Weekly Colonist

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Rock Creek Mines.

Letters received from Rock creek state that about fifty miners are now at that point. The quartz discovered in this neighborhood is pronounced as rich in character.

Naval.

H. M. S. Conquest will leave on Thursday for Honolulu, where she will look after British interests in the coming events.

An Improbable Rumor.

A rumor is current at Winnipeg that Van Horne will take the presidency of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, in place of the late Alexander Mitchell.

After the Smugglers.

The steamer Skidegate left yesterday forenoon for North Saanich arm with two specials in search of smugglers. She returned last evening, though no definite results of the trip were reported.

The Robert Kerr.

It is understood the British bark Robert Kerr has been chartered by Captain Webber for the C. P. R. steamship company to be used as a collier to convey coal to Vancouver for the China steamers.

Plumper Pass Fog Bell.

The government has decided to establish a fog bell worked by machinery, at Plumper pass light station. This is part of the system for improving the service on the Pacific coast.

Vancouver Celebration.

Prof. Haynes' band will accompany the excursion per steamer Yosemite on Dominion day. Fare has been placed at $3 for the round trip. The steamer will start at 2 a. m.

Supt. of Bridges.

Mr. J. Durkin, superintendent of bridges and buildings on the C. P. R. between Medicine Hat and Donald, has resigned his position and is succeeded by Mr. O. W. Boyle, of Moosejaw.

At The Victoria.

Lew Johnson's colored combination drew a small audience at the Victoria last evening. Some parts of the entertainment were laughable, though the company was not up to the standard of this theatre.

Police Court.

Only one case occupied the attention of the magistrate at the above court yesterday, and that was the one of Bert Williams and Margaret Moore, charged with stealing. They were sentenced to four months' hard labor.

Don't Sully Coming.

The funniest comedian on the coast is *en route* for Victoria, and will appear in the "Corner Grocery," which is highly commended by the San Francisco press. Dan'l Sully will no doubt draw large audiences at the Victoria.

An Infernal Machine.

Henry Viet, charged in the Vancouver police court with having an infernal machine in his possession, was committed to stand his trial, pending the attorney-general's sanction of the decision on the evidence produced.

Inquest Held.

Coroner Jackson held an inquest on the bodies of P. J. Malboy and Thos. Deighton, who were drowned in Pike Lake, and a verdict of accidental drowning was the result. The following are the names of the jurymen: James Stewart, foreman; E. Miller, H. Price, J. Harrie, J. H. Scafe, J. Price. The deceased were buried from St. John's church yesterday afternoon, and the sight was a particularly sad one.

Awfully Awful.

Three-quarters of a column of rubbish and balderdash appears in the columns of our evening contemporary under the heading "Reward of Vassalage" and meant to be a dialogue. Anything more inane and silly has not appeared in the city press for some time. The man who wrote it must be a curiosity. Trot him out, neighbor, and we'll get him a "sir" with Bertram. But isn't your space too valuable to throw it away thusly?

Sudden Death.

Mrs. Johnson who resides near Spring Ridge died very suddenly last Monday afternoon. Mr. D. Johnson who is well-known in this city, is absent with Prof. Dawson on an exploration survey in the Yukon country. Mrs. Johnson was a native of Montreal and leaves a family of four children, the youngest of whom is only a few weeks old. As there is no means of communicating with the absent husband he will not learn of his sad bereavement until his return to this city, which will probably be some months.

Theatrical Marriage.

Winnipeg *Call*: Mr. Frank Peters, stage manager of the Wilber dramatic company, was married on Thursday afternoon to Miss Nina Gordon, the soubrette of the company. The ceremony took place in the parlor of the Grand Union hotel, and was performed by Rev. Mr. Gordon, pastor of Knox Presbyterian church. All the members of the company and Manager Sharp and Mr. Seach of the Opera house were present. The bride, who is a charming young lady, received numerous congratulations and quite a number of valuable presents. The ceremony was quiet and of a strictly private nature.

Presbyterian Social.

A strawberry festival and social entertainment was given last evening in the Pandora street Presbyterian Church, which was highly enjoyed by all present. Revs. Burns and Pollock, of Halifax, addressed those present, and their remarks were very interesting and enlivened the pleasant occasion. Several vocal selections and recitations were given by members of the Sunday school, and after enjoying refreshments, Rev. Donald Fraser called upon those present to join in singing "God Save the Queen," after which Rev. Mr. Burns pronounced the benediction.

The Hackmen.

Mayor Fell, who displayed considerable energy in collecting funds for the jubilee, was promised by the hackmen the sum of $100 from what was made during the celebration. They now refuse to pay a cent, giving as their excuse that they made little or nothing. The real cause, though, is that owing to the exorbitant charges made by a few on the first day, complaints were made to the police, who had the hack by-laws inserted in these columns. This, it seems, made the men hostile, and their subsequent actions are generally condemned. They base their refusal on the publication of the by-law, which, some go so far as to say, ruined their prospects. The excuse is a very puny one and hardly worthy of the hackmen.

The Harris Tragedy.

Alexander Crawford was arraigned in the police court at New Westminster on Monday afternoon, charged with the murder of James Harris, at Ladner's Landing, on the 14th of January last. He pleaded not guilty, Mr. Corbould appearing on behalf of the defense, and Supt. Roycraft conducting the prosecution. No new developments have been revealed in the examination so far that were not elicited from witnesses at the trial of Lee and Freund at the last assizes. Alex. McFarlane, who had lived with the prisoner for four years previous to the murder, states that the prisoner is of a quiet disposition. Supt. Roycraft has in his possession the bloody clothes he discovered below the door of Crawford's bedroom and will produce them as evidence. The examination was adjourned until yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

Correction.

In the interview with Senator Voorhees, published in yesterday's issue, he is credited with being the famous Indiana senator. This is an error. The gentleman who was interviewed is a New York senator for New York, and not a *United States* senator for Indiana.

Proved an Alibi.

Gus. Gunderson was arrested at Seattle on Tuesday, on suspicion of being Pete Olsen, the Napa county, Cal., murderer of Mrs. Lyons. Gunderson stated that last spring and summer he worked on the E. and N. railway, on Earle & Co.'s contract, when the affair happened. Last fall he went to Seattle and remained until Christmas. He said that he had plenty of money and returned the last of December to Victoria, where he remained until about the first of March, when he returned to Seattle and opened a carpenter shop. Mr. Vernon Smith, bookkeeper for Earle & Co., stated that he saw Gunderson almost every day in Victoria during the months of January and February, and that others could be produced to testify to the same effect. On Monday Gunderson was discharged, it having been proved by witnesses that he was in Victoria at the time the murder was committed in California, and that he had not been in California since 1879.

Civilized by the Lash.

Although Mr. Duncan's whole course has been calculated to win the love and confidence of the Metlakahtla Indians, his rule has been firm. One of the first public buildings erected was a jail, and the whipping-post became an established institution for the punishment of those who threatened to take life. On one occasion it became necessary to whip a desperately bad man, and the constables were afraid that he would afterwards kill the one who applied the lash. Mr. Duncan told them to blindfold him so that he would not know who did the whipping. A handkerchief was tied about his eyes and the constable took the piece of rope, but he was so nervous that he began to talk. Of course the man recognized the voice. Thereupon Mr. Duncan took the piece of rope from the constable, and going up to the criminal said: "I will tell you who is going to whip you; I am to do it myself; do you understand?" Then he whipped him. The culprit is now one of the best men in Metlakahtla.—Z. L. White, in the *American Magazine*.

The Chinese Home.

In announcing a meeting of ladies for Monday evening to form themselves into a society to rescue Chinese girls from a life of enforced infamy in Chinatown, Rev. J. E. Starr referred to the incomprehensible fact that such vile traffic should be allowed to exist in a Christian city, and winked at by the officers of the law. He considered it a disgrace to our boasted civilization. On Monday evening a number of ladies met at the home on Frederick street, and were made acquainted with the six children who have so far been secured. The youngest is but nine years of age. They are still clothed in their national dress, awaiting funds wherewith to procure European clothes, which latter they are anxious to adopt, feeling that dressed in this fashion they will be safe. The ladies in attendance were more than astonished, and a society was organized for the purpose of carrying on the work of rescue and to secure the means to complete the work by furnishing home, clothes and education for the Oriental waifs. The object is deserving of every encouragement and should be aided by all citizens by donations of money and goods.

MARINE.

Steamer Olympian left on her northern trip at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning, having awaited the arrival of the Elder.

Br. bark Huasquina, after loading lumber at Port Blakely for Valparaiso at £1 16s. 8d. per thousand feet, will proceed to Humboldt and there take on redwood for the west coast of South America.

Steamship Restitution, 2176 tons, now at Hamburg, has been purchased by the Canadian Pacific railway company, and after loading a cargo of China freight for this province, will run between this port, Burrard Inlet and San Francisco, in competition with the Pacific Coast steamship company.

Steamer Geo. W. Elder arrived at the outer wharf at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, 93 hours from San Francisco with 170 tons of freight and 76 passengers for this port. Stormy head winds were encountered throughout the entire passage. It took the steamer 48 hours to make Cape Blanco from San Francisco. The Mexico was passed at a point down the coast, making good time.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—Arrived—Steamer Mexico, Victoria. Cleared—Barkentine Grace Roberts, Port Townsend. Sailed—Steamer San Pedro, bark Lizzie Williams, Tacoma.

PERSONAL.

W. Power, of Moodyville, is at the Driard.

Rev. Dr. J. Foote, of Rochester, N.Y., is at the Clarence.

Coun. Coughlan came down from Vancouver on the Rithet.

Rev. Mr. Chowen and Mr. and Mrs. Chowen are at the Clarence.

Miss Hamilton and Miss Lawson left for Vancouver this morning.

E. V. Bodwell returned to Vancouver this morning on the Yosemite.

Rev. W. H. Darden, of Petaluma, Cal., is spending a holiday in the city.

Hon. A. E. B. Davie left this morning for a visit to Kamloops and Clinton.

Mrs. Chas. Todd arrived on the Rithet last evening from New Westminster.

Coun. D. R. Harris was a passenger to Vancouver this morning by the Yosemite.

D. E. Brown, district freight and passenger agent, C. P. R., arrived down last evening.

E. G. Prior, M. P. P., and Robt. McLeese, M. P. P., returned on the Rithet last evening.

Lord and Lady Loudon arrived on the Geo. E. Starr yesterday and are staying at the Driard.

S. Richards, of Vancouver, who has visiting friends in Pittsburgh, Pa., returned on Friday.

W. A. Russell, steamboat inspector, and W. H. Collister, inspector of hulls, returned from Vancouver on the Rithet.

Thos. J. Vivian, of the San Francisco *Chronicle*, has gone to Honolulu to write up the threatened rebellion for the New York *Herald*.

Miss J. Sparrow, of San Francisco, arrived on the Elder yesterday morning and will spend her vacation in this city, being the guest of R. Brodrick.

Mrs. Robt. Grant left by the C. P. R. yesterday for a three months' visit to her former home in Clara, Ont. She will be accompanied by Mr. Grant as far as Kamloops.

A. W. Ross, M.P., has arrived at Vancouver. The *Herald* says he is not at all satisfied with the treatment British Columbia received at the hands of the government. We should say not.

Robt. Irving, agent for the Northern Pacific in this city, returned yesterday from the east accompanied by his wife, who has been visiting her old home in Michigan. They return much improved by the trip.

LAURIER LEADER.

The Globe Announces that He is the Party's Choice.

TORONTO, June 24.—The *Globe* this morning announces that Laurier has consented to accept the unconditional situation to the Liberal leadership, and also that it cannot share the hope that Blake will return to political life. The article concludes: "It may be taken for granted that the shrewd parliamentarians of the Liberal party know the abilities of him whom they have chosen and all may safely reckon that the trial will not find Laurier wanting in any respect. He has most gallantly and unselfishly placed himself at the disposal of his friends. Every Liberal owes him gratitude and aid, and every Conservative owes him justice and fair play."

HOW IT STRUCK HIM.

A Scottish Correspondent Tells what He Knows About Vancouver.

The Glasgow *Herald* of the 9th inst. contains an article on "Through Our Western Empire," by its special correspondent, from which we cull the following extracts:

"Vancouver, or the "Terminal City," as it proudly calls itself, is a study. Its name, to begin with, is a singular freak. By all the laws of common sense a city bearing that name should be on Vancouver Island. But no; it is on the mainland, and its position is exactly that of a city in France called Great Britain or one in England called Ireland. It would be bad enough for a city and a country to be called by the same name were the one contained within the other, but when even that is not the case the anomaly is monstrous. You speak of Vancouver, and then have to explain whether it is the town about the size of one of our smallest villages or the country which rivals England in acres that you refer to. As for the town itself, it is now about a year old, and is only four months old counting from the fire which burnt it to the ground in June last. Its present aspect is suggestive of rapid growth. There is not a building in the place quite finished. Each one is either at the foundation or at the chimney-pots, but not one has yet received its coat of paint. A "city" of unpainted wooden structures is a curious spectacle indeed. And an inspection of the purpose of these buildings discloses a still more curious state of things. It is found that the larger proportions of them are either hotels or real estate offices, which, being interpreted, means that the bulk of the present population is there because it hopes to make money out of the population that is to come. That is the first stage in the life history of a Western town. The people of Vancouver are not supported by their industries, for there are no local industries, with the exception of a solitary sawmill, to support them. They do not earn a living by trading with the products of the surrounding country, for there are practically no products to trade with. They have simply invested what cash they could muster in "town lots" on the faith of the place becoming the railway terminus on the Pacific, and now are waiting with their hands in their pockets for the rise. A truly remarkable economic basis for a "city." I have no personal knowledge of the inhabitants, but doubtless many of them are the speculators or "boomsters" who found their occupation gone when the Winnipeg bubble burst. Life in Vancouver of to-day is a strange study, and with such a beginning it can hardly hope to enjoy prosperity of a solid kind before it has gone through the usual experience of inflation and collapse.

PRESENTATION TO REV. LADNER.

Last evening at the Gorge road Methodist church Rev. Mr. Ladner was presented with an address and purse containing $157 by his congregation. Following is the address, which was read by Mr. Flummerfelt:

TO REV. MR. LADNER:

Dear Pastor:—It is with regret that we, the members of the Gorge Road Church, learn of your intended departure from among us, and we cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing in some measure our heartfelt sorrow at parting with one who has been so actively associated with us in the Master's work.

We shall always remember with great pleasure your connection with this church, in the development of which you have taken so prominent a part.

We remember with gratitude your ready assent to help us in the hour of our necessity, and ask your acceptance of this purse, not as the measure, but simply as a tangible mark of our appreciation.

So intended, as you go from us, you carry with you our heartiest wishes for the future welfare of yourself and family, and we trust that God in abundantly bless you temporally and spiritually.

We kindly hope it may be our good fortune to again extend you a welcome to our midst at no very distant date, but are confident that you will find employment in some part of the vineyard for those talents with which the Master has so richly endowed you.

The Lord Almighty bless thee
From His throne high above thee;
The fullness of His presence
Be with thee evermore.

The God of glory keep thee—
Keep thee in perfect peace,
Guiding thee bravely forward
Till every conflict cease.

Mayst thou in Him be moulded
And free from every sin,
And may all thy beloved
Be loved, too, by Him.

In blessing may He bless thee
Filled full to flowing o'er.
With gifts from Heaven above thee,
Both now and evermore.

Thus on from grace to glory,
And every victory won;
Where dwell those gone before thee,
With those the race to [illegible]

Sincerely yours,
MRS. HUMBER,
MRS. WELSH,
For the Church.

The reverened gentleman was completely taken by surprise, and was much affected by the unexpected kindness. He had come to them an invalid, and while ministering to their spiritual wants, he had also regained his physical strength. He was very much pleased with Victoria and his people. He could not find words adequately express his gratitude to them to-night, but wherever he would go he would never forget their Christian kindness.

SOMEWHAT TIGHT BODY.

Late the other evening a reporter of one of the dailies was coming down Yates street, when he saw in front of him a young man leaning against a fence. As the reporter came up the young man started on, and as he did so gave utterance to a groan, and the words "Oh, why did I do it," seemed wrung from his lips.

The first thought of the knight of the pencil was that the young man had committed some dreadful crime, and was now suffering from remorse. Ever ready to seize on incidents like this the gatherer of news graduated his steps to those of the other, keeping a little in the rear, however, and with notebook and pencil rapidly took down at times incoherent words of the presumed remorseful party.

"I shall go mad," were the next words that were said, and they were spoken with blood-curdling emphasis, which strengthened the horrible crime theory.

"Great heavens, what shall I do," was the next expression given with an intonation which bespoke the blackest despair.

This was also jotted down by the alert press man.

The next words heard were calculated to freeze the blood, but only part were gathered; the young man appearing much agitated and speaking indistinctly.

"Why didn't I cut—them—or—out—yard."

The blanks were the words not distinct, but implied that the desperado had murdered more than one, and that he felt displeased at not cutting them up and burying them in the yard.

After walking a few steps further the suspected murderer stopped and saying, "I may as well do it now," drew from his pocket a large and evidently keen knife.

The reporter thinking that the man was about to kill himself, rushed up and caught him by the waist and made a successful effort to throw the suicidally disposed party.

"What in hades are you about?" shouted the attacked party.

"Oh, I'll keep you till a policeman comes and then will find your victims. Sorry you didn't cut 'em up and bury 'em in the yard, eh!" triumphantly replied the newsgatherer.

"Oh! that's what you mean, is it? Why you blanked fool, I've been talking about a pair of tight boots, and just as you jumped on me I was goin' to cut 'em so's I could walk home comfortably."

The amateur detective finding he had made a huge mistake invited the martyr to tight boots to join in a "smile."

"And they smoled. But we won't give away the quill-driver's name. It would be too cruel.

A Professional Opinion.

Rev. F. Gunner, M. D., of Listowel, Ont., says regarding B. B. B., "I have used your excellent Burdock Compound in practice and in my family since 1884, and hold it No. 1 on my list of sanative remedies. Your three busy B's never sting, weaken or worry." ju-th-sat-dw

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

KAMLOOPS SCHOOL.

The closing exercises of this school took place in the presence of a large number of visitors—over seventy—who completely filled up all available space in the small school house. Among those present were noticed the Van Archdeacon Scriven, the Rev. Geo. W. Taylor, Prof. Ino. Macoun, Trustee Dean, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Miege, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Jobson, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Deans, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Vye, Mr. and Mrs. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Finarty, the Misses Tolmie, Brady, Williams, Johnson, Lee, and in fact nearly every one in the district. As usual, the programme was interesting and well executed, the children, down to the very youngest, performing their parts admirably. The following is the

PROGRAMME.

Opening hymn, "We are Watching, We are Waiting;" simultaneous recitation, xxiii. psalm; lesson on grammar, teacher; solo, "The Tempest," A. Harvey; simultaneous recitation, "Diverting History of John Gilpin;" class singing, "Spring;" writing lesson, teacher; class singing, "Who has the Wisest Lambkins;" recitation, "John Jaukin's Sermon," G. Chapman; marching song; recitation, Tennyson's "May Queen," part 1, M. Nicholes; part 2, E. Hillyer; part 3, A. Jobson; class singing, "Rain Song;" recitation (by request), "Gone into Pants," Garry Vye; vacation song; presentation of prizes; speeches; "God Save the Queen."

PRIZE LIST.

Diplomas—Punctuality and regularity, Edwin Lee; proficiency, E. J. Harvey; deportment, George Chapman; general improvement, Miss A. Jobson; S. Nicholl, E. J. Harvey; deportment, G. Chapman.

By the kindness of Mr. Hibben books were distributed to the non-prize winners.

Mr. P. Hibben kindly presented a ball to the favorite of the school.

After the presentation of the prizes the children and visitors were addressed by Archdeacon Scriven, the Rev. Mr. Taylor, Professor Macoun, Mr. Geo. Deans, and Mr. Jas. Deans, all of whom spoke in terms of high commendation of the state of the school and the intelligence of scholars, and all present expressed themselves well pleased with the progress of the children and grateful to the teacher for the care and assiduity with which she had performed her part.

MAYNE ISLAND SCHOOL.

The midsummer examination of Mayne Island public school, Mr. W. H. Phelps teacher, was held on Friday, June 17th. A very large number of visitors were present, among whom were noticed Trustees Robson, Bennett and Georgeson, Messrs. Campbell, J. Bennett, S. Colston, J. Wick, F. Robson, T. Bennett, R. Colston, W. Smith, J. Robson, W. Cook, D. Sutherland, Mrs. and Miss Bennett, Mrs. and Miss Robson and others.

The examination was conducted by the teacher and the highly efficient manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves in the various branches of study, elicited frequent marks of approval from the visitors.

At the conclusion of the exercises Mr. Georgeson presented the following prizes to the deserving pupils:

Roll of Honor—Proficiency, Jas. Oscar Heck; punctuality, Andrew Deacon; deportment, Mary Elizabeth Bennett.

Senior Class—First prize general proficiency, J. O. Heck; 2nd do, Henry Georgeson; 3rd do, Andrew Deacon; 4th do, Dora Heck; 5th do, Emma Robson; 6th do, George Georgeson.

Junior Class—First prize general proficiency, Annie Robson; 2nd do, Belle Trueworthy; 3rd do, John A. Bennett; 4th do, Francis J. Heck.

Primary Class—First prize general proficiency, Mary E. Bennett; 2nd do, John Wessel; 3rd do, Eliza M. Robson; 4th do, Fred Bennett.

Short addresses were delivered by Messrs. Georgeson, Robson, Sutherland and Wick, who joined in congratulating the teacher and according thanks to him for the praiseworthy and excellent manner evinced by him in the discharge of his duties, and in bringing the school to its present state of efficiency. The school was then dismissed for the holidays.

It is evident that the school facilities of Mayne Island district are highly appreciated by the residents, as shown by the large number of visitors to the school, numbering upwards of one hundred and twenty-four.

EXTEND THE ISLAND RAILWAY.

TO THE EDITOR:—Instead of bothering so much about "C" Battery, would it not be wiser and more conducive to the welfare of the province to establish a camp or camps of mounted or other police in the interior, so as to be able, easily and quickly, to quell disturbances there when they arise and to afford protection to settlers when necessary?

Let the children at the public schools be taught military exercises, and in process of time there will be educated men to defend "C" and other batteries, but the defenceless condition of the interior demands attention. It would be well were the settlers in the interior to combine and adopt some form of organization for self-defence. There are more dangers to the settlers in the interior than to those on the coast. The latter are easily comfortable, the former the reverse.

The present system of looking to the government to remedy every petty affair, is sapping and destroying the very foundation of self-reliance, and is rendering the people helpless. Let people learn to help themselves and then they and the country will be better off. Union is strength; disintegration, destruction.

Why on earth all this fuss because the Canadian government has not sufficient revenue to grant money to stop the land out of Victoria harbor? Will people never see that it is far more important to have the country settled and occupied with a producing population than to have a dredge in the harbor scooping up mud? When there are more settlers and more extensive commerce, then the improvement of the harbor will become a necessity and the revenue will be able to bear the expense, but now it will be better for all concerned to get money to settle the island by extending the railway to the north end of the island. The Canadian government cannot do everything at once. The railway to the north end of the island is of first importance to all.

J. S. H.

THE SAILING RACE.

TO THE EDITOR:—I notice in the columns of this morning's issue of your paper that the yacht race, which took place on the 22nd inst., is to be sailed over again on the return of the boats from Tacoma. Now, sir, as one of the contestants of this race, I should like to know how this decision has been arrived at and by whom. The race was sailed around a course agreed upon after several meetings had been held to discuss the matter, and which was duly advertised in all the newspapers. I claim to have sailed the course set down to sail in and to have come in first, entitling me to the Jubilee cup, and would thus protest against the race being sailed over again. If any of the other competitors failed to find the sloop moored at the quarantine anchorage through error of judgment or otherwise, surely it would be hardly fair to ask that the race be sailed over again on that account. I am quite willing that the matter be referred to Lieut. Dick (as agreed upon), or any of the officers of the royal navy, and I would willingly abide by his or their decision. A. BOBBS,

Owner of sloop Bertha.

Victoria, June 28th, 1887.

WHERE IS IT?

TO THE EDITOR:—Can you inform me when our worthy mayor is to receive his twice-earned baronetcy? Society people have been accustoming their lips for many months to utter "Sir James!" sweetly, and it would be a sore disappointment indeed if their laudable ambition to have among them a real live baronet is not gratified in the Jubilee year. Please, Mr. Editor, kindly jog the memory of Her Majesty by the insertion of this enquiry.

ELITE.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC AND THE WOOL TRADE.

TO THE EDITOR:—In your issue of the 3rd inst. there appeared a letter from "R. R." upon the hostile course adopted by the Canadian Pacific railroad towards Victoria, in which he mentioned that it is notorious that many persons in the interior of the province share in the dissatisfaction of the coast. Permit me to corroborate "R. R." in that particular and to call your attention to the gross injustice done to the Spallumcheen district by the company.

In the same issue (that of the 3rd inst.) is an extract from the San Francisco *Chronicle*, in which it is stated that "the Canadian Pacific is going right into the territory of the American trans-continental lines with the rate of 75 cents per 100 pounds on barley and beans and shipments are going first to Port Moody, 970 miles; then to Winnipeg, 1,562 miles; then to St. Paul, 458 miles; then to Omaha, about 400 miles, or a total of 2,900 miles at that low rate," and that the proportion of that rate taken by the Canadian Pacific cannot be more than one-third. The same paper mentions that a Canadian Pacific steamer was to sail that day for Vancouver and would "carry a large shipment of wool billed through to Boston. This wool is not compressed, but simply shipped as loose fleece in bags. It goes at the rate of $1.00 a hundred pounds, the company taking exactly the same rate as the Sunset, Pacific Mail and trans-continental lines are charging for compressed wool in green. The rate charged by the American lines for wool in bag is $4 a hundred pounds, so that the cut made by the Canadian Pacific amounts to 75 per cent. Only about 3,000 pounds of wool in bags can be put into an ordinary box car, while 21,000 to 22,000 pounds of compressed wool will go into a car without any difficulty. It will thus be seen that the Canadian Pacific is willing to haul three cars to the competitor's one for the sake of securing the traffic at even rates. The wool men are happy, as they are no longer compelled to go to the expense of grading and compressing."

Now, anyone would naturally suppose that a company that could show such enterprise and determination to cut out a rival in order to secure freights would have, at least, *some* consideration for the trade of the country through which it runs and would do all it could to encourage the development of home wool trade, knowing that it must secure the full benefit of the freights. This district is rich in pasture for sheep, and the farmers have only been deterred from raising large flocks by the difficulty of finding a market for their wool. They have long looked forward to the opening of the line, fully expecting the company would meet them on the most favorable terms. Many farmers have been anxious to know upon what terms wool can be sent East, and a gentleman, who wishes to assist them in every way, knowing that the prosperity of the whole country largely depends upon their success, lately applied to the company upon the subject. He received a letter in reply from Mr. D. E. Brown, the company's agent at Port Moody, which I have just seen and of which he has kindly permitted me to take a copy. It gives a rate so monstrously unfair that I cannot expect you to believe that I have quoted it correctly unless I give the letter in full.

COPY OF LETTER.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY
(Pacific Division),
General Freight & Passenger Dept.,
Port Moody,
Vancouver, B.C., 188[illegible]

The Columbia Milling Co.

Sudbury, Spallumcheen, B.C.

DEAR SIRS:—Your favor of 22nd inst. Our present rate on wool from Sicamous to Montreal is $4.80 per 100 lbs. in less than car-loads, and on compressed wool in car-loads of not less than 10 tons, I will give you a rate of $2.50 per 100 lbs. Please says if these rates are satisfactory and when you will ship, so that I can advise the agent how to bill. Yours truly,

D. E. BROWN,
Dist. F. & P. Agent.

Now, sir, what have you or the *Times* to say to such a reply? Here is the company which is willing to carry *loose foreign* wool at the rate of $1 per 100 pounds refusing to carry similar wool from Sicamous to Montreal at less than $4.80 per 100 pounds in bulk, and yet deceiving and misleading our farmers by enquiring whether such terms are satisfactory and when they will ship.

The trade which is here, of course, in its infancy, is immediately crushed out, for how is it possible to compete with our rivals when our farmers have to contend with such a largely preferential rate? It would be hard enough in any case to make any profit with the rate demanded, but it is impossible to handle the wool when so handicapped!

Such gross and intolerable injustice calls at once for your severest and heaviest condemnation and should immediately be brought before the notice of the Dominion government by our representatives that pressure may be brought to bear against such a monstrous and suicidal policy.

I might mention equally extortionate rates quoted against the interior from the upper country. The Canadian Pacific railway's high officials are constantly boasting that the mountain division does not pay, but judging from their method of stamping out local industry, they clearly do not intend, for some reasons best known to themselves, that the Pacific division should pay. They cannot plead ignorance, for again and again have the facts been pointed out to them only to be met, on the next application for a rate, with an increased imposition.

RANCHER.

Spallumcheen, B.C., 15th June, '87.

MR. HUGH RYAN

Says He Will Build the Road, and no Doubt of It.

Winnipeg *Sun*: Mr. Hugh Ryan, of the contracting firm which was awarded the contract for building the road to the boundary, arrived last night and will remain here until the work is well under way. He will not sign the contract until Mr. Norquay returns, but just as soon as the document is signed the work will be pushed forward with a vigor characteristic of the man. Mr. Ryan is a hustler, and the public need have no fear while he has the work. He assured a reporter that he was with Manitoba in the contention for constitutional rights and relief from monopoly, and that as he had a large pecuniary interest in the country the people could rely upon him pushing the road to the boundary for all he was worth. There are abundant men and teams here ready to go on with the work, so that no apprehension need be felt about the strength of the force being sufficient to complete the road within the prescribed time. The engineers are ready to start out, and it is expected the first sod will be turned next week. Mr. Ryan has many warm friends in Winnipeg who are glad to welcome him and shake his warm hand.

THE MAIL LINE

Discussed in British House of Commons—Slim Chances of Success.

TORONTO, June 24.—A special cable gram to the *Mail* says that last night, upon the secretary of the treasury moving in the imperial house of commons the adoption of the India and China mail contract, Anderson, the liberal member for the County of Elgin, and Nairn advocated the alternative service offered by the Canadian Pacific railway company and moved the amendment to that effect. Goschen said the government would consider the Canadian proposal, but he objected to the amendment, which was accordingly withdrawn. It was then proposed to refer the question to a select committee, and a debate ensued, lasting till three o'clock this morning. The India and China contract was ultimately approved of. This does not absolutely bar the Canadian Pacific chances, but the action of the house considerably lessens them.

ALL ACCOUNTS due at Brown & White's (next to M. W. Waitt's book store) may be paid there up to July 15th.

CABLE NEWS.

Discussion of the Anglo-Turkish Convention in the Commons.

The Ameer's Troops Gain a Decisive Victory in India Over the Ghilsais.

American Dining With the Queen—Dangerous Revolution in Algiers—Reception of Albert Victor in Dublin.

A Naval Commander Sued.

DUBLIN, June 28.—Wm. M. Murphy, nationalist member of parliament, has commenced proceedings against the Captain of H. M. S. Shannon for seizing his yacht in Bantry bay last week because she carried a green flag.

Royalty in Dublin.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales reviewed the troops in Phœnix Park to-day. The reception given the Prince by the populace was a mixed one, combining cheers and hisses. Archbishop Walsh denies he has offered any opposition to the Pope's purpose to send Mgr. Ferrieo on a mission to Ireland.

The English Derby.

LONDON, June 28.—The North Derby, 1½ miles, for three-year-olds at Newcastle summer meeting to-day, was won by R. Rotterill's colt, Salisbury, by a length. Headworth's colt, Puritan, second; Perkins colt, Eglamore, third.

The Egyptian Convention.

In the commons to-day Sir James Ferguson, under foreign secretary, said the government did not know the terms of the French nobles to the sultan with reference to the Egyptian convention. That England had no communication with France on the subject and there was no ground for assuming that the convention would entangle England in war.

Fighting in India.

In the house of lords to-day Viscount Cross, secretary of state for India, replying to Lord Roseberry, said the Viceroy of India telegraphed under date of June 26th that a serious engagement took place on the 13th inst. between Ghilsais and the Ameer's troops, and that the Viceroy's agent at Candahar reported that the Ameer's troops gained a decisive victory.

The Liberal Party.

Sir George Trevelyn has published a letter asserting that Gladstonians had made concessions on the disputed points and therefore will interpose no obstacle to the reunion of the party. The liberal-unionists, he concludes, will be unable to destroy the liberals, but a union of the liberal party would serve to moderate its policy.

The Anglo-Turkish Convention.

In the house of lords this afternoon Lord Salisbury declined in the public interest to lay the papers relating to the Anglo-Turkish convention in reference to Egypt, upon the table. The government, he said, had acceded to the delay in the signing of the convention, which Turkey asked on the definite understanding that the treaty should be ratified by Turkey on Monday without fail.

Honoring Americans.

Mr. Phelps, United States minister, dined with the Queen this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps, Secretary and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine and their daughter, with Col. and Mrs. John Hay, and other Americans will attend the Queen's garden party at Buckingham palace Thursday.

Wasting Time.

In the commons to-night numerous new clauses were proposed by the Parnellite members, but all were rejected. The government protested against wasting time over the proposals, which they claimed were applicable to common law.

The Papal Mission.

ROME, June 28.—It is stated that the pope was induced to send the papal mission to Ireland by instance of English bishops, clergymen and laymen; that reports of Irish bishops on the condition of Ireland were exaggerated. Monsignors Persico and Gould left this evening for Dublin.

Revolution in Algiers.

ALGIERS, June 28.—Hundreds of moors bearing firearms attacked the Spahi patrol at Bakarn, killing and wounding several. Many moors were also killed and wounded. The military intervened and stopped the fighting. Thirty moors were arrested and quiet has been restored.

The French Army.

PARIS, June 28.—Gen. Ferron, minister of war, explained to the budget committee to-day that the experiment of mobilizing the army would cost 2,000,000 francs.

The Turkish Problem.

BERLIN, June 28.—*Vossische Zeitung* says: The Porte has ordered the Germania company of Kiel to despatch to Turkey a vessel with two torpedo catches; also nine torpedo boats. The vessels are required to be powerful and speedy.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

A religious conflict is imminent at Vienna.

Another rate war is imminent on American railways.

Serious railroad troubles are reported from the Cherokee Nation.

Wine shippers in San Francisco favor the Canadian Pacific route.

The Queen gave a state banquet at Windsor on Monday evening.

A daring jail delivery occurred at Blackfoot, Idaho, on Monday.

British ships in San Francisco find great difficulty in securing crews.

The great Derby at Chicago, was won by J. D. McCarth's chestnut colt.

The degree of A. B. has been conferred on five lady graduates of Harvard college.

August Berninger Monday killed his wife and then suicided, at Louisville, Ky.

The formal ratification of the Egyptian convention has been postponed to the 4th of July.

Large quantities of arms and ammunition are being shipped from San Francisco to Honolulu.

The exports of specie from New York for the week were $133,000, of which $45,000 was gold.

Tax collectors in Berks County, Pa., have been indicted for misappropriating $30,000 of collections.

The panic on the New York stock market has subsided.

The boiler of the Standard oil works at Lima, Ohio, exploded Saturday, injuring several persons fatally.

Ten thousand people are deprived of the means of support by the strike of masons in New York state.

The Southern Pacific road has adopted a new freight tariff to compete with the northern transcontinental routes.

The express train going from Berlin to Cologne was thrown from the track on Monday and seven persons injured.

The earnings of the twenty American roads reported since January 1st, 1887, show a net increase over 1886 of $11,023,143.

A large conflagration on Monday at Marshfield, Wis., destroyed many homes and 2000 inhabitants have lost all they possessed.

The steamer Belgic, which cleared for China and Japan from San Francisco on Monday, carried a treasure shipment aggregating nearly $489,000.

Mackey and Flood have put up $250,000 for 50,000 shares of the Sitka Mining Company's stock and ordered an expert to Unga Island, Alaska, the scene of the company's mine.

Morris Wormser, whose disastrous fiasco on Wall street, New York, caused such a panic last December, is about to wed an heiress. Some wailing and grieving brokers may be happy yet.

The following was the visible supply of grain on June 25, as compiled by the Produce Exchange: Wheat, 38,626,000 bushels; corn, 10,844,000; oats, 28,970,000; rice, 237,000; barley, 137,000.

The headquarters of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company have been removed from New York to San Francisco, and active preparations are being made to fight the new Canadian Pacific line of steamers.

Dr. Reynolds, examiner in the pension office at Washington, has been knighted by the king of Italy, receiving at the hands of Baron Favra, the Italian minister, the cross of the royal order of the crown of Italy, of which order he was made a chevalier of the second rank.

COWICHAN INDIAN SPORTS.

A Successful First Day—H. M. S. Caroline at Cowichan.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

DUNCAN'S STATION, June 28.—The Cowichan Indian sports took place to-day in the presence of about two thousand people, half of whom were Indians. The best contested race was that between dugouts, seven of of which started, and was won by Cowichan Indians, who came in three lengths ahead. A race between canoes manned by twelve Indians, and a cutter from H. M. S. Coroline, resulted in an easy victory for the canoe, which came in over a mile ahead. The ship was thrown open to visitors, all of whom were cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained. The Caroline will be illuminated to-night and