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From THE DAILY COLONIST, Sept. 16.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Too Much Professionalism.

The Victoria lacrosse club have virtually retired from the field for the balance of the season. They say they will not try to compete against the semi-professional teams that now represent the two mainland cities.

Banquetting the Champion.

A Valparaiso dispatch says that, on Monday last, the President of Chili gave a grand banquet to Capt. St. Clair and the officers of H.M.S. Champion, which sails for Esquimalt this week, in recognition of the humanity and sympathy exhibited by the British man-of-war's men during the struggle now at an end.

Struck a Blind Man.

Jackson, the blind Chinese interpreter, was assaulted on Johnson street, yesterday, by a drunken Frenchman, who is alleged to have struck the unfortunate old Chinaman simply because he is a Chinaman. Two heavy blows were inflicted on the sightless eyes, then the cowardly assailant was taken in charge by Officer Hendry, who was an eye-witness of part of the scene.

Fruit Growing.

The directors of the Fruit Growers' Association meet at the exhibition building, in New Westminster, on Tuesdty, the 24th instant, at ten o'clock, a.m. The proceedings of the Association are always of a useful and interesting character, and it is expected that they will have added importance this year, on account of recent developments in fruit culture and the methods of preserving fruit and vegetables.

Will be Built.

The City Council have determined to build the extension of sidewalk asked for along upper Fort street to the city boundary, and the Government will continue the good work to the agricultural grounds. This will be agreeable news to many who will attend the approaching show, which will, without doubt, be a revelation to British Columbians. The programme of attractions prepared for fair week, is a huge one.

For the West Coast.

Mr. T. G. Rayner leaves to-day for the west coast, in connection with the disposal of some valuable properties there, of which he and his associates have the control. The lands are said to be well adapted for farming. They are regarded as equal to almost anything that is available for settlement, and it is expected that a number of agriculturists, who are already in communication with the vendor, will shortly proceed there to see for themselves what the prospects really are.

Offered at Auction.

In pursuance of the by-law authorizing its sale, the Deluge Engine house property on Yates street was offered at auction yesterday by City Clerk, Dowler. The attendance was not large, and the bidding opened at $10,000 and closed at $13,800, the last offer being made by Mr. W. Templeman. It was accepted subject to the approval of the Council, which, it is understood, means that it will not be accepted, a reserve bid of several thousands more being determined on. The gravel pits property is the next the city will offer at auction, the land being laid out in lots before the sale.

Sent Up for Trial.

Burke, the young man arrested on Saturday night, by Policeman Smith, and charged with assaulting and attempting to rob Pilot Ramsay on the Queen's highway, was, yesterday, committed for trial. The watch Ramsay had in his pocket was taken out, and the chain broken by the prisoner in an effort to gain possession of the timepiece. Three spectators gave strong evidence in the case, and it is intimated that the prisoner will plead guilty as soon as he gains an opportunity.

Jay Ewing's Successor.

Frank H. Pierce, who is to succeed Jay Ewing as United States consular agent at Vancouver, has arrived in that city. Mr. Pierce is a native of Hillsboro, New Hampshire, and is a nephew of the late Franklin Pierce, who was president of the United States from March, 1853, to March, 1857. Mr. Pierce has served his government as United States consul at Matanzas, Cuba, and does not, therefore, come unexperienced. He is a pleasant, affable gentleman, and will no doubt make many friends in the Terminal City.

Laid at Rest.

The remains of one of Victoria's oldest and most respected citizens were laid at rest, yesterday, in Ross Bay cemetery. The late Herman Otto Tiedemann was one of the early settlers in Victoria, and passed away on the 12th inst., at the patriarchal age of seventy. He was a native of Berlin. At half-past two, yesterday, the funeral cortege left the family residence, corner of Menzies and Superior streets. There was a very large gathering of sorrowing friends, who joined in the common sentiment of praise to the memory of the deceased. The Rev. P. McF. McLeod was the officiating clergyman.

After a Horse Thief.

Detective Kervis, of the Edmonton secret service, has reached Vancouver in search of a man known as Mac McDonald, who is wanted for jail breaking and horse stealing. The story of McDonald's different escapades is an interesting one. Ten years ago he was captured in Montana for horse stealing and was imprisoned for three years. Since then he has been up before the courts for the same offence some eight or nine different times, and has been each time convicted and sentenced, but has always managed to break jail. Last fall he stole a horse and outfit from the Holden Lumber Company, of Helena, Montana, and came across to Canada, where he was captured by the mounted police and held at Lethbridge until extradition papers should be taken out. The day before the sheriff came to Vancouver with the papers McDonald escaped, and is believed now to be in the Upper Kootenay district.

Another Sealer in Port.

The sealer Viva, Captain Baker, arrived in port, on Monday night, with 731 skins in her hold. She was particularly unfortunately, inasmuch as she was not allowed to enter the Behring's Sea, being warned off on the 20th June, by the U.S.S. Alert, when nearing the Shumagen Islands. The Ocean Bell was also denied an entrance to the coveted waters, and, with the Viva, had to content herself with coast fishing. The Ocean Bell, had, at the time, 430 skins aboard. Captain Baker met with a serious gun accident on the passage, which, for a time, it was feared would result in lockjaw. The trigger of the gun caught him between the thumb and index finger, tearing away the flesh, and inflicting a very nasty wound. For some days he was laid up by reason of the accident, but by great care and judicious poulticeing, the wound healed up, leaving a swollen thumb and disfiguration of the fleshey part. The crew of the Viva numbered 23, all told, all of whom enjoyed excellent health. The total catch of the vessel for the season is 1260 skins.

B. C. Art Association.

At a meeting of the British Columbia Art Association held last evening, among other business transacted, the officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mr. E. S. Shrapnel, R.C.A.; vice-president, Mr. R. R. Bayne, M.R.I., B.A.; secy., Mr. T. Bamford; treasurer, Mr. G. T. Fox; executive committee, W. H. Bainbridge, T. S. Gore, Mrs. P. T. Johnston, O. Chapman, Mrs. McMicking.

Serving His Time.

A young man named Montrose, a journeyman painter, feels most keenly the punishment meted out to those arrested in Saturday night's raid on the gamblers. He is the only prisoner whose fine has not been paid, and he, yesterday, commenced his term of one month, in default of the $25 fine. The proprietor of the gambling club paid fourteen of the fines, including those of the strangers who dropped in in time to be arrested. The tables and other paraphernalia were, yesterday, destroyed by the police.

A Strange Coincidence.

When, yesterday morning, the news was given of the burning of the Indian village on Johnstone Straits, it was thought that a mistake had been made in the name of the settlement destroyed, as reported by the Alert on her return from Queen Charlotte. Such, however, appears not to have been the case. Two villages have been burned: Klo-wit-ches, on Johnstone Straits, and Ma-mal-il-li-kulla, on Village Island. The blaze at the last mentioned place was caused by the Indians drying berries in the evening, and in the flames two lives were lost. The news comes from the Indian agent.

Epworth League.

A well attended and artistically successful musical and literary entertainment was given last night, in the lecture room of the Pandora avenue Methodist church, by the Epworth League and Society of Christian Endeavor. Among the prominent features of the occasion were pianoforte and organ solos by Professor Strauss, whose selections were from Abbe Liszt and the weird and wonderful Wagner. The other numbers were supplied by some of the most popular amateurs in the city, whose efforts were enthusiastically applauded. In every way the concert was an excellent tribute to the merits of the performers and the enterprise of the association by which it was got up.

Church Opening.

The efforts of the small Presbyterian congregation at Victoria West have resulted in the completion of their neat and handsome church edifice, which is to be opened for public worship on Sunday next. Rev. Alex. Young, a recent accession to the ministry of this Province, and well known in the East, will conduct the services, morning and evening at the usual hours, and Rev. M. L. Rugg, of this city, at 3 p.m. The Ladies' Aid Society will also hold their annual sale of work on Tuesday following, 22nd inst., in the Public Hall, beginning at 2 p.m. A good supper will be served from 5 to 8 for 25 cents. Proceeds of sale and special collection at opening service will go towards the building fund.

A Forester's Funeral.

The funeral of the late John Gilligan, who in life was always actively identified with all movements of the A. O. F., of which order he was a prominent young member, took place, yesterday morning, very many friends attending. The procession left the home of the deceased on Kane street at 8:30 o'clock, proceeding thence to St. Andrew's pro-cathedral, and from the church to Ross Bay cemetery. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Fathers Mandart and Nicolaye, and Father Mandart officiated at the grave. Courts Vancouver and Northern Light both turned out to do honor to the dead, and, besides, sent offerings of flowers in token of their sympathy for the bereaved family.

An Illustrious Houseful.

The Commercial Hotel, on Douglas street, is generally regarded as a comfortable home for working men; it does not pose as the headquarters of fashion. Hence the surprise of the proprietor, on returning home after a few minutes absence, Monday, to find the following guests duly registered, though not assigned to rooms:

Che Doliono Melchizidek, Timbucto. Anibomboul Ambenedick, Antansvinovo. K. Kamehahmuh, Hawaii. Bargish ben Sulio, Zanzibar. Balmaceda, Santiago di Chile. Nasar ud Dien, Teheran. Don Pedro, Rio de Janeiro. Wrock Bal, Victoria West. James Bay. Scookum Chuck. Miss Victoria West. Cow Hitch Um. Wife and family, Sooke. Family and wf., Seed der Hill, Lo.d Mt. Tolmie, Oke Bay.

Odd Fellowship.

A new lodge of the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, M. U., was last night dedicated at Esquimalt by Bro. S. J. Wade, D. D. G. M., assisted by P. D. D. G. M. W. E. Ottaway and brethren from other lodges. The lodge, which is known as "Dauntless," starts out under the most favorable auspices. The officers installed are as follows: N. G., Bro. R. N. Fitton; V. G., S. Pearce; secretary, J. E. Dyer; I. M., W. E. Ottaway; R. S. N. G., Joseph Smith; L. S. N. G., Bro. De Carli; R. S. V. G., Bro. Cummings; L. S. V. G., Bro. Newsom; W., Bro. Watson; C., Bro. Campbell; I. G., Bro. S. Sheppard. A considerable amount of business having been transacted, the lodge adjourned until Wednesday next.

Germania Club.

The men and women of the Vaterland, with all their proverbial stolidity, are among the most ardent lovers of song and terpsichorean exercises. Wherever they are—no matter the skies under which they are found—they are almost a unit in their relish for amusement, and, whenever the opportunity presents itself, are not slow to avail themselves of it. The Germania Club, of Victoria, of which Herr Heinrich Weber is president, and Mr. Christian Stouss, vice-president, is a most popular institution among the Germans, and for years has furnished much delight to people of all the other nationalities. Last night, the first ball of the season came off, under its auspices, at Oliver's Hall, between forty and fifty couples disporting themselves on the well waxed floor. A splendid programme of dances was supplied by Partlitt's orchestra, which gave the key note to the various harmonies of graceful movement, of which the hall was the scene. Everyone appeared to be thoroughly in earnest, and heartily entered into the spirit of the occasion. At the interval between the dances, a handsome collation was served, and, by many, the opening of the season of 1891 will long be remembered.

Bagley, at the seashore—Is your wife going to the ball to-night? Bailey—Well, she's dressed for something, but I'm blessed if I know whether she's going to the ball or down to the beach for a moonlight dip.—Hartford Times.

[From THE DAILY COLONIST Sept. 17.]

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Fried Case.

The case of Hermann and Millie Fried, charged with the abduction of Hattie May of Seattle, comes up again, on remand, in the provincial court this morning. The police say they have a number of witnesses to introduce.

The New Cathedral.

The time limit for receiving competitive designs for the new Christ Church Cathedral has been extended to December 31st, owing to unavoidable delay in forwarding the necessary papers to competing architects.

The City Assessment.

Last year the assessment of the city amounted to $9,538,000. This year it amounts to $17,500,000. Mr. Northcott congratulates himself that the alterations of his valuations, made by the court do not amount to one per cent. on his figures.

By the Boscowitz.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz left, last night, for Fort Simpson and way ports with a large general cargo. Among her cabin passengers were: A. W. Vowell, Supt. of Indian Affairs; R. H. Pidcock, Miss Pidcock, G. Robinson and J. W. Morris.

His Gun Got Him in Trouble.

J. S. Clarke, well known about town, and the young man principally concerned in the attempt to shoot another in the Brown Jug saloon, on Tuesday evening, was arrested yesterday afternoon, and held for examination in the police court, this morning. Bail was refused.

Building Activity.

A large force of men are now constructing the first seven houses at Mount Tolmie Park. The houses under construction are substantial and ornamental. A large number of visitors during the last few days have visited this neighborhood, and express surprise at the enterprise exhibited.

A Race for Four-Oared Crews.

Weather and water permitting, two four-oared crews, local gentlemen, will race at 5 o'clock this evening, from the railway bridge to and around Deadman's Island and back to the James Bay Athletic Association's club house. The race is for a supper at the Poodle Dog.

Taxes No Higher.

It is generally believed in municipal circles that, though properties in the city have been assessed at figures more nearly approaching their actual value, the rate of taxation will be materially reduced, so that, save in exceptional cases, the annual levy on real estate owners will not, proportionately, be higher than at present.

Temporary Quarters.

Mr. Francis Bourchier, whom everyone knows as one of the busiest and most enterprising real estate men in the province, is now to be found in handsome temporary offices over 45 Government street. Here he will be located until the completion of the Five Sisters' Block, when, as he always does, he will get in on the ground floor.

Southward Passengers.

Yesterday's direct steamer for San Francisco, the Umatilla, carried the undermentioned passengers from this port: J. Bright, Adam Lapp, Mrs. L. Clement, Miss Lapp, A. Marks, E. W. Ginger, Miss Marchout, Miss A. Rose, C. G. Palmer, John Fletcher, E. G. Anderson, A. Schulz, N. Bichard, H. B. Samuelson and wife, A. Gordon and wife, Mrs. L. Jones and two children.

To Accommodate Exhibitors.

As will be seen by advertisement in another column, the C.P.N. Co. are preparing to accommodate exhibitors at the New Westminster Fair, by placing the steamer R. P. Rithet at their disposal. In addition to this, if the Islander arrives from the North in time, she will also be placed on the route for a trip on the 20th inst., and a special steamer will leave for New Westminster on the 24th inst. This will afford intending exhibitors and visitors unusual accommodation.

Harmony Not Yet Restored.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox brought their domestic discords again before the police magistrate yesterday; at least Mrs. Fox did, in a charge of larceny laid against the husband, who is accused of having taken a half dozen towels from the unsettled home. Mr. Belyea did not think that enough evidence had been produced to prove anything, and remanded the case for a week. In the meantime both parties will enjoy a rummage through the other's belongings, Mrs. Fox having procured a warrant to search her husband's residence on Kane street, while he goes armed with equal authority to have a look through her establishment on Superior street.

News from the Seal Islands.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch says: Major Williams, special treasury agent, who, with J. Stanley Brown of the state department, went to Alaska on a special mission concerning the sealing industry, says the report will be submitted as soon as Mr. Brown arrives. The latter was left in Alaska to close up some affairs, and he is expected in about ten days. Major Williams says: "The natives were not in a starving condition as reported. As far as we learned they were abundantly supplied with food. Only 6,250 of 7,500, the maximum number of seals allowed for food, had been killed for this purpose. Good care was taken of the natives last year, and the company will do likewise this winter. The Seal Islands presented a lively appearance when we were there, there being present nine revenue cutters and war vessels with their crews. We met Prof. Mendelhall and Sir George Baden-Powell, of the British parliament, and Dr. Dawson, the Canadian commissioner."

Coming to the Tournament.

Chief Ackerman, of New Westminster, will be about the only fireman left in the Royal City, during the great tournament here, which is close at hand. The Westminster team will come over on the evening of the 29th, and have arranged to put up at the Oriental.

The City of Kingston will go over the Sound on the Saturday night preceding the great days, returning Sunday with excursionists.

At a meeting of the city firemen, on Tuesday, it was decided to go ahead with the triumphal arch, which will be commenced on the Saturday evening. The firemen will also decorate Assembly Hall handsomely for the ball to the visitors, and Nolan Bros. will supply a first-class supper. The Queen City dancing club, which was organized on Tuesday, with Mr. F. H. Lang as president, and 60 members enrolled, will assist in making the ball a success.

In the firemen's parade, the James Bay volunteers will turn out with the regulars, and an elaborately decorated hose reel. The work of fixing up the engine houses has already been begun.

For Tacoma.

At last night's meeting of the City Council an invitation was received from Pride of the West Lodge, Canadian Order of Oddfellows, asking the pleasure of the company of the Mayor and Aldermen on the excursion to Tacoma on Saturday next. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Many Tickets Sold.

The excursion to Tacoma, under the auspices of Pride of the West Lodge, C.O.O.F., M.U., bids fair to be a great success. Numbers of tickets have already been sold for the event of Saturday, which the committee of arrangements are endeavoring to make as pleasant as possible for all concerned.

Chemainus Correspondence.

Miss Nellie Gray is spending a few days at Duncan's, visiting friends. * * Mr. Pert has been appointed foreman at the sawmill. * * Dr. Lewis Hall, of Victoria, has been spending a few days hunting in this neighborhood, and returns home, this morning, with a fine brace of grouse. * * Many, of late, have been heard to express their desire for the organizing of a temperance society in town.

The School of Arms.

There was a good attendance at the meeting last evening at the drill shed, called for the purpose of re-organization of the School of Arms in connection with the B.C.B.G.A. In addition to the six officers, a committee was appointed to draft rules, etc. The school will open for the season next Thursday evening, and by that time it is hoped that the services of a competent instructor will have been secured.

Victoria Building Society.

A meeting of the above society was held last evening at Sir Wm. Wallace Society hall, Broad street, for the purpose of holding the 20th drawing for an appropriation. President W. D. McKillican was in the chair, and the following committee were nominated by the members present to conduct the drawing: E. C. Johnson, A. H. Maynard and W. J. Twiss. The draw resulted in No. 246 being successful. The following members were then declared entitled to $2,000 each: H. Downer, holding 246 A and B; and W. D. Ader, 246, C and D. This will make $68,000 drawn for to date, $64,000 of which is out on mortgage.

An Eastern Manufacturer.

John Bertram, head of the well-known firm of John Bertram & Sons, Dundas, Ont., manufacturers of machinists' tools, arrived on the Yosemite, last evening, and is registered at the Oriental. Mr. Bertram, like many other successful men in Canada, came from Scotland in the early days of the country, and has built up a large business and amassed wealth through well-directed energy. Many of the machines he manufactures are to be found in the shops of this province. It is his intention to remain in Victoria for several days, and he will also pay a visit to Salt Spring Island to see Mr. Booth, M.P.P., an old time friend.

A Splendid Instrument.

The second parlor grand piano ever manufactured in this province was the centre of an admiring gathering of musical people, who celebrated its arrival at the home of Mr. Ert, Douglas street, last evening. The piano was from the factory of Messrs. Goodwin & Co., who sent the first parlor grand turned out in their factory to the same part of the city, a few months ago. Prof. Strauss was the principal musician of the evening, his selections being from Liszt, Wagner, Gounod and other eminent composers. The new instrument gave the best of satisfaction, being pronounced perfect in action, sweetness and power. In accompaniment work, the instrument proved as much of a success as in solos, and Mr. Erb is thoroughly satisfied with his purchase.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Yesterday was a big day in Chinatown, the festival of the moon being celebrated with all due honors.

Weather permitting, the James Bays and the V.A.C.'s will play at Beacon Hill, on Saturday afternoon.

W. W. Greener, Parker Bros. and Belgium hammerless shot guns, at 57 Johnson Street. au25-1m-d&w

The case of James Walsh was dismissed in yesterday's police court, and the prosecutor was ordered to pay costs, amounting to over $9.

For a good, cheap shot gun go to 57 Johnson St. au25-1m-d&w

The semi-annual meeting of the V.A. Club, which was to have been held last evening, has been adjourned for one week.

The largest stock of shot guns at 57 Johnson St. au25-1m-d&w

Chas. W. Barrett, charged with vagrancy, was sentenced, in yesterday's police court, to pay a fine of $40 by the 18th inst., or, in default, serve two months in prison.

The active members of the Victoria Athletic Club commence preparation, today, for their exhibition during the agricultural show.

IN AID OF HOME MISSIONS.

Enjoyable Luncheon and Sale, which is to be Repeated To-day.

At Christ Church Cathedral school, yesterday, the ladies of the Auxiliary gave an appetizing lunch and a well arranged sale of work for the benefit of mission funds. The specific object to which the proceeds will be devoted is paying the salaries of the sixteen clergymen laboring in out-of-the-way portions of the diocese, which are not as yet strong enough to support their own ministers. Unfortunately, yesterday's bazaar did not receive the patronage to which it was entitled, although those who attended were loud in their commendation of the arrangements.

This is the second sale of the present year under the auspices of the Auxiliary. That of the spring was a complete success; that of yesterday would have been had it not been overlooked by many who would liked to have attended. Luncheon of a high order was served from 12 to 2 o'clock to about 100 guests, at whose request it will be repeated to-day at the same hours. The sale was continued until evening, useful articles, of English manufacture, being made a specialty of, as well as winter jackets. In the fancy work, Mrs. Richards' linen drawn work and the children's underclothing were the best features. Potted plants, chiefly monthly roses, were also on sale, while little Miss Dorothy Beanlands had button-hole bouquets for one and all.

The present officers of the Auxiliary are; Mrs. Richards, president; Miss Arden, secretary; Mrs. Beanlands, treasurer; Mrs. T. J. Jones, Mrs. Hiscock, Miss Kingham, Mrs. P. T. Johnston, Mrs. Blaiklock, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Crane and Mrs. Kent. The lunch tables, yesterday, were presided over by Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Toller, Mrs. Berkeley, Mrs. Goward, assisted by the young ladies of the church.

THE EXHIBITION

Of the British Columbia Agricultural Association an Assured Success.

Extensive Prize List — North-West Firemen's Tournament—Horse Racing, Fireworks, etc.

As the date approaches for the annual exhibition of the B. C. Agricultural Association, operations in the new buildings at the Driving Park, and in the secretary's office become more active. So far, as the work has proceeded, everything tends to show that the forthcoming exhibition will be the most successful ever held under the auspices of the association. The space at the disposal of exhibitors is being fast taken up, and although the detailed entries up to the present are not very numerous, a long list of exhibitors is in the hands of the management. The cause of delay is that manufacturers, etc., are making special efforts to have the very best articles put on the ground. In the other departments returns are most satisfactory. The best live stock in the country will be on exhibition, —such a display as will convince the world that a great improvement has taken place in quality and numbers. All of the best strains, it is expected will be represented, and as the services of the most experienced judges on the continent have been secured there will be no opportunity for grumbling at the awards. The prize list is liberal, the accommodation first-class and the means of transit from any part of the country as good as can reasonably be expected. A very wise provision has been made by the committee of management in providing a supply of fodder on the grounds, which owners of cattle can have at cost price. The sheep department will, no doubt, be a very representative one, as returns already in indicate. There will be keen competition here, as the different breeds of sheep, which have been imported within the past few years from the best folds of the Old Country and the United States, appear to thrive in British Columbia. The prize list gives the breeder a capital show in every class. There is also liberal provision made for hogs, and of this class also good things are expected. Ample pen space has been provided, so that all the most approved breeds may be catalogued. The horse department is always an attractive one, and will assuredly, this year, beat all previous records. Not alone is the prize-list a substantial one, but there is the extra inducement to exhibitors afforded by the B.C. Jockey Club, which offers $3,000 to be competed for on the track. The club has arranged a very attractive programme, which cannot fail to bring to the starter's flag good blood and large fields. A large number of good draught horses will also be on the grounds, and those carrying off Victoria's prize will have secured a much-coveted honor, and as high a testimonial as need be desired. The show of poultry will be larger than ever, and certainly better, as of late quite a number of fanciers have established themselves on the island. A few choice exhibits of mainland birds are also listed. Feed will be provided free of charge and a couple of competent men will be on hand to look after the fowls. This is a department in which great interest is always taken, and lovers of the feathered tribe will have no reason to be disappointed on the present occasion.

The display of agricultural products and agricultural implements will be large and of particular interest to farmers and the general public. All the best houses in the implement line will be represented, so that those affected by the benefit of labor-saving machinery on the farm will have an opportunity of inspecting the latest improvements. A good show of fruit will be a further attraction at the exhibition, and sufficient, it is to be hoped, to establish beyond all doubt the capabilities of British Columbia as a fruit growing country.

Almost every branch of industry will be represented. It is satisfactory to note that articles of home manufacture are those which will predominate. The display of dry goods promises to be as varied as it will doubtless be attractive. The tweeds, blankets, flannels, etc., all of home manufacture, will be found to compare most satisfactorily with the best brands of imported goods, and in many particulars are equal, if not superior. The goods turned out by the Westminster mills are fast leading the market, and it is only a matter of time when that old-fogie notion as to the superiority of imported goods will be dissipated. There will also be a fine display of carriages and every class of horse vehicle, all of home manufacture, and made of B. C. materials. For furniture considerable space has been allotted, and in this department some very substantial and artistic goods will be displayed. There promises to be a lively competition among the brewers, as to which of them shall secure the gold medal for their ales and porters. The judge or judges, whoever he or they may be, will have considerable testing to do, as there will be some eight or ten distinct establishments enter the contest. Groceries, canned goods, paints and oils, boots and shoes, harness, book binding, etc., will all have a place in the exhibition. The dairy department bids fair to become a centre of attraction, as does also that to confections and bread stuffs.

The different pianoforte manufacturers will be largely represented, and some good, practical tests of the instruments, will be enjoyed. The B. C. Art Association have arranged for a display of art which, it is said, will be a most creditable showing, and include oil and water color paintings, etchings, drawings, sculpture, photography, etc.

Of amusements there will be no lack. Horse racing, firemen's tournament, athletic sports, bicycle racing, fireworks, etc., all included in the attractions—a bill of fare sufficient to suit all comers. The exhibition opens on the 29th inst., and continues until the 3rd October, so arranged as to give to each day its particular attraction. All the transportation companies offer special inducements to intending visitors, and matters are so arranged that the one entrance fee covers the exhibition, races, and all sports on the Agricultural and Jockey Club grounds. The electric tramway will take visitors to the exhibition grounds. Should the weather prove propitious—and there is little reason for fear on this score—there will, no doubt, be a large attendance.

A PROMISING MUSICIAN.

An English publication, Kensington Society, July 18th, contains the following:

Not so long ago I had the pleasure of taking afternoon tea with Miss Florence Christie, whom the possession of a beautiful contralto voice has placed among the celebrities of the day. Miss Christie—whose father was a Professor at one of the Scotch Universities; who is a gold medallist, having won the three medals of the L. M. A. successively, and obtained a diploma besides; who has sung at Balmoral by command of Her Majesty; who has been complimented on her singing by Christine Nilsson—wears her honors with that unaffected simplicity which is so great a charm. She chatted pleasantly about her visit to Balmoral, and said the Queen was "so nice." Then I was given a peep at the lovely diamond bangle bracelet which Her Majesty had graciously bestowed on her in return for the pleasure of listening to this young lady's marvellously beautiful voice; while the sister who accompanied Miss Florence to Balmoral was not left out in the cold, but received from her Majesty a very pretty brooch—jewels set in gold, and of exquisite design. "What a thing it is to be the sister of a celebrity!" I remarked *en passant*, and the "sister" laughingly endorsed my remark, as she kindly handed me a second cup of delicious tea, very refreshing on that oppressively hot June afternoon. Before leaving the delightfully cool drawing-room and charming unaffected sisters in Inkerman Terrace, I had the great pleasure of hearing Miss Florence Christie sing, and of therefore judging for myself whether or no the many favorable reviews I had seen concerning this young lady's voice, its "mellow richness, "singular purity of quality and good compass," had been the least wee bit overdrawn; and as I listened spellbound, the exact opposite was my verdict. It would have been impossible to have overdrawn the richness and mellowness of that superb contralto, with its enviable range and power of taking soprano notes with the most perfect ease. Miss Christie has been exceptionally trained, it is almost needless to say; she was the pupil of Signor Manuel Garcia and Madame Pauline Viardot. Nor need I wonder that, with a naturally fine voice, under such exceptional training, this young Scottish vocalist should have taken the musical world by storm already, at the beginning of a career of whose zenith it would not be rash, I think, to predict great thing.

The young ladies referred to are nieces of the Rev. Jas. Christie, of this city.

COURT OF REVISION.

Completion of the Assessment Roll and Adjournment of the Board.

The Court of Revision met yesterday afternoon, His Worship the Mayor in the chair, there being also present Aldermen Smith, Holland, Renouf and Munn.

Mrs. Godfrey appeared to protest against the assessment on lots 1 and 2, block C (Finlayson estate), Government street, which had been assessed at $1,800 each, and of lot 20 at $1,200. The assessment on lot 2 was reduced $200, but lot 20 was allowed to stand. The valuation of the improvements on lot 2 were placed at $150, the improvements on lot 20 was lowered from $900 to $700.

Mr. S. Perry Mills protested against the assessment of lots 4 and 9, block 4, Christ Church estate, at $1,750 each. He thought that the market value of the two lots was, to-day, $3,000. He did not want to sell.

The city assessor said he had valued the whole of the block at the same rate, and were one of them reduced the same would require to be done with the remainder.

Ald. Holland said he knew the property well. Some of the same block had been offered at $2,500 per lot, but had not been sold.

Ald. Munn moved that the valuation of the lots be reduced $250 each, which was carried.

The following water front properties were next considered, with the appended results:

Arthur Porter, lot 125, block B, Telegraph and Store streets, 60 feet frontage, reduced $10 per foot. Also north half lot 128, Store street, reduced $10 per foot.

John Turner south half lot 128 and lot 129, Store street, 90 feet frontage, $18,000, reduced by $10 per foot.

Williams Estate, lot 182 B, Wharf street, 72 feet front, valued at $10,800, reduced $10 per foot.

J. J. Southgate, No. 1,547, block 1, Wharf street, 60 feet front, valued at $18,000, reduced $50 per foot.

Reid estate, lot 202, block 1, Wharf street, 69 feet front, valued at $24,150, reduced $50 per foot.

James Yates, lots 201 and 202, block 1, Wharf street, valued at $33,350, reduced $25 per foot.

R. Finlayson, lot 200 A, block 1, Wharf street, 151 feet front, valued at $52,850, reduced $25 per foot.

Hudson Bay Co., part of lot 17, block 70, Wharf street, 30 feet front, valued at $7,500, reduced $50 per foot. Lot 18, 450 feet front, valued at $157,500, reduced $25 per foot.

Mrs. Jones, part of lot 182 C, Johnson street, assessment reduced by $25 per foot.

Sheriff McMillan's assessment on both house and land, on Fisgard and Cormorant streets, remained unaltered.

In the case of Mr. Grimm a reduction of $4,000 was made in the valuation of his factory.

From Mr. Richard Morrison's assessment of $800, for property at the corner of Fort and Quadra streets, $300 was taken.

J. J. Southgate—Lots 122 and 123, Herald and Telegraph streets, were reduced $10 per foot.

J. J. Hoffner, writing from Germany, protested against the valuation of his property, which he peremptorily refused to pay. The Board took his communication into consideration, the following being the result: Lots 626 and 627, block L, Herald street, assessment reduced $250 per lot. Lots 2 and 3, block 6, Fort street, valued at $35,500, assessed at $700 per foot, were allowed to stand. Lots 3 and 10, block 1, Christ Church Trust, 2 lots (4 houses), valued at $1,750 per lot and $1,200 for each house, remained unchanged.

Hon. Amor DeCosmos—Lot 531, Government street, assessed at $53,984, was reduced by $7,336 to $49,648. West end city lots 660 and 660, assessed at $19,550, were continued at the old assessment; a number of lots on Spring Ridge being reduced 15 per cent.

Mr. Turner's lots 4 and 5, block H, Work estate, were reduced to $300 each.

In connection with an application to reduce the valuation of the Orphan Home property, it was stated that the court could do nothing in the matter, it being one for which a petition should be addressed to the council.

The city accessor was instructed to formally notify all persons who had applied to the court for alterations in their assessment of the decisions of the court in their cases.

This having completed the work of the court, the formal motion of confirmation was passed and the court adjourned.

GRAND COUNCIL Y. M. I.

Work Accomplished at the Meeting in Watsonville—The Insurance Feature Separated from the Institute Proper.

At the recent meeting of the Grand Council Y.M.I., held at Watsonville, Cal., the most important business transacted was to make the death benefit scheme optional with the members. It is now a feature distinct from the institute proper, and assessments in the benefit system will be levied only on those who have seen fit to become insured. There were 300 delegates present, representing 150 institutes on the Pacific slope. The council was a brilliant assemblage, and a more intellectual body of young men seldom gathered together.

The new grand president, James S. Smith, of San Francisco, was chosen by acclamation. He is a lawyer by profession and has attained distinction for his abilities. Smith holds the degree of Master of Arts from Santa Clara College and is a young man of great energy and force of character. It was chiefly through his efforts that the Young Men's Institute has achieved its present prosperous standing and its multitude of members. He was one of the founders of the first branch of the organization, and he spent time and money and devoted his energies to the furtherance of the cause in which he was interested.

The next meeting of the grand council will be held in Fresno City next fall, at a day to be fixed by the board of directors.

During the week of the grand council the institute delegates attended in a body the Native Sons' celebration at Santa Cruz, Cal., which is only a few miles distant from Watsonville.

The celebration lasted two days, and the event was a glorious one. The beach at the seaside town of Santa Cruz was thronged with people during that time, and the days were filled with games, sports and amusements, and the nights with music, banquets and pyrotechnics.

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