advertiser* dubs "the Empire City."

MARINE.

Steamer Mexico will go south to-morrow at 1 o'clock p.m.

Steamer Umatilla will sail for this port from San Francisco at 9 o'clock this morning.

Ger. bark Janbaas, now in the harbor, will load lumer at Moodyville for Australia.

Bark Bundaleer, from San Pedro for Burrard Inlet to load lumber, is said to be long overdue.

Italian bark Innocenti, with a cargo of lumber from Moodyville for Valparaiso, arrived in Royal Roads yesterday in tow of the tug Pilot. The bark was to have put to sea last night.

ONTARIO.

At the Hamilton asylum a lunatic named Joseph H. Burns struck another named David Moore, of Rockwood, aged 60, over the head with a spade. Moore died an hour later.

Thos. Downs and Mary McGinley who stabbed Samuel Downly several times about the head in a whiskey dive recently have been arrested. Downly's condition is very critical.

Matthew Leonard, a farmer of Tyendinaga, was found lying fatally burned in a fallow which was being burned. It is supposed he was overcome by the heat or fell in a fit.

TROUBLE IN THE NORTH.

An Indian Murderer Fatally Shot on Skeena River by a Special Constable.

The Indians Excited and Threaten Destruction of the Whites—They Demand $1,000 Reparation and the Constable's Life.

The Boscowitz arrived from northern parts yesterday morning and brought intelligence of an alarming state of affairs on the Skeena river Mr. Borland, of Leith & Borland, 150 mile house, Cariboo road, who went to Skeena Forks in the spring with a pack train, arrived down from Hazleton with letters for the Attorney-General from several officers, those from Judge Wooton and Constable Washburne are produced below. Mr. Borland says that the constables obtained information that Kit-wan-cool Jim, the chief who killed an Indian doctor because he believed the latter had poisoned his children; was at Kitman-gar about fifteen miles below the Forks. On the morning of the 19th of June an Indian brought in the news that Jim was in a house at Kitman-gar. Early in the morning three of the party walked down to the house, which was occupied by about twenty Indians. Jim was among the number, and he was called on to surrender. He made a break for the door and ran in towards the bush. Holmes fired his revolver over Jim's head after calling on him to surrender, but he still kept on. Green then raised his Winchester rifle and fired, striking Jim in the back, the bullet going clear through his body. Jim fell and expired in a short time.

After this occurrence the specials went to headquarters at Hazelton. Mr. Borland had considerable difficulty in getting to the mouth of the river, but finally accomplished the feat and yesterday delivered to the government the papers forwarded through him.

Following are the communications of Judge Wooton and Constable Washburn:

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METLAKAHTLA, July 5th, 1888.

Sir,—I have the honor to state that Mr. Borland arrived this morning from Hazelton, bringing news that Kit-wan-cool Jim, for whose arrest I issued a warrant, has been shot and killed by one of the specials lately sent up the Skeena river, and that the whole posse are now at the H. B. Co.'s post at that place; powerless and unable to leave on account of the threatening attitude of a large body of Indians, who demand $1,000 or the life of a white man. Under the circumstances and after obtaining information from Mr. Borland (who will call at your office), Mr. Todd, the Indian agent, and I think it expedient that I should proceed to Hazelton with Capt. Fitzstubbs, who will be ready to start in a day or two. We also deem it necessary that an additional number of specials should go. These, there may be difficulty in getting, but I shall endeavor to obtain at least six from this part and a many more as I can up the river. Trusting whatever is done will meet with the approval of the Government.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. Y. WOOTON.

The Hon. the Attorney-General, Victoria.

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Through Mr. Roycraft, superintendent of provincial police, to the Hon. Attorney-General.

Sir,—I left Hazelton with a constable the 8th of June for Kit-wan-cool, for the purpose of locating Kit-wan-cool Jim. Engaged an Indian to put me on his track or to show me his whereabouts and to render all the assistance possible. The Indian agreed to take me to him and, if successful, promised him $100. I left for Hazelton to get more men, in the meantime leaving one constable at Kitman-gar. Being in Hazelton I got notice that two messengers I had sent after Kitzegas murderers were on the trail to here. I, with one constable, remained, sending two to join the one at Kitman-gar and for him and me to follow as soon as possible after getting reports that the parties could not be got for nearly three weeks yet on account of deep snow in the mountains and foot-logs being swept away. Got notice of Kit-wan-cool Jim having come from the head waters of Naas river and being not many days travel from Kitman-gar.

Sunday the 17th I tried all in my power to obtain a canoe with a crew, but in vain. Monday up to noon with the same result. I had to buy a canoe with paddles for the sum of $32. With an Indian and Klootchman, a constable, and myself as captain, hastened down the river as quick as possible, got delayed on account of a bad piece of water, where the canoe had to be lowered by tow line, arrived at Kitman-gar mission at about seven a.m., Tuesday, the 19th. On landing I noticed great excitement. The cause of it was that Kit-wan-cool Jim got shot by one of the constables while making resistance with a pistol in hand and trying to escape. Found his body in one of the cabins wrapped in blankets, was told that prisoner had died only one hour before my arrival, identified the same to be the man, found him shot, the ball entering near the right shoulder-blade, passing quarterly through the lung, and coming out on right breast, between the third and fourth ribs. The party of three constables had taken the trail for Hazelton, after making all arrangements for burial. Excitement ran high and it became to be threatening. I thought it best to be gone before it was too late, most on account to prevent bloodshed. On the trail I ran on to an Indian secreted in a hollow tree; noticed him trying to strip the cover off of his gun, but seeing himself found desisted in any further movements. This Indian I recognized to be the father-in-law of the dead murderer. He upbraided me excitedly for the constables being sent up here and threatened to have us wiped out but could not make the least efforts to carry anything of that kind into execution. Caught up with the party by evening, after having traveled all day in a heavy thunderstorm on a very bad trail. Next day arrived at Hazleton. On landing our packers told what had happened at which the Indians of the village became furious and great excitement prevailed. I done all in my power to explain to and to quiet them, in which I partly succeeded. The Indians are showing a defying, insulting and saucy demeanor. There is great talk that the Kit-wan-cools are coming up here to revenge themselves. The chief of this town gave me notice, better to move out of his