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The Crematory.

The citizens are to be congratulated on the fact that the city council have before them a Crematory by-law. Apparatus of the kind contemplated has long been needed, and is to be hoped that its attainment and putting into operation will not be long delayed.

Mikado.

Victoria Amateurs now meet every Wednesday evening in St. John's school-room, Herald street, for the rehearsal of Gilbert & Sullivan's bright and catchy comic opera Mikado. The opera is to be produced in about six weeks, and the cast is splendid. This is the first time Victoria amateurs have attempted the Mikado, but they mean to make it a success.

Departure of the Sussex.

The ss. Sussex passed up yesterday for Japan and China with 1,174 tons of cargo consisting of cotton, lumber and machinery. The cotton is consigned to Shanghai, the machinery to Kobi and the lumber to Yokohama and Hong Kong. She has no accommodation for saloon passengers, but will take with her 105 Chinese, 35 from Victoria, 14 from New York, 16 from Vancouver and 40 from Portland. The Portland contingent will be taken aboard in the Royal Roads. The Sussex will call at Departure Bay and load with 500 tons of coal.

Natural History Society.

The last of the field meetings of this Society has been held for the season, as far as can be ascertained, is resulted in the obtainment of no specimens of scientific value. However, the few members present claim to have had a very enjoyable time and, it is said, enriched their larders with a few choice crabs. The winter meetings at which it is the custom to read papers and hold discussions upon topics within the scope of the society's operations have not yet been arranged for, but there are hopes that this year the proceedings will be of special interest.

Concerning Cattle.

Those who have recently visited the interior of the Mainland confirm all that has been said in these columns as to the magnificent appearance of the cattle crop, which as regards quantity is fully equal to that of last year, while as for quality it is much ahead of it, the pastures having been so luxuriant. The ranchers, however, continue to hold out for stiff prices, apparently fully determined that the consumer shall pay the increase of duty whether or not it shall have been imposed by the customs authorities.

B. C. Federated Trades Congress.

At a meeting of the Trades and Labor Congress delegates recently held at the Hotel Douglas, New Westminster, the following delegates were present: A. Dutton, W. H. Ireland, Victoria; G. Irvine and B. H. Short, Vancouver; and A. R. Morrison and C. C. Stewart, New Westminster. After disposing of minor items of business, the organization of a British Columbia Federated Trades Congress was proceeded with, G. Irvine being elected president and W. H. Ireland secretary. The first regular meeting of the Congress will be held on Saturday, November 1st, at Nanaimo.

A Pleasant Affair.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. W. Spring, Belleville street, gave a party at her residence to welcome her daughter-in-law, Capt. and Mrs. Spring having recently returned from their wedding tour. The spacious rooms of the house were tastily decorated for the occasion, and music for dancing was furnished by that prince of pianists, Prof. Sharpe. An elegant supper was provided by M. Escalet. A thoroughly enjoyable time was spent by all, and Mr. and Mrs. Spring heartily congratulated on their entry into the married state.

Royal Jubilee Hospital.

It is reported that the arrangements have been almost completed for the taking over by the Royal Jubilee Hospital of the "Maison de Sante Francaise," on Collinson street.

It is inquired when the managers of the Royal Jubilee Hospital will deal with the question of appointing visiting surgeons and physicians. It was expected by members of the profession and others that so soon as Dr. Richardson was appointed resident physician the medical staff would have been completed, and the hope is expressed that this will be done at once.

The Old "Beaver."

Story has it that negotiations are proceeding with a view to the purchase or lease of the steamer "Beaver" by Vancouver speculators, whose object is to refit her as she formerly was and exhibit her along the coast, she being the first steamer on the Pacific, having come round Cape Horn as early as 1835. She ought to be an interesting relic and her exhibition ought to pay. It is not yet known whether existing proposals will eventuate; but if contemplated arrangements be carried into effect there will, it is said, ere long be a new old "Beaver" afloat.

Disseminating Diseases.

It will be well for the health officers to have an eye to several Chinese laundries at the foot of Johnson street which are accustomed to hang the clothes entrusted to their care over or in close proximity to that notorious open sewer against which so much complaint has been made. It is more than possible that the germs of disease emanating from this source can be as effectually disseminated as in any other way through the clothes which one wears that have the closest contact with the skin. How many diseases may there have been communicated in this way, the sufferers being at their wits end to know how they have contracted them?

Accident to the Isabel.

The steamer Isabel got badly damaged on her way to Nanaimo on Tuesday, by running on the rock on Trial Island. A very heavy fog prevailed at the time and the vessel was going at a moderate speed. A sharp lookout was kept, but it was impossible to see a dozen yards ahead. All of a sudden the man on the lookout reported land, and the engines were immediately stopped, but before they could be reversed the vessel struck the rock very heavily and smashed her stem almost to splinters. On examination, the captain found the vessel was making water, and at once ordered the pumps to be set going, which have to run night and day to keep the steamer free. The Isabel left for Comox, where she will be beached for repairs.—Nanaimo Free Press.

From Frying-Pan to Fire.

Customs Inspector W. B. Jacklin, and W. and F. Woodley, on Thursday, while cruising in a steam launch, sighted a sloop near Port Hadlock and ran it down. They discovered twenty Chinese aboard, the two white men in charge having made for the woods as soon as the sloop touched shore. Wang Sing, who had the Chinese in his charge, was the only one who had a return certificate. He offered $300 to permit the Chinese to escape. The Mongols came over in the Mong-Kut, and, it is said, that they were to pay $40 per head for transportation to the American side, the white men, who took to the woods, having their return certificates in their possession as a guarantee of payment of passage. They will be returned to China at the expense of the American government. The whole crowd are now in jail at Port Townsend.

Another Smuggler Caught.

Customs Inspector Learned, who travels with the Olympian, made a capture on Wednesday, landing a smuggler in the city jail and his contraband goods, 24 5-tael boxes of opium, in the bonded warehouse. The smuggler, who gives his name as John Wilson, came from Victoria on the Olympian, and disembarked at Seattle, carrying an empty valise. He took another boat for Tacoma, and in that city again boarded the Olympian. When the vessel returned to Seattle, he landed once more, but this time his valise was not empty. Inspector Learned was on the alert, and thinking the case a suspicious one, gathered in the stranger. A search of the valise brought out the unstamped opium, which is valued at $200. The smuggler evidently had secreted the stuff on the boat and waited till she came into Seattle, the second time, before trying to get it on shore. United States Commissioner Emery remanded Wilson to jail in default of $1,000 bail. He pleaded guilty to the charge, and admitted that this was not the first time he had smuggled opium into this country.

Girl Runaways.

Running away would appear to be an infectious disease among boys and girls. It was recently announced that three absconding boys from Vancouver and New Westminster had found their way to Victoria and had been sent back to their homes and now comes the news that four Victoria girls have cleared out to Port Townsend. On Monday these juveniles, three of them belonging to one family, the eldest being fifteen years of age and the youngest ten, left their home in the north-east part of the city, ostensibly for school, but did not arrive there much to the alarm of their parents and guardians who searched diligently but failed to find them. On Wednesday evening it was ascertained that they had reached Port Townsend, and whether the father of one family went to recover them. On Monday night they, it appears, stayed at a well-known hotel in the city and the next morning started on their travels. Fortunately for them they have been recovered before harm has happened them. It is to be hoped this escapade will be a warning to them.

Knights of Pythias.

On Wednesday night a Uniformed Division of the Knights of Pythias was instituted in Vancouver. By the Cutch, Col. A. A. Richardson, Commander-in-Chief for the province, Sir Knights Geo. Davis, Robert Evans, Albert Roulee, and Jas. Cohen, arrived from Nanaimo, and by the Yosemite, Victoria Division No. 2 arrived in charge of Capt. H. F. W. Behnsen. Those representing the division were Sir Knights H. A. Duke, Harry Webber, John Coughlan, S. L. Redgrave, J. C. Byrnes, Fred Randolph, M. Meiss, and J. P. Matthews. They were met at the wharf by fourteen members of the Vancouver Division under Capt. C. L. Behnsen and escorted to Pythian Hall. During the afternoon the visitors were driven around the park and to the chief places of interest in the city. The installation ceremony was conducted by Col. A. A. Richardson, of Nanaimo, assisted by Sir Knights from Nanaimo, Victoria and New Westminster. After the lodge proceedings, the visitors were entertained at a sumptuous banquet in the Dunn-Miller block. The new division will be known as Vancouver Division No. 4, U.R.K. of P., and will start with 42 members.

THE MINISTER OF CUSTOMS

Attends to Departmental Business—He Notes Victoria's Prosperity—The Party Leave For Home.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell spent most of his time yesterday in looking after departmental business. During the day the minister took a drive in company with Mr. Thomas Earl, M.P.P., and was surprised and pleased with the evidences of prosperity and advancement seen on every hand, a great change since his former visit. Mr. Bowell also drove to the Outer wharf with Mr. R. P. Rithet to see the work of improvement going out there. He remarked that Mr. Rithet's enterprise was most commendable. Speaking of the dredging, he said that the proposition that the government dredge the channel approaching the harbor to the required depth seemed a reasonable one. His colleague, Sir Hector Langevin, however, had visited the point, and he would, without doubt, see that all that was necessary on the government's part was carried out. The time occupied in the trip through the Rockies had compelled the minister to limit his stay on the coast, and he would have to hurry back to Ottawa. No definite arrangements have been arrived at in regard to the increased accommodation necessary at the custom house. He thought that if the present building was added to on the north side, where thirty feet was available, it would make ample provision for all departments, and would keep everything under one roof. The twenty feet on the south side could be used as a roadway to the wharf.

Dr. Hickey, M.P., in company with Collector Bowell, of Vancouver, paid a visit to Esquimalt, naval dockyard and ships, and was delighted with all that he saw. This is the Doctor's first trip west of Ontario, and his experience has made him more proud of his Canadian nationality than ever. The Doctor's grandfather was a U.E. Loyalist, his father a participator in the wars of 1812 and 1837, so that he is a thorough Canadian and a pronounced Conservative. The Doctor spoke of the progress and beauties of Victoria, with which he is charmed.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Naval officials place the speed of the cruiser San Francisco a fraction less than the Philadelphia's.

The ship Gretna has arrived safely in San Francisco, after a long and rough trip from London. She was reported "missing."

Governor Thomas of Utah says that the Mormons are giving up polygamy only because they cannot fight longer against the laws of the land.

General Barrundia's daughter is en route to Washington to interview the President in person regarding her father's death.

The free traders carried Sweden in the elections for the ricksdag, just over.

Boulanger is quoted as ready to cast his lot with the revolutionaries in the first civic commotion in France.

A. J. F. Egerton, M.P. for the Eccles division of Lancashire, is dead.

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Fog Up North.

Persons just returned from Nanaimo announce that the fog is very dense over Northern waters. On this account it is expected that there will be considerable delay in the arrival of vessels.

School at Revelstoke.

It is said that plans and specifications are being prepared for a new and commodious school building at Revelstoke, which enterprising town bids fair to have a large and materially increasing school population.

Pandora Street Church.

Several of the massive granite columns of the Pandora street Methodist church have been placed in position. They came from New Brunswick, and the high polish which they have received adds materially to their elegance. The slate for the roof is now en route from Pennsylvania.

School Appointment.

Mr. J. J. Miller, B.S., who for a considerable time has been in charge of the public school at Chemainus, has accepted the principalship of the school at Port Moody, and will enter on his duties on the first October. Mr. Kinney, the late teacher, who has for some years been one of the most successful teachers in the province, has resigned to follow a more lucrative calling.

The New R. C. Cathedral.

The authorities of the Roman Catholic Church in this city invited Bishop Gross, of Portland, Oregon, to lay the corner-stone of the new cathedral, but he has signified his inability to be present. Bishop Brondel, of Helena, Montana, has been asked to officiate on the occasion, but his reply has not yet been received. It is probable there will be a number of other high ecclesiastical dignitaries present to take part in the ceremonies.

It Was Incendiary.

A little fire, evidently caused by an incendiary, was discovered between the houses of two men named Bryant and March, between Cormorant and Fisgard streets, at 4:30 a.m. yesterday. The firemen responded and with little difficulty extinguished the blaze. The identity of the incendiary remains a mystery; twenty-five dollars will carry out the necessary repairs.

Good Progress.

Stringing the wires for the National Electric Tramway line to Esquimalt is proceeding satisfactorily, and it is hoped that the first car will be sent over to-day week. The rate of fare has not yet been fixed, but it is expected will be ten cents. Disputes along the line are less frequent than before, and more work is being done.

Greatly Exaggerated.

The story of the accident to the steamer Isabel, republished from the Free Press yesterday, is pronounced by those who should know best, grossly misrepresented and greatly exaggerated. The Isabel did not meet with any serious injury; the pumps were not used; the steamer did not require to be beached, and was not. She may be expected in as usual to-day.

Back in Canada.

Forty-two Chinamen were among the freight brought by the City of Kingston last evening—42 very sad and disappointed individuals. They had endeavored to smuggle themselves into United States territory in a sloop on Thursday, but were captured by Port Townsend customs officials. The majority of the band were recent arrivals by the steamer Monk Got.

Off for the Bay City.

Steamer Umatilla departed for San Francisco at noon yesterday with 15 tons of scrap iron, five tons of mixed merchandise and the following passengers: Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, M.P.; Dr. C. E. Hickey, M.P.; W. J. Bennets, F. C. W. Thompson, W. McNish and wife, Mrs. D. Spencer, Major G. H. Young, W. D. Clausen and wife, Mrs. C. J. Johnstone, Miss Ogilvie, Miss Ida Christie, F. Ritz, L. Mason, May Petter, Charles Ohlmer.

That Missing Clerk.

About a week ago, there appeared in THE COLONIST a paragraph announcing that C. S. Favour, clerk for D. W. Morse, Port Angeles, had absconded, taking cash out of the money drawer and leaving in it a valueless cheque representing the amount taken. It is now learned that the day after the absconding a man answering to the description of the defaulter applied at one of our leading houses on Wharf street, asking for a position. He produced excellent testimonials, some of them, however, several years old; and was requested to call again. The item referred to, however, appearing on that morning, nothing more has been heard of the applicant.

A Correction.

A compositor in correcting a sentence in the article "Manufactured Offences," in yesterday's issue gave it a meaning very different from that intended by the writer. The sentence should have read:

"It might make hypocrites of a few users of tobacco who were ambitious of office, but the great majority of the members of the church WHO LIKE A SMOKE, believing that there is nothing wrong in using tobacco, would smoke or chew or snuff as they felt inclined."

In place of the words interlined the compositor put "will take a smoke."

From the Sealing Grounds.

Yesterday, about noon, the sealing schooner Beatrice, Captain Keefe, arrived in this port with 834 skins on board. She had not spoken any of the sealing schooners since August 4th. She had not seen the Lily, but had heard she was in Behring's Sea. The season had not been a favorable one; the weather had been rough all the month of August, and his vessel had lost one canoe, which he had no doubt had been found by some one. On 1st September he passed Ounak Point. On the 21th inst. he spoke the whaling barque Bounding Billow, bound for Arctic waters. He had left three of his hunters at Uculet, but a few of them had come down with him to Victoria. The spring catch of skins by the Beatrice was 934 skins, which brought up his catch to 1,788 skins in all.

State from Pennsylvania.

A COLONIST reporter who had seen in the Provincial Museum some magnificent specimens of slate, which appeared to have an almost perfect cleavage, was astonished to be informed by the authorities of the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church that they were compelled to obtain their roofing from Pennsylvania. This was because there was none to be had from Canada within any reasonable time. He was still more surprised to learn that the freight and expenses of the quantity required for the church would probably be upwards of $1,200. On inquiring why this was thus, he learned that no local capital had been invested in the development of native slate, but that Mr. Rowlings, owner of the quarry on Howe Sound was now in England, trying to form a syndicate to work the property. It is to be hoped that the project may prove successful, as there ought to be a good market for this slate.

A Splendid Chance.

E. M. Johnson advertises this morning for sale a very fine saw mill property, situated on the northwest coast of the mainland. It is a long established business doing a fine trade, and is being offered for sale because of the illness of its owner. To a practical saw mill man with moderate capital a chance is offered for securing a fine business, one that has been returning a handsome income.

Police Court.

His Honor Stipendiary Magistrate Johnson again presided at the civic temple of justice yesterday morning, and disposed of the cases laid before him with considerable despatch. William Jackson, a "drunk," was mulcted in the usual $5, and for a similar offence To Toch, an Indian, was placed under a similar obligation. Louis Mallet, charged with assault, was remanded until the 27th inst. Sing Long, the Chinaman charged with perjury, was left on the "center-hooks" until to-morrow when the case will be further proceeded with. Her husband, Chungh Reng, had his case enlarged to Monday.

The Russell McDonald Co.

Of Victoria and Vancouver, are busy moving into their handsome new building on Cordova street, Vancouver. The store will be fitted up on the department plan, and will be the most complete of its kind on the Coast. The management will continue in the hands of Mr. McDonald until early spring, when he leaves for the East. His place will probably be taken by one of the American shareholders. In their Victoria store, on Douglas street, of which Mr. Chas. Russell is the efficient manager, they have placed an immense stock of clothing, and boots and shoes, etc., for the winter trade, which, they assure us, will be good.

Mrs. Routledge.

Mrs. Routledge, who was acquitted at special court of assize of the murder of Joe Dugan, has been taken hold of by some philanthropic ladies, by whom she and her two little girls will be looked after for the present. Her two sons have gone back to Cobble Hill to settle up matters at the farm house, after which they will probably accept offers which have been made them to work on farms at Saanich. They are said to be very hard workers.

Success in Business.

It is not many years ago since Thos. Haughton was doing a small dry goods business in contracted premises on Yates street. But he was determined to succeed, and advanced step by step until now he has a fine establishment, where any class of dry goods may be purchased. Recently the premises were extended and the Manchester House has now a store 90 feet in length, with spacious lofty rooms upstairs. It is said that "nothing succeeds like success," but in order to attain success it is necessary to have energy and perseverance, and Mr. Haughton has proved that he has both requisites.

The New Union Pacific Agent.

Morris J. Bissell, on Thursday, was installed as general agent of the Union Pacific in this city, vice Mr. Fisher, who returns to Portland. Mr. Bissell was formerly contracting agent for the Union Pacific at St. Joe, Mo., and is thoroughly qualified to fill the post. It is the intention of his line to make a bid for a large share of the passenger and freight traffic to and from this city, and the company have recently made arrangements whereby freight will be hauled over the Northern Pacific line from Portland to Tacoma. As soon as connection is made with the Sound by the line now building north from Portland, the Union Pacific will be in an excellent position to compete for the trade. They will furnish the very finest facilities and expect thereby to secure the business.

From Alaska.

Early this morning the steamship City of Topeka arrived from Alaska. She had encountered fogs and rough weather all the way, the trip having taken much longer than usual. She had on board some 20 passengers for Victoria, having about 140 passengers in all, from the mines and the canneries, the majority bound for San Francisco. She brought down a considerable quantity of furs from Cassiar, and reported that Dr. Sheppard's mines there were working very satisfactorily, while another mine was getting into shape for very vigorous operations. Work at the salmon canneries had been about finished and they were all cleaning up when she left. The total salmon pack of South-eastern Alaska was estimated at from 130,000 to 150,000 cases, the North and the West not having been finally heard from. She had aboard about 15,000 cases. When the Topeka left they were preparing for the coming elections to the United States Congress, which were shortly to take place. Several attempts had recently been made to get to the Muir glacier but without success. There were no incidents on the trip, nor had, it was said, anything occurred worthy of note.

Can It Be True?

The remark was made the other day in the council chamber that the city debentures could not be engraved in this city, and that the work was to be given to a Montreal firm. In connection with this paper is an engraving department from which can be issued any class of engraved work equal to that obtained in Montreal or elsewhere. The city debentures for loans previously issued have been engraved and printed in this office. The British Columbia government debentures were engraved and printed at this office and gave eminent satisfaction to the government and the bank which floated the bonds. All engraved work of the Bank of British Columbia is done at this office, and the Vancouver City Council are having the city cheque engraved and printed here. The British Columbia Insurance company had their handsome policies engraved and printed at this office as cheaply and as well as could be desired. The Vancouver local insurance company are having a handsome policy form engraved. Victoria business men have had all their engraved work done at this office, and in every case satisfaction has been given. If the board of aldermen send any engraved or printed work to an establishment outside of this city, they are doing something for which they should be severely censured. Bonuses have been paid to secure manufactures and others have been offered, and still it is stated that a local firm is to be passed by, for some cause or another, to swell the profits of an outside house. It is to be hoped that the statement will prove to be untrue.

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Among the Pictures.

The attendance at the Art exhibition is on the increase, and new pictures and pieces of bric-a-brac are constantly coming in. Last evening the I.O.O.F. orchestra delighted a large attendance of visitors. Mr. Bamford's pictures are meeting with ready sale.

Ingathering of the Harvest.

The beautiful festival of the Harvest Home will be celebrated in St. John's church next Sunday, October 5th, in the usual manner. All the Episcopal churches will decorate this year and all will have special music in connection with the ingathering of the harvest.

Transferred to the Straits.

Owing to the unreliable character of information received, a mistake was made in a local item published yesterday and headed "Back in Canada." The forty-two Chinese referred to were transferred to the steamship Sussex, outside the three mile limit, and are now on their way back to China.

Sent Up for Trial.

A fervent sigh of relief was given by the police court officials yesterday, when the long, to-be-continued story of the Chinese perjury reached its last chapter—for a time. The woman was committed for trial, and the whole matter will, in consequence, have to be again endured when the case is heard in the higher court.

Victoria First.

A telegram from Portland, Oregon, announces that out of one hundred and fifty-four entries, R. Maynard of this city has been awarded the first prize of $75 offered by the West Shore Publishing Company for the best photograph produced in the Pacific North-West.

Treasures of Art.

Dr. W. W. Walkem, of Nanaimo, has contributed two of his fine oil pictures on view at the exhibition in the City Hall. The one is a view in Northern England by David Cox, the now famous landscape artist; the other is a Creswick, entitled "The Austrian Tyrol." The former is valued at $200. Dr. Walkem has also on view in the window of R. Jamieson's book store, four handsome landscapes in oil, and two equally good marine views in water colors.

On a Rock.

Last night's log was a serious impediment to navigation and all the in bound steamers were consequently late in arriving. The fog-horn was sounded every few minutes, out in the Straits. At about 7 o'clock it was reported that a schooner had gone ashore near Clover Point, and a half-a-dozen enterprising citizens hurried to the scene. They found that the report arose through a fisherman's boat finding anchorage on a rock. No harm was done.

At Ross Bay Cemetery.

The mortal remains of Miss Cridge, sister of the bishop of the Reformed Episcopal church, were sadly interred at Ross Bay cemetery yesterday afternoon, after services at the church had been conducted by Rev. John Reid, D.D. The pallbearers were A. J. Langley,, J. B. Chantrell, Hon. D. W. Higgins, Capt. Lewis, A. Munro, Capt. Devereux. "Assured Immortality will be the subject of a discourse this morning, special reference being made to the deceased, who was well loved by very many friends.

At Wellington.

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Fixed Ten Cents.

Edward Lince, who in the police court yesterday morning was charged with firing a pistol within the city limits in violation of the statute, did not deny the accusation. He set up as his defence that for weeks past his orchard had been over-run by juvenile thieves, who broke the fences, damaged the trees and appropriated the fruit. For the purpose of terrifying them he had discharged the pistol in the air. Although Mr. Lince was hardly blamable, the magistrate felt it his duty to impose a nominal fine and ten cents was the amount named.

The Portland Convention.

The Pacific Coast Y.M.C.A. convention opened at Portland, Oregon, yesterday, there being 150 delegates present, nineteen of whom are from Victoria. Mr. Hughson, of Spokane Falls, was elected president, and Mr. A. M. Muir, of Victoria, secretary. On Friday night a stirring address was delivered by Rev. M. L. Rugg. The delegates speak in the different churches in Portland to-day. Mr. F. W. Teague, the general secretary in this city, preaching in the first Methodist Episcopal in the morning, and in Calvary Presbyterian in the evening. The delegates enjoyed an excursion yesterday, and attended the exposition last evening.

They Must Connect.

As an outcome of the DeCosmos injunction, Mr. R. Maynard was charged in the police court yesterday morning, with neglecting to connect his premises with the Johnson street sewer. Eberts & Taylor, appearing for the prosecution, explained that the ravine now received the drainage from Mr. Maynard's premise. He, in defence, urged that the drainage, composed of chemical waters from the photographic studio principally, would act as a disinfectant and do good rather than harm. This was a feature of the case not affecting its legal aspect, and the defendant was accordingly ordered to make the required connections with the sewer within one week. As a test case it showed what has been in dispute, that the city possesses the power to compel connection with the sewer.

Played Them for Cash.

A very affable young man, with a neat roll of maps, charts and diagrams, and a superfluity of cheek, recently introduced himself to a good many in Victoria as a real estate proprietor and broker in Port Angeles. He told his story well and firmly convinced at least half-a-dozen citizens that he could give them better value for their money than any local dealer or agent. The result was that he received in all about $300 for Port Angeles lots, an agreement being duly executed until the deeds should be sent to the purchasers. The deeds failed to come, however, and investigation showed that the genial stranger was neither the owner nor the agent of one foot of land in Port Angeles, where in fact he was unknown. In future the victims of his operations will patronize home offices.

To Fort Crescent.

Yesterday, at 1 o'clock, the steamer Mystery left for Port Crescent with a party of Victorians who were going across to witness the explosion of the blast which was to remove a large quantity of rock that stood in the way of the proposed harbor works. It was expected that 1000 pounds of dynamite and 10,000 pounds of blasting powder would be made use of in the operations. The weather was very foggy, nevertheless the following gentlemen went across the Sound: Skene Lowe, Charles Wilson, P. C. Dunlavy, F. G. Walker, H. F. Heisterman, Joshua Davies, J. Hutcheson, A. B. Gray, D. Kerr, J. Munro, J. C. McClure, H. Loewen, W. H. Ellis, D. M. Eberts, C. F. Mallett, C. D. Mason, A. McDonald, W. Templeman, Captain McLean, A. Bruce, Captain A. W. Jones, C. E. Pooley, Milligan, J. Holland, W. C. Anderson, H. Jacoby, and Dr. Newcombe. The pleasure seekers reached home by 6 o'clock, but at midnight they were still unheard of. The fog, no doubt, will hold them prisoners until morning.

THE M'KINLEY BILL.

Mr. John V. Ellis Considers it an Argument for Reciprocity.

John V. Ellis, "Annexation" Ellis, as he has been christened by his brother members of the Dominion parliament—is now paying his first visit to Victoria. He arrived direct from the east on Friday night, stopping only at Winnipeg and Banff on the run across the continent. Vancouver and the other towns of the mainland will be visited on the return voyage. Mr. Ellis, both as the editor of the St. John Globe and as a member of the Commons, has shown himself an active and original thinker. Closer relations with the United States has been and is the subject of his special attention. He believes that the country to the south, being Canada's nearest neighbor, should enjoy the best facilities for unrestricted commercial intercourse. The McKinley bill he unreservedly pronounces a most unfortunate measure for Canada, deeming that it will be detrimental to the development of many important Canadian industries. The maritime provinces will, he asserts, feel its influence very shortly in the lumbering, agricultural and fisheries interests; in the ruin of the export trade in eggs, and in many other less conspicuous branches of trade. Canada must, however, as others have said, "grin and bear it." The McKinley bill only furnishes another argument, and a very forcible one, for unrestricted reciprocity. While in Washington recently he had an opportunity of observing the feeling in the Republican ranks in regard to this measure. Many of the party do not like it, and are not slow to speak against it; but with very little amendment he considers it sure of adoption, as the policy embodied in it was made a prominent plank of the party platform upon which they secured the election. More than half of the exports of New Brunswick are to the United States, and the residents of that province of course look upon the bill with disfavor. Liberals and Conservatives alike are anxious to see less, rather than greater restrictions in trade with the republic.

ON HER BEAM ENDS.

The Queen Victoria Lies in that Position for Thirty-Six Hours.

A rough experience has that of the British ship Queen Victoria been. This vessel put into port Sept. 16th in distress, being now 45 days out from Tacoma for Queenstown. She left that port on August 2nd, and on August 19th encountered a hurricane, in which she was almost lost. She was on her beam ends with the starboard yardarms in the water for 36 hours. Captain Holmes said that they sailed from Tacoma August 2nd. Fine weather was encountered to lat. 18 deg. N., long. 127 deg. W. In that latitude on August 19th a gale set in from the northeast, and by the evening it was blowing a hurricane from NE. by N. The barometer fell rapidly. The maintopsail was goose-winged and everything done that was possible for the safety of the ship. At midnight the clew of the maintopsail was carried away and the ship thrown on her beam-ends. The sea broke over the vessel continuously, and everything movable about the deck was washed away. The houses on deck were gutted, the lifeboat went overboard and the other boats were stove in. Ventilators and hatches were broken in, and the water poured into the hold onto the cargo of wheat. The pumps became choked with grain and the cargo shifted to starboard, laying the ship over until the starboard yard arms were in the water. For thirty-six hours the captain could not see the lee rail. It was found necessary to jettison 600 bags of wheat to right the ship. The barometer went down to 27.90. On August 22d the Queen Victoria was headed for San Francisco. She had, on leaving Tacoma, 44,890 bags of wheat, much of which is damaged. She will be surveyed here and repaired.

ON TO THE NORTH POLE.

Explorer Nordenskjold an Enthusiast—Advantages of the Discovery.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 26.—Baron Nordenskjold has great hopes that the new polar expedition which Norway is fitting out may meet with success. The great Arctic explorer is not to take part in the new voyage, but he watches every detail of the preparations with profound interest. He expresses a firm belief that the North Pole will be reached before long. "This is a good period to make a dash for the North Pole," he said. "All the conditions seem to be favorable. I feel quite certain that the North Pole will never be reached by a ship. I think a ship should be used to convey the explorers to the land nearest the pole and the rest of the journey should be made overland."

On the subject of the utility of the discovery of the North Pole the baron said: "Man should not rest until every spot on earth has been reached and examined. The North Pole may be a key to a thousand things. Who knows? Science should press on and on until the last secret is known. No man should raise his voice in discouragement, for the whole world will be the heir of the explorer who reaches the pole and brings back full scientific details. It is folly to cry, 'What is the use?' There is use in everything, and nothing terrestial should be hidden from man."

A UNITED STATES SENATOR.

General Washburn of Minnesota Pays Victoria a Visit—His Useful Public Career.

What He Has to Say Upon the Behring's Sea Question and the McKinley Bill.

Senator Washburn, of Minnesota, having come to the Pacific coast with his son, who is on his wedding trip, determined to see all that there is to see on this side of the continent, is paying this city a visit. Hearing that he was at the Driard, a representative of THE COLONIST called upon him last evening, and was very kindly received. The Senator is an elderly gentleman whom time has touched very kindly. He is pleasant in his manner; his voice is soft and low, an excellent thing in a public man, and he looks and talks like a man who has a large thinking capacity. He was free and frank in the expression of his views, and did not appear in the least afraid that the interviewer would misunderstand or misrepresent what he said.

After the usual exchange of courtesies, it was quite natural that being in Victoria, the headquarters of the British Columbia fur seal fishery, the Behring's Sea question would be the first subject discussed.

"A stop," said the Senator, "must be put to this indiscriminate seal hunting business."

"Why?"

"Because the seals are being exterminated."

"British sealers are not of that opinion."

"They are mistaken. Our government was obliged to lessen the number allowed to be taken by the Alaska company, because they are diminishing so rapidly."

"How do you think the matter will be arranged?"

"By arbitration. I have no doubt that an amicable settlement will be arrived at before very long."

"Will a close season form a feature of the settlement?"

"I think so. It will never do to allow matters to continue as they are going on now. It is every one's interest to preserve the valuable creatures. It would be a loss to the world if they were allowed to be wantonly destroyed. The matter can be settled by arbitration, as all national disputes should be settled."

"You do not think that there is any ill feeling between Great Britain and the United States?"

"None in the least."

"Does not the McKinley tariff indicate ill-feeling on the part of the Americans against Canada?"

"Certainly not. The McKinley tariff is in strict accordance with the protective policy of the United States. It is not retaliatory. It is not directed against Canada or any other country. Its intention is to further the interests of the people of the United States. There is nothing vindictive about it."

"Do you think, Senator, that there is any probability of reciprocity being established between the two countries at an early day?"

"It does not appear that the time is ripe for that. The state that I represent, Minnesota, is in favor of reciprocity, and so is Dakota. Indeed, the Northwestern states generally, so far as my observation has gone, like the idea of reciprocity with Canada; for, you see, Manitoba and the Northwest territories are very near neighbors to those states, but the Eastern states seem to be opposed to it."

"Do you think that trade restrictions are being used to force the Canadians into annexation?"

"I am not of that opinion. Intelligent American know that Canadians are as much like themselves to be driven into anything. There is no desire on their part to either coax or force Canada to become annexed. Whatever Canada does in the direction will be of her own free will. There is no disposition on the part of the citizens of the United States either to coerce or to hinder annexation. They are willing to allow matters to take their course."

The senator appeared quite interested in British Columbia and in his turn interviewed the interviewer. He asked a number of questions and appeared not surprised to learn that Victoria is such a city. He remains in Victoria today to see the city and its surroundings and by to-morrow morning's boat.

The following personal particulars relative to General Washburn have been handed THE COLONIST by a country man, who is well acquainted with his career:

Gen. W. D. Washburn is a pioneer of Minnesota and has passed through the vicissitudes of life on the American frontier. He comes from the good old Washburn stock, which long ago won fame in developing the two great states of New England—Maine and Massachusetts. He is now the foremost citizen of Minneapolis, enjoys the fruits of a long life of honor in a magnificent stone mansion at Minneapolis, the cost of which, with furnishings, reached a round million of dollars. He is a prince of entertainers, and, with a cultured wife, delights in receiving hosts of friends at his elegant home in Minneapolis. He obtained leave of absence from the senate in order to attend the wedding of his son, W. D. Washburn jr., who has found a charming wife in his new home on the Pacific coast.

The American minister to France, E. B. Washburn, during the Franco-Prussian war, is a cousin of the Minnesota magnate. He owns a controlling interest in the leading lumbering and flour milling corporations of the world's milling centre, Minneapolis, and although prominent and successful in lumber and politics, is proudest of the reputation achieved by his leading brand of flour, "Washburn's Best."

FROM WESTMINSTER.

Victoria Footballers Win the Return Match With Ease—Badly Injured.

(From our own Correspondent.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 27.—The Victorias won the return football match here with great ease, taking two goals against Westminster's try.

A man named Stewart employed at the Brunette saw mills, was caught in a belt this morning and terribly injured about the head and shoulders. His recovery is considered very doubtful.

In the one mile dash to-day there were two entries; McInnes' "Mayflower" came in first and Irvine's "Joe Wynne" second. The race was won by one length. In the consolation stakes, there were two entries, Black's "Lumpy" first, Payne's "Shamrock" second. "Shamrock" bolted off the track 20 yards from the start, and "Lumpy" cantered round the track.