PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Rates of Duty Under Succession Bill to be Materially Reduced.

HON. MR. TURNER'S AMENDMENTS

A General Drainage, Dyking and Irrigation Bill Brought Down by Message—Lieut. Governor Assents to Redistribution and Horticultural Bills.

MARCH 21st.

The speaker took the chair at two o'clock. Prayers by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Mr. Martin presented a petition from the residents of Yale asking for a grant for a physician at that place. The petition was ruled out of order on the ground that it asked for an appropriation.

The private bills committee reported that they had reconsidered bills Nos. 29 and 33 and amended them to agree with the notices and petitions. They recommended that the rules be suspended so that the bills could be placed on the orders of the day. Received.

The mining committee reported that they had reconsidered the mineral bill, and submitted it with amendments. Received.

Mr. Kellie asked the minister of mines who furnished the information on which N. Fitzstubbs, gold commissioner for West Kootenay district, based that part of his annual report dated the first day of January, 1894, which refers to the northern division of the said district?

Hon. Col. Baker answered that Mr. Fitzstubbs furnished his annual report, but he was not cognizant of the source of the information.

The Chilliwack drainage bill was finally passed.

Hon. Mr. Turner stated that the Lieut.-Governor in council was pleased to place in the hands of the legislative assembly the interests of the crown in connection with the Victoria Electric Light and Railway company's bill.

On consideration of the bill relating to certain works in the township of Richmond, Mr. Sword moved an amendment providing that the dispute between the municipality and McLean Brothers should be referred to arbitration. The amendment was ruled out of order and the report on the bill was adopted.

The house went into committee, Mr. Keith in the chair, to consider the bill to authorize certain dyking and drainage works in the district of New Westminster.

Hon. Mr. Beaven asked if the land, the owners of which had petitioned against the bill, was included in the scheme.

Mr. Kitchen explained that the land was included in the bill, and it would not be advisable to exempt the land from the assessments levied under the scheme.

Mr. Sword said the bill would not change the position of those who had petitioned against the bill.

Hon. Mr. Beaven pointed out that clause seven did not agree with the petition. Clause seven provides that the commissioners could use the water of the river for generating electricity.

Mr. Kitchen said if the bill was to be endangered by the clause he would like to see the clause struck out, but if not he would like to see the clause remain in. It was absolutely necessary that the commissioners should be allowed to use the water for generating electricity for running their pumping machinery.

Mr. Hunter amended the clause to do away with the objection.

The bill was reported complete with amendments.

Hon. Mr. Davie presented a message from the Lieutenant-Governor enclosing a bill for the drainage, dyking and irrigation of lands. The message was considered in committee and the bill was reported to the house and read a first time.

The Lieutenant-Governor assented to the redistribution and horticultural bills.

Mr. Sword asked if the information respecting the Nakusp & Slocan railway was ready.

Hon. Mr. Davie answered that it was being prepared.

The house went into committee, Mr. Croft in the chair, to consider the succession duties bill.

Mr. Hunter moved an amendment to strike out the clause exempting property bequeathed to religious, charitable or educational purposes.

The amendment was carried.

Hon. Mr. Beaven moved to amend the clauses providing that the act should not apply to estates the value of which do not exceed $5,000 by striking out $5,000 and inserting $10,000.

Hon. Mr. Turner said that would be covered by amendments that he intended to introduce later on in the bill.

The amendment was lost.

Hon. Mr. Turner moved an amendment changing the scale of duties to the following: $100,000, a duty of one dollar on every $100; $100,000 to $200,000, $2 on every $100; $200,000 to $700,000, $3 on every $100; $700,000 to $1,000,000, $4 on every $100; $1,000,000 or over, $5 on every $100, provided that where any property devised, bequeathed or passing to, or for the use of any one person, being the father, mother, husband, wife, child, grandchild, daughter-in-law or son-in-law of the deceased, under a will or intestacy, the first $10,000 of value of the same shall be exempt, and upon so much of the value of the property as is in excess of $10,000 duty shall be charged at half the several rates set forth.

(Provided that all duties under this act shall be levied and collected pro rata upon the whole of the estate of the deceased person liable to the duty.

The house adjourned at six o'clock until Tuesday next.

CANADIAN SEALERS.

Sir John Thompson Explains the Dominion Government's Position.

Ottawa, March 21.—In the house of commons Sir Richard Cartwright asked the government if they were aware, as stated in the press, that the United States government had sent a squadron to protect and shepherd seals on their way from the southern breeding grounds, and had given instructions to the squadron to see that the regulations of the Paris tribunal were carried out. If this were so, he suggested that the British government should be conferred with with a view of sending a small squadron to see that the Canadians got fair play.

Sir John Thompson replied that if the American government had sent out a squadron of cruisers he had no doubt it was with a view of looking after American poachers. As far as Canada was concerned, the regulations of the Paris tribunal were not binding until such time as the Imperial parliament had made a statutory enactment in regard to the same. If the Imperial parliament would pass such a statute the Canadian act would not be necessary, but the Dominion government had communicated with the Imperial government and expressed their views on the legislation necessary. In a few days he expected the Imperial parliament would deal with the matter. He did not believe the United States would interfere with Canadian sealers. A recommendation had been made by Canada to Britain that trespassers should be tried in their own country, it was also recommended that the regulations should not be enforced against sealers who were in the fishing grounds before they were adopted and made binding by legislation.

Sir Richard Cartwright asked the views of the British Columbia members, but none of them were present.

Ottawa, March 21.—At a meeting of the debates committee, A. C. Campbell, for many years a member of the press gallery, was appointed on the Hansard staff to-day in place of the late J. T. Richardson. The committee also recommended the payment of $1,000 to Richardson's widow.

Henry Maynard, aged 69, a baker, was found in his cellar in the lower town hanging by the neck dead this morning. He leaves a widow and family in Montreal.

Political Organization.

The Victoria political organization should not deprive the public of the opportunity of attending the meeting to be held this evening in the Institute hall. It is true that membership tickets, which cost but 25 cents, have been freely distributed, but there are many who would willingly pay $1 to see the fun, who could not obtain a ticket. Fun there will be without doubt. The two or three factions in the organization are more bitterly opposed to one another than the opposition and the government are. At this evening's meeting it is intended to decide who the government's candidates are to be, and it is on this point that the factions are waging war against one another. They have about decided that they would like to have Messrs. Turner and Rithet as candidates, if those gentlemen will consent to run, but as to who the other two shall be they are divided. The most prominent candidates for the third and fourth places on the ticket are Captain John Irving, W. H. Ellis and H. D. Helmcken. The friends of each of these three gentlemen are anxious that their candidates shall have a place on the ticket. With this object in view tickets have been freely sold and distributed among those who are likely to vote for each prospective candidate. Most of the longshoremen along the wharves are the possessors of tickets. When the speakers for the various candidates commence work this evening they will have a "large and enthusiastic audience." It is likely to beat any New York ward meeting.

Highwaymen in Oaklands.

The people in this part of the city have been in a state of excitement for the past few weeks from the fact that several robberies have been committed there. Last week the house of E. Garde was broken into, the lock being smashed and the house robbed of its contents. The house of M. Watson was also broken into and articles of jewelry and clothing were stolen. What was not stolen was destroyed by being tramped under foot. It appears the thieves were disturbed by Mr. Watson coming home earlier than they expected, for there were several things taken from the bedroom to the kitchen and left there. On Friday evening last, the same gang built a fence about three feet high across the Jewish cemetery hill. It was built just at the brow of the hill so that a person driving to town could not see it until it was too late. There were two sharp-pointed fence rails fixed so as to stab a horse in the breast. It is said that the miscreants spend the evenings in a small house in the district.

Marine

The little American schooner Ward was saved from going ashore at Cadboro bay on Sunday by the tug Alert. Nearly all her sails were carried away.

The sealer Oscar and Hattie had a very rough passage across to Yokohama and was so badly damaged that she had to dock at Tokio.

Nothing further toward floating the barkentine Wrestler will be done for several days.

The British ship Astoria on the way from England has been chartered to load at Hastings.

The Thermopylae will load lumber at Moodyville.

The steamship Arawa left Sydney on March 17. She had 30 saloon and 40 steerage passengers and 25 tons of miscellaneous freight from Sydney for Victoria. She will arrive here about April 8.

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BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

—The ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home are arranging for a canvass for contributions in aid of the home.

—Three Indians suspected of being implicated in the Savary island murder return to Alert bay this evening, there being no evidence against them.

—Jno. Merrifield of the Telegraph hotel, this city, caught 137 trout last Sunday inside of three hours at Shawnigan lake.

—Jos. Mayer of Seattle and Miss Clara Phillips of this city are to be married to-morrow evening at the home of the bride's parents, Kane street.

—A couple of wily smugglers got a package of opium off the Kingston at Tacoma Sunday night in plain sight of five customs officers. The officers fired on their boat but they escaped.

—Miss Beacham, the young lady who went insane on Monday, was taken to New Westminster this morning by Sergeant Hawton. She was examined yesterday by Doctors Corsan and John Duncan and pronounced insane. The unfortunate girl suffers from the dreadful hallucination that her feet and hands are being burned.

—The military drill by 20 young ladies under the leadership of Mrs. William Marvin is the next event to be looked forward to with interest. The ladies will appear at the Victoria theatre on the evening of Friday, April 6 and the afternoon of Saturday, April 7. Some interesting things are promised in connection with the drill.

—The funeral of Mary Elenor (Nellie) Smith, daughter of W. Stermer Smith, took place yesterday afternoon from the parents' home, Victoria West. Rev. D. MacRae officiated, assisted by Rev. Thos. Baldwin. Rev. W. D. Barber was also at the funeral. Many of the children of Victoria West public school attended and six little girls acted as pallbearers. The deceased child was very popular with her companions.

On Sunday Peter Brown took Constantine Dalmettie to his house and gave him some food. The Italian had accosted him on the street and in piteous tones begged for food. Brown happened to leave Dalmettie in the house for a few moments alone and after he had gone discovered that $25.75 in money was missing. When Dalmettie was arrested $24.50 of the money was found on him. In police court this morning Dalmettie was convicted of the theft and sentenced to six months at hard labor by Magistrate Macrae.

—The Board of Trade council failed to get a quorum this morning and the meeting was put off for a few days. The board's protest against a reduction of the duty on cleaned rice was deemed so important that it was decided to have the resolution offered by A. B. Gray taken around for the signatures of the members of the board. Should the matter be subscribed to by a majority of the board a protest will be telegraphed to Messrs. Earle and Prior. The failure to secure a quorum was deeply regretted. It is held that if the duty is reduced that it will kill the business of the Victoria Rice Mills. It is claimed the Chinese really pay the tax.

—The Puget Sound newspapers and Washington's representatives at the national capital are making a terrible roar about the U.S. Behring Sea fleet being ordered to coal at Comox. The Cleveland government is "un-American," "unpatriotic" and "decidedly British in its tendencies" according to the press for so doing. The fact that the soft Seattle coal is mined in the U. S. makes it infinitely superior to the Comox coal. It may be news to the kickers to learn that so careful is the British admiralty to furnish its warships with the very best coal that the vessels on this station do not use coal mined here. The supply is imported and only when the bunkers are empty is Comox coal taken.

—The board of management of the maternity home thankfully acknowledge the following donations during the month of February: H. Saunders, groceries; Brown Bros., groceries; Erskine & Wall, groceries; D. Ross, bottle of brandy; B. C. Cattle Co., meat; Hall & Goepel, ton coal; D. Spencer, rubber sheeting; G. Morrison, hot water bottle; Langley & Co., hot water bottle; T. Shotbolt, two nursery bottles, one tin vaseline, one box zinc ointment, three cakes best soap, carbolic soap, one bottle carbolic acid; Campbell & Co., one box baby soap and powder; Jackson, druggist, bottle bay rum; Cochrane & Munn, two sponges and puff box; C. Jones, one dozen soap; Mrs. Hickey, condensed milk; Mrs. McKilligan, butter, jam and jelly; Mrs. Flummerfelt, towels; Mrs. Worlock, table cloths and table napkins; Mrs. Earle, chicken and linen; Small & Pidduck, tea and coffee.

—Mrs. Hazelton, the San Francisco lady who is here on her way to the wreck of the schooner Mary Brown, will go north on the steamer Danube to-night. She will leave the vessel at Lowe's inlet and go from there to Banks island, probably on the steamer Muriel. In addition to those mentioned yesterday, R. P. Rithet has very kindly interested himself in the matter, and she will be seen through to the end of her journey. Considerable surprise is expressed here at the fact that a sister of James L. Breen should be permitted to make a trip like this alone. He was a member of a large and influential firm, was one of the foremost in the development of the trade of Alaska and numbered his friends by the score, yet none of the people associated with him have done anything. His sister was instrumental in having the Oliver Wolcott ordered out in the search. She was alone in the matter, excepting those whom she interested. In this trip Captain Leibaum, of the Alaska Commercial company, the people she met here, and some personal friends in San Francisco only have aided her.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

—The City of Kingston now connects with the Port Townsend Southern railway.

—A court of revision for North Cowichan municipality is to be held at Duncan on the morning of April 21.

—The loss of the schooner Storm King at the Shumagin islands in January is reported by the Mexico. She was valued at $600.

—A further contingent of the royal marine artillery is to proceed from Portsmouth, England, to take part in the erection of fortifications at Esquimalt.

—The steamer Danube sailed for the north last night with the following passengers: Mr. and Mrs. Brewster, H. Kirkland and wife, W. Nicholson and wife, J. Clayton, J. G. Hide, D. O. Lewis, Thomas Piper, R. Draney, J. Hood, Miss Nightingale, W. L. Conyers, W. B. Skinland, Indian Agent A. W. Vowell, and Mrs. Hazleton.

—Frank Ewerwine, an old Austrian, suffering from a bad attack of rheumatism, was taken to the Jubilee hospital from his place on Burnside road by the provincial police last night.

—The jury in the case of Adolph Krug, ex-city treasurer of Seattle, yesterday returned a verdict of guilty to the charge of misappropriating the city's funds. The limit of the law is ten years.

—The lecture given by Postmaster Noah Shakespeare at Centennial Methodist church last night was well attended. It was in aid of the Sunday school and a very fair sum was realized.

—The funeral of the late Alice Louise, second daughter of T. W. Carter took place this afternoon and was largely attended by her friends and school mates. The deceased was a native of Victoria aged 15 years.

—An understanding satisfactory to all concerned has been arrived between Henry Saunders and his creditors. Mr. Saunders will act as manager of the grocery establishment on Johnson street for the trustees of the estate.

—On Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a public test of the Taylor Hydraulic stump puller on the Gorge road near Frank Adams' house. The machine was taken out there this morning and two great stumps were removed in about 20 minutes.

—At a meeting at Vancouver on Sunday the Mainland Steamshipman's Protective and Benevolent Association adopted resolutions deploring the death of George Harcourt, a brother who was drowned in mid ocean off the Starbuck, and Carl Johnson who was lost on the Estello.

—Perseverance lodge, No. 1, I.O.G.T., held their usual weekly meeting in Temperance hall, Pandora avenue, last evening, when an impromptu programme was rendered. Triumph lodge, of Esquimalt, having failed to keep their appointment. Refreshments were served. The juvenile lodge, which meets every Tuseday afternoon at four o'clock, is progressing, 26 members being enrolled.

—The Single Tax club has been advised that Louis F. Post will be in the province from May 23 to June 3. He will lecture here under the auspices of the club, and a committee to receive him and arrange for the lecture was named at the meeting of the club last evening. It is composed of Messrs. Howell, Cohen, Sangster, Cameron and Tulloch. There will probably be two lectures one of them free.

—The teachers and pupils of the high school who enrolled as members of the Botanical club of Canada, yesterday organized a local association to be known as the Victoria High School Botanical Club. The officers are: President, A. J. Pineo, B.A.; Secretary, Miss A. D. Cameron; Assistant-Secretary, Miss M. C. Maclean. All members of the Canadian club will be welcome to join the new club on its excursions and meetings.

—The concert in aid of Victoria West Methodist church in Fairall's Hall last night was well attended and the programme rendered was an excellent one. Mayor Teague presided and the programme was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Le Page; song, J. G. Brown; song, G. F. Watson; vocal duet, Messrs. Brown and Firth; address, Rev. Solomon Cleaver; song, H. Firth; recitation, Miss Dunington; songs, Miss Humber, F. Richardson and Miss Anderson.

—Dr. A. R. Baker and Miss Ethelda Oldershaw, eldest daughter of Alfred Oldershaw, were married last evening. The ceremony was performed in Victoria West hall in the presence of about one hundred friends of the couple. Rev. S. Cleaver performed the ceremony. Misses Jennie Semple, Viola Semple and Mamie McNaughton attended the bride, while George Stelly was the groomsman. A splendid supper followed the ceremony, and then dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Dr. and Mrs. Baker left for Portland this morning on a short trip.

—A look-out is being kept for Frank Adams, who for seven or eight months past has been formean of construction work on the Victoria & Sidney railway. He stole a blank time check from Samuel Rounding, the time keeper, and filling it out to show that a balance of $52 was due him, he forged the time keeper's name to it and palmed it off on a well known hotelkeeper. Adams is believed to have left the country, but if he has not he will be arrested. He recently drew his pay and went on a spree, and it is believed that the forgery was decided on and executed while he was drunk.

—A very pretty wedding took place this afternoon at the residence of Geo. Mesher, Work Estate. The couple directly interested in the affair were Miss Alice, fourth daughter of Mr. Mesher, and Albert Wylde, the second son of the late Captain Wylde. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. P. Jenns in the presence of a number of friends and relatives of the bride. Mr. Wylde was supported by B. Haigh, and Miss C. A. Mesher acted as bridesmaid for her sister. The wedding presents were handsome and numerous. Mr. and Mrs. Wylde leave this evening for the east, where they will spend their honeymoon.

—Teachers and those interested in school matters will await with interest the report of the committee appointed to re-investigate the Ross dismissal case. It was brought out at the last trustee meeting that Mr. Ross was dismissed through reports from the principal and teachers in rooms adjoining Mr Ross' department. Trustee Lovell stated at the late board meeting that Principal Netherby had been continuously reporting bad order and discipline in this room, while Chairman Hayward stated that when the committee reported they produced evidence from the teachers in the adjoining rooms. Mr. Ross will now have an opportunity of producing evidence to refute these statements. The board decided that the case should be reopened because Mr. Ross had not been given an opportunity to put in any defence.

—It took two hours to hear the cases of James Chickens, charged with the larceny of a blanket and padlock from Frederick Gilmore, and Frederick Gilmore and John Dutton charged with attempting to supply and conniving at supplying liquor to Indians. On Monday Gilmore got 50 cents from Jimmy to buy whiskey with, who gave it to Dutton, who kept it. Jimmy, when he found he could get neither whiskey or money, took the blanket and padlock for satisfaction. The case of thieft could not be made out against Jimmy, and there was not evidence enough on the other case. Magistrate Macrae said he had no doubt of the guilt of Gilmore and Dutton, gave them a good lecture and warned them that if they came before him again they would be severely dealt with.

—A dispatch from Lindsay, Ont., says: "Fenelon Falls was terrorized on Sunday by Christopher Brandon, son of a well known man, John Brandon. He had been in British Columbia five years, and lately returned. He was usually quiet and peaceful, but showing signs of insanity. On Sunday morning he went to the Methodist church and walked up to the pulpit and told the minister quietly that he wanted to preach. The minister persuaded him to sit down and remain quiet. He did so and walked out with the congregation. Later he broke a window in a hardware store, entered and smashed a show case and took a number of revolvers and a good supply of cartridges and walked out on the front street, where he commenced firing at random. He shot through several plate glass windows and broke in the front of Burgoyne's store. He ran the town for a time, citizens wisely keeping out of range. Finally he was arrested after shooting Constable Nevison in the leg."

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—The dentists will close their offices Saturday afternoons at one o'clock from April 1 to Oct. 1.

—The grocery firm of Bowness & Creedon has been dissolved, and Mr. Creedon will close up the affairs of the firm.

—There is a lot of prune planting going on in the neighborhood of Mount Tolmie and Cedar Hill. The Hall brothers especially are putting in a large number.

—The residents of Mount Tolmie have laid out a cricket and lawn tennis ground. They are now being put in condition. The residents of the district generally are interested in the matter.

—Fishing parties who planned a trip to Sooke lake to-morrow, had better make another selection, as there is nearly six feet of snow at the summit, and the road is practically impassable.

—The High School Botanical club will go out on their first excusion on Saturday. Members of the club will meet at 8 a.m. at the High School, from which they will set off for Mount Tolmie. All members not connected with the High School are invited to attend.

—The minstrel show in the lecture room of the Central church last night was very well attended and was a really clever performance. There were the usual "black face" gags and get-offs and some very good singing. The performance is to be repeated on Saturday night, and should draw a good crowd.

—It is believed that the Queen's birthday celebration matter will be taken up next week. The aldermen, who are to take the initiative step, are in favor of making this year's celebration the largest and best ever given. It is planned to make the yacht racing, Indian canoe racing and a naval review or battle special features.

—Deputy Collector J. C. Newbury states that he has been unable to find the Victoria customs officer who was cheated out of $850 informer's fees alleged to have been allowed him by the United States government for information by which a quantity of opium was found and seized on the steamship Wilmington. He pronounces the story to be untrue.

—The Anaconda Standard says: "The Rev. D. Holmes has been assigned to the rectorship of St. Paul's church in Virginia City. He comes from Vancouver Island, B. C., and preached his initial sermon on Sunday, February 11. Public opinion proclaims him a pulpit orator of high attainments. Mr. Holmes' appointment is for six months, subject to future arangements for a continuance."

—B. W. Hartnell, a young Englishman held for insanity at the city police barracks for over two weeks, was taken to New Westminster this morning by Constable Robert Walker. Hartnell had not been in the province for six months and it required an order from the provincial government to secure his admission. It is believed that with proper care Hartnell will recover his reason.

—In Temperance hall last evening a novel entertainment was held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The phonetic spelling match resulted in the presentation to Miss Fox of a leather medal and the society's paper to Mr. Carlyle. The programme follows: Opening address, chairman; instrumental duet, Misses Teague and Fox; song, Miss Honour; address on Gen. Neal Dow, Mr. Siddall; song, Miss Watchman; vocal duet, Miss Grant and Miss Watkins; recitation, Miss Strachan; violin solo, Mr. Sangster; song, Mr. Richardson; recitation, Miss Lawson; song, Miss Cline.

—The steamer Barbara Boscowitz returned this morning from her northern trip. At Cape Mudge it was learned that the body of McDougall, one of the men who were on the ill-fated steamer Estelle, had been found. The legs were missing, showing conclusively that the accident had been caused by an explosion. Nothing new was heard respecting the wrecked schooner Mary Brown. The weather up north is fine but there is still much snow on the ground. The passengers down were: Mrs. Quinney, W. H. Dempster, J. T. Mennie, Miss M. Beardmore, F. W. Harris and one Chinaman.

—Ald. Keith Wilson has been summoned to appear in police court on Saturday morning for maintaining a nuisance in the shape of a stable in the rear of his house on Churchway. The complainant in the case is Forrest Angus, who lives next door. The hearing is expected to be a very interesting one. Mr. Angus objected to the building of the stable some time ago, and getting no satisfaction put up a fence to shut out it is alleged, the light and view from the windows of Mr. Wilson's house. Before Magistrate Macrae on Saturday both sides will be represented by able counsel.

—Miss Clara Phillips, third daughter of Alex. Phillips of this city and Joseph Mayer of Seattle were married last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Kane street. Rev. Rabbi Philo officiated, the bridesmaids were Miss B. Phillips and Miss B. Isaacs and the groom was supported by Messrs. A. Meyer, C. Phillips, M. Phillips and B. Phillips. The bride wore a handsome dress of China silk and like the bridesmaids carried a large bouquet of white roses. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer were the recipients of many handsome presents. They will spend their honeymoon in the cities of the United States and Europe.

—All the public offices, the banks and most of the business houses will be closed to-morrow, and the day will be observed as a general holiday. There will be services in some of the churches in the morning, those at the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches being particularly impressive. The Victoria and Union gun clubs will hold their annual shoots at Macaulay Point and at the Bill there will be football matches. There will be large crowds of anglers on the various streams and lakes, many having decided to take advantage of the special train service offered by the E. & N. railway company.

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PANTHER SLAYING.

Pests of the Farmers Laid Low—Broken Government Promises.

South Cowichan, March 19.—A short time ago another panther was supposed to be in the district, as the remains of several deer were discovered near the trail leading to James Boal junior's farm, who immediately informed D. Stewart of Fallside farm, who at once set out with his 45 cal. Winchester prepared to blow the life out of every predaceous animal he met. Accompanied by Mr. Stewart's two collie dogs, one of them, Tibbie, noted for her great success in panther hunting. Messrs. Boal and Stewart climbed the mountains covered with snow and the dogs caught scent of a panther, and after an exciting chase were successful in treeing him. One bullet from Mr. Stewart's Winchester rifle brought down the monster, a female measuring 7 feet 10 inches. Some time ago a celestial knocked down and killed a panther with a club.

At political meetings held some time ago our honorable members of this district made great promises to have the bounty for the destruction of panthers extended, but as yet they have not done so, but we are very hopeful of altering this, as election time is beautifully near, and all ranchers will have a vote.

Farmers in this district are getting anxious of the backward state of the weather, as the season is advancing for getting in their crops. There is plenty of hay in the district for the stock, and ranchers are looking forward to better times. Quite a number have turned their attention to sheep farming, with satisfactory results. Lambing is well advanced and flocks are doing well.

The late storms have caused great damage to the roads. Mr. Reed's road party are getting in some good work.

G. B. Ordano and wife have just returned from Italy, where they have been spending the winter.

Law Intelligence.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The trial of the issue in Storall vs. Scannel is going on this afternoon before Mr. Justice Walkem. The action is brought by Donna M. Storall against Michael Scannell for trespass in respect of parts of sections 5 and 6 range 4, Cranberry district. An issue to determine who is entitled to the land in dispute was ordered by Mr. Justice Drake on the 27th of July, 1893, to be tried and this now comes on for trial. B. H. T. Drake appears for the plaintiff and E. E. McPhillips for the defendant.

Northing P. Snowden was this morning examined for discovery by the plaintiff in the action of Wolley vs. Lowenberg, Harris & Co.

Mr. Justice Crease, acting judge in admiralty has given judgment in Rithet vs. Boscowitz. The action was in respect of short delivery of a consignment of furs from the north and the defendant, besides pleading to the claim disputed the jurisdiction of the court on the ground that the owners of the ship Barbara Boscowitz are resident within the jurisdiction of the court. The argument took place some time ago and judgment was reserved. His lordship dismissed the action with costs on the ground that the court had no jurisdistion.

The full court gave judgment yesterday in the C. P. R. vs. the Queen assessment case, allowing the appeal. The railway company appealed from their assessment for 1892 at $2,500,000 by the court of revision, the contention of the company being that their railway has been excessively taxed. The valuation was made on a calculation founded on the actual cost of the road instead of on the selling price.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Mr. Justice Walkem in the supreme court chambers this morning heard the following applications:—

Croasdaile v. Hall—Barnard for the defendant obtained an order extending the time for an appeal from an order of a judge in chambers.

Wolley v. Lowenberg, Harris & Co.—Cassidy for the defendants applied for an order for the examination, de bene esse, of Charles E. Pooley. Crease (Bolwell & Irving) for the plaintiff contra. Order made.

Re HENRY SAUNDERS.

We, the Assignees of Henry Saunders' Estate, beg to notify the public that we have made arrangements whereby the business will be carried on as usual by the said Henry Saunders, and we sincerely hope that his friends and customers will liberally support him in his old established business.

R. P. RITHET,
WM. WILSON,
C. F. TODD,
Assignees of Estate of Henry Saunders.
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