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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Austin-Brown.

At the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. D. MacRae, last evening, the marriage of Mr. Henry J. Austin and Miss Annie Brown, took place. Mr. and Mrs. Austin will make Victoria West their home.

Victoria's the Proper Place.

Westminster's lacrosse players have determined to insist on the deciding championship game being played at Victoria. If this is not agreed to by Vancouver, the matter will be left with the President of the Association to settle.

A Shark Story.

In the cargo to be shipped to Alaska by the Mexico to-day is a curious monument for the grave of a Sitka Indian named Carl Nakatla, who died some months ago. It is a plain tablet of white marble, with a fierce looking shark cut upon its face. The shark is the totem of the family to which Carl belongs.

To Please the Public.

The N. E. T. & L. Co., Ltd., have decided, in deference to public opinion, to take up the portion of their tramway track that they have laid on the side of Pandora street, and run the lines up the centre of the road instead. The company deserve the thanks of the residents of the street for their ready compliance with the request that they should shift the rails

Thankfully Acknowledged.

Donations from the following, received at the Refuge Home, 108 Cormorant street, are thankfully acknowledged: Miss Alice Smith, Mrs. M. Humber, Mr. Elford, Mrs. Fisher, Mr. A. Lewis, Mrs. Alex. Wilson, Mrs. Goodacre, Mrs. Thain, Mrs. D. Spencer, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. J. L. Beckwith, Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. T. Boardman, Messrs. Hall & Goepel, Newbigging & Anderson, Mrs. Hart.

To Start a Business College.

Mr. E. J. O'Sullivan, an eastern penman and teacher of penmanship of known reputation, reached Victoria last evening, his intention being to establish a business college here, paying particular attention to writing, both business and ornamental. He is a graduate of Packard's Business College, New York, and the winner of all prizes for penmanship at the Montreal exhibition, just closed.

Death of Mrs. Simpson.

News reached the city yesterday of the death of Mrs. Henry Simpson at Port Townsend. The deceased lady was about 32 years of age, and is well known in Victoria, being the daughter of Mr. John Parker. The funeral takes place to-day from Mr. J. Walker's residence, 71 Discovery street, at 2 o'clock. The greatest sympathy is felt for the sorrowing friends and relatives of the deceased lady.

A Pleasant Surprise.

Last evening, the members of the Scottish Pipers' Association assembled at their hall and, in a body, visited the residence of Mr. T. F. Sinclair, president of the society, whom they entertained with national music on the bagpipes for some hours. During the evening a presentation was made to the president of a handsome silver mug, in trust for his infant daughter. Usquebaugh and an excellent supper concluded a most pleasant time.

Gone to Portland.

His Lord hip Bishop Lemmens and Rev. Father Heynen left for Portland, last evening, to attend the provincial Council, which is convened to enact laws for the discipline of the Church. The promulgated enactments of the third plenary Council of Baltimore will be taken especially into consideration, with the object of seeing how far they can be adapted to the requirements of the Pacific Coast. An interesting discussion is looked for in regard to the unremovable priests.

Mac's Find.

After the Naval sports at Esquimalt last week, George Waters, the hackman, had his hack and furnishings driven from the Globe hotel. Robert Waters was in charge, but when he left the hotel to take the reins, he found that the horse had been driven off by some persons unknown. The horse and hack were subsequently found, but a rug, lamp, top-hat, whip, and a few other odds and ends were missing. They were yesterday found in the possession of a 'longshoreman, named John Macdonald, who alleges that he found them on the Esquimalt road on the morning following the sports. He surrendered the articles, which were yesterday identified and handed over to their rightful owner. The goods were cleverly traced by Officer Walker.

From Alberni.

The Nanaimo Free Press, of Wednesday, says: "Mr. F. A. Nicholson arrived, last evening, from Alberni. Mr. Frank McQuillion and he had been out on a prospecting tour for timber land in the country between Alberni and Cowichan Lake. In the Sareta Valley, about 20 miles distant from Alberni, they found on the edge of a deep valley what they consider the outcroppings of coal. The slaty rocks show sign of fossils, the same as that over the coal in this vicinity. In this valley and neighborhood there are some fine tracts of low land, which would make excellent farms, as well as affording a fine range for stock. They were out for eight days and were within a few miles of Cowichan Lake. At Alberni they are working on the dam and flume for the new paper mill and its adjunct—a saw-mill. A millwright had arrived to take charge of the work."

Mr. Buel's New Book.

"Heroes of Unknown Seas and Savage Lands," Mr. Buel's new book, is a record of the finding of all new lands and descriptions of the first visits made by Europeans to the Wild Races of the world, following the footsteps of civilization from the caves of barbarism and the crude coracle to the Christianizing of the Globe. It describes superstitions appertaining to the sea and the obstacles which strange beliefs opposed to extended voyages. It comprises also an authentic history of the discovery of America by the Viking Sea-Rovers, and its settlement by the Scandinavians in the ninth century, supplemented by thrilling narratives of voyages, discoveries, adventures, battles, darings and sufferings of the heroic characters, bold explorers and dauntless spirits who have made ocean history and established Christian supremacy over most savage lands of the earth. It recites astonishing incidents and perilous undertakings among wild beasts and savage people in heroic efforts for a reclamation of all lands to civilization, and recording a description of the riot, murder, pillage and inhumanity which characterized the pirates, marooners and buccaneers who ravaged the Spanish Main and for centuries bade defince to the armed fleets of all nations. The work is embellished with more than three hundred original engravings, and large double-page colored plates, drawn especially for it. F. L. Tuckfield has taken the agency for this new production, which is evidently a work of genius, and eminently interesting.

The Emma Under Water.

Capt. Mellon returned last night from an inspection of the steamer Emma, and reports that she has shifted into deep water, and there is nothing to be seen of her now save the top of her mast. The vessel has floated off the rock on which she struck, some 75 feet, and is now in four fathoms of water. Capt. Mellon intends leaving this morning, with a diver, for the scene of the wreck, so as to ascertain if the hull has been seriously damaged.

Our Building Better.

Visitors from Victoria to the Tacoma Exhibition, just concluded, say that while undoubtedly the exhibits were naturally superior to those in our Agricultural Exhibition, the buildings were not to be compared to one another. Ours was far better fitted for the purpose to which it was put, and, besides, the excellent arrangement of the stalls, the elegant outside appearance, and the provision made for the accommodation of the public in the Victoria building were far and away superior. Many who visited Tacoma are confident that, had our show being more largely advertised down the coast, it would have drawn thousands of visitors from the other side of the line.

Women's Rights.

At the weekly meeting of the W.C.T.U., yesterday, Mrs. Spofford presiding, a committee of fifty ladies was appointed to canvass Victoria in the interests of the enfranchisement of women. Similar committees will be at work simultaneously throughout the Dominion, so as to be prepared for the opening of the Local and Dominion Parliaments. An earnest appeal on the subject has been addressed to the various unions, by Mrs. Annie Parker, setting forth the advantages to be derived from woman's voice at the polls. It was intimated that a certain new liquor license is to be applied for in the city, and arrangements were made to have it opposed. The question of the Standard Theatre license was also discussed at considerable length, and the committee having charge of the matter were instructed to continue their exertions. It was further arranged to hold a white-and-blue social, in the first week in November, under the auspices of the W.C.T.U.

The Case to be Tried.

It will be remembered that there was a good deal of trouble with the collector of customs at Port Townsend, Mr. Charles M. Bradshaw, over the case of the tug Lorne, which vessel he caused to be seized for violation of the Towing Laws of the United States. On seizing the Lorne, Bradshaw imposed on her owners a fine of $884. Wishing to test the case thoroughly, the agents offered the collector an indemnity bond if he could let the steamer go, pending investigation. This offer, however, was refused, and, before the Lorne was allowed to go, the amount of fine imposed had to be paid. This was done, however, under protest, and now Mrs. Dunsmuir, widow of the late Hon. Robert Dunsmuir, has started the legal proceedings by suing Bradshaw the defendant in a suit filed by her lawyers in the United States' District Court. Bradshaw was suspended from office some weeks ago, and Collector Wasson appointed in his place.

A Novel Sport.

An innovation in the way of sports in this city, will be opened to the public, tomorrow afternoon. It is a toboggan slide, perfect in every particular, and only differing from the favorite pastime of Eastern Canada in its not being dependent on snow for its running powers. The slide is 460 feet in length and the tobogganns which fit into grooves are made perfectly secure. A cable hauls the tobogganns back to the top of the slide, after every descent, thus doing away with the tedious job of hauling them by hand up hill. The tobogganns are 6 feet in length, by 2 feet wide, and are made about twice as heavy as ordinarily, but in every other respect the same as all others. The distance of the slide is traversed in 3½ seconds, and the sport will be exciting enough for anybody. No doubt the new attraction will be well patronized and afford a great deal of amusement. Particulars concerning the management, &c., will be found elsewhere in this issue.

PORT SIMPSON.

Its Many Advantages Plainly Told in an Official Publication.

Concerning Fort or Port Simpson, which has been so prominently brought before the public during the past few months, the appended extract is made from the British Columbia Pilot, 1888:

"The most spacious harbor on this part of the coast, in nearly one and a half miles wide at its entrance, between One Tree Inlet and Birnie Island; thence it takes an easterly direction for about three and a half miles, contracting gradually as the head is approached and terminating in a narrow bight, named Stumann Bay, which dries across at low water. At its head are several streams, where salmon, from whence it derives its name, are caught. The northern shore of the Port is fringed with a rocky beach, compact and backed by rapidly rising highlands. The Southern shore is not so regular, nor so steep to the rocks, which dry at low water, near the eastern part of the bay extending from high water mark in some places for the distance of nearly a third of a mile.

"Port Simpson embraces over four square miles of water from 4 to 20 fathoms deep, with muddy bottom, good holding ground and free from rocks and shoals. It is very easy of access from the sea, having no strong tidal currents, and well sheltered from all the winds except the West, which seldom blows. The prevailing winds are S. W. and N. W., from which the harbor is perfectly protected.

"The greatest depth, 29 fathoms, average 12 to 18 fathoms, mud bottom. Fort Simpson was founded by the Hudson Bay Co. in 1831, on account of the good anchorage to be found there. There are fine gardens at the Fort, raspberries and strawberries growing in abundance. About 800 Indians live there. Good wood, at $3 per cord, can be obtained. The land at the back of the Fort is about 130 feet high, and has been cleared to the distance of a mile. The surface is covered with thick moss, saturated with moisture which renders walking very unpleasant and difficult. The rocks are stratified, mica schist passing into gneiss, and granite containing pyret and quartz veins. Gold has been reported to exist in the vicinity. Sea otter, land otter, bear, beaver, lynx, silver fox, fisher wolf, fur seal, hair seal, wolverine, racoon, musk, mink, marten, and ermine, are found in the vicinity. Temperature—June 83°—50°, July 74°—48°, August 70°—54°, September 64°—44°.

James Ashbury, of the Carlton Club, London, is at the Driard. He arrived from Vancouver on the Yosemite last night.

FORESTERS MEET

And Discuss Matters of Importance to the Order of the B.C. District.

List of Delegates—Election of Officers—Grand Banquet—Interesting Statistics.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Columbia District of the Ancient Order of Foresters was held in the Foresters Hall, yesterday. The business of the session was important, and from 2 p.m. till 9:30 the delegates labored for the good of the Order. It was to them a labor of love, and their conference must certainly have been a cheerful one, considering the satisfactory reports handed in from all quarters. Not alone is the Ancient Order making good headway the world over, but what particularly interests the Columbia district is that its progress here is marked. Some 500 members of good standing appear on the rolls, 50 having being added during the past year, while the funds have increased till they now reach the respectable total of $20,000. The good work accomplished by the Order is acknowledged on all hands, so that it is but in the natural order of affairs that there should be a steady increase in the ranks. The following delegates were present yesterday: W. G. Cameron and H. Waller, Court Vancouver, No. 755, Victoria; L. Manson and J. Randall, Court Nanaimo, Foresters' Home, No. 5886, Nanaimo; W. Nicholas and G. Phillips, Court Northern Light, No. 5935, Victoria; A. Coutts and John Rankin, Court Lord Dufferin, No. 6304, New Westminster; S. Gintzburger and George Hay, Court Pacific, No. 7627, Vancouver; Thos. Butters and H. R. Gilbert, Court Robert Dunsmuir, No. 7854, Wellington.

Bro. W. Trickey, the District Chief Ranger, in opening the meeting, expressed his pleasure at seeing so good an attendance of delegates, and to hear from them such favorable reports of the progress of the order in their respective localities. On behalf of Courts Vancouver and Northern Light he extended to the visitors a hearty welcome to Victoria, and a warm invitation to the banquet prepared for them.

A good deal of routine business was disposed of, after which the following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

H. Waller, District Chief Ranger.

G. Hay, District Sub-Chief Ranger.

E. J. Salmon, District Treasurer (re-elected).

J. R. McKenzie, District Secretary (re-elected.)

Auditors—W. G. Cameron and W. Nicholas.

Trustees—G. Phillips, C. Manson and L. Hughes.

Arbitration Committee—G. Wilby, F. Carne, G. Miles, W. Roberts, T. Graham, H. A. Levin, J. Brennan, R. McBride, J. Turnbull, G. P. Dale, J. Lewis, and Alex. Shark.

P. D. C. R. Bro. W. Trickey was presented with a handsome engrossed certificate and ribbon of office.

Bro. Trickey responded in felicitous terms, thanking the brethren for their token of esteem, and assuring them that it was but a pleasure to him to do anything in his power for the good of the order.

THE BANQUET.

The delegates were banqueted in the evening by the brethren of Courts Vancouver and Northern Light—the local courts. Upwards of half a hundred sat down to a sumptuous spread, served up in the best style of the New York. The spacious dining room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the tables receiving chief attention in this pleasing particular. Everything was highly satisfactory, and throughout, a most enjoyable time was spent—good viands, choice dishes, all the delicacies of the season, songs, speeches, social chat, and the soothing weed—served to make things happy. Brother Waller, Victoria, Chief Ranger, presided at the festive board, and was supported at either side by Bro. Geo. Hay, D.S.C.R., Vancouver, Bro. R. J. McKenzie, D.S., and Bro. E. J. Salmon, D. T.

The menu was as follows:—

Soup, mock turtle; fish, baked halibut, potatoes a la duchesse, lobster, salmon; meats, roast lamb, beef, veal, tongue, grouse; sweets, tea, coffee, fruits.

After dinner had been enjoyed, toasting and song was engaged in, the list being headed by the usual loyal sentiment, "The Queen." "The High Court," "The Subsidiary High Court," "The Columbia District," "The Sick and Distressed Brethren," "Our Hostess," "Vancouver Lodge," "Northern Light," "Our Absent Friends," "Our Next Merry Meeting," and several other toasts were given and duly responded to, interspersed by song.

Bro. McKenzie, honorary secretary, gave an interesting account of the progress of the courts of the division, showing that the membership was upwards of 500, and that $2,600 had been paid out during the past year to sick brethren. The various courts he declared to be in a healthy condition.

Bro. Salmon, treasurer, also gave a most encouraging account of the financial condition of the district. There was upwards of $20,000 in hand.

Bro. Waller, Chief Ranger, spoke of the benefits of the order and the high social and moral tone which it was calculated to infuse into the members.

It was well after midnight when the brethren separated, with the happiest recollections of their annual banquet.

TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION.

Next Saturday's Meeting—The Atchison System.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—The discussion of the meeting of next Saturday in the chamber of commerce for the formation of a traffic association is the live topic among railroad and business men. It is conceded by certain railroad men that the establishment of a freight bureau would be a good thing, as tending to bring the wants of the merchants and producers before the Transcontinental association for consideration. One prominent railroad man said that he did not anticipate that any reduction of freight would follow the formation of an organization. The Trans-continental association is bound together by an agreement, and there is no inducement for the members of the Trans-continental association to enter the war of rates which would finally reach a pitch where the business would be unremunerative. To this sort of argument the committee on organization of the association only smile. "We are not in an attitude of hostility to the railroads of any particular railroad system," said one of the committee, "but it would do no harm to organize, and when we are organized we will be in much better shape to look after our rights than when we were compelled to present our desires singly to the people."

A. B. Balmes, of Seattle, is at the Oriental.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Southward Bound.

Steamer Umatilla sailed for San Francisco, yesterday morning, with the remainder of the salmon which the s.s. Walla Walla left, and a few passengers, among whom were: Dr. Bull and wife, Mrs. Aitken, Miss Bull, Mrs. Anderson and daughter, and Chas. Strickert.

Dogs and Panthers.

Dogs and panthers are making the lives of the residents at Cadboro Bay decidedly unhappy. Sixty-five sheep have been killed within the past fortnight, and the dogs got all the blame until a fine fat panther was seen sneaking about Mr. Ira Wilson's place recently. The sportsman that gives the cat his quietus will be treated with high honor.

Knights of Labor.

A meeting of those disposed to form an Assembly of the Knights of Labor in Victoria was held last evening in the Trades and Labor hall, Mr. John Fraser presiding. The subject was fully discussed, and a determination arrived at to resuscitate the old Assembly of the Knights, if possible. Philadelphia, the headquarters, will be applied to for a charter, and in the course of a week the organizer and committee appointed to assist him, will have been heard from.

Funeral of Mrs. Simpson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, wife of Henry Simpson, of Port Townsend, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, of Victoria, was buried at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. The service was conducted at the Reformed Episcopal church, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, assisted by Rev. C. E. Dobbs, and the pall bearers were: J. McKay, R. Porter, Wm. Newbury, McGregor, Barret, and Alderman Robertson. The attendance at the church and the grave was very large.

Too Many McNeills.

Officer McNeill, of the provincial police force, has had considerable trouble in getting his letters, etc., during the past year. The city seems to be full of McNeills. About a month ago his mother sent up country after some carpets, which have come down long ago, but have been claimed by some other person of the same name. No trace has yet been secured as to who the offending McNeill is, but the officer will make things lively for him when the identification is accomplished.

C. O. O. F. (M. U.)

Loyal Fernwood Lodge held another very successful meeting last evening, when ten more members were initiated and as many more proposed, making this lodge to date about 130 strong. The plans for the new hall were accepted, as drawn by the P. G. of Waverly Lodge, $1,150 having been subscribed by the brethren of this lodge, with the pleasing prospect of another $1,000 being taken up. A special meeting has been called at the Trades and Labor Club to discuss by-laws on Tuesday evening next. Members of colonization committee and executive officers of the order will meet one hour earlier for business.

The Alleged Abduction Case.

In the Police Court this morning the case of J. P. Heydon, charged with abducting the girl Nellie Walsh from her home, she being under age, will be heard. Messrs. Wilson and Wootton appear for the prosecution and Messrs. Bodwell and Irving for the defence. It is stated that the defendant and prosecutor have entered into an agreement and that the case may be quashed before presentation in court. THE COLONIST was in possession of full particulars and statements from both sides, on Thursday night, but the subject has not been dealt with, in accordance with the request of both Walsh and Heydon until after the court proceedings to-day.

The Lorne Gets There.

Capt. James Christensen, of the Lorne, had an interesting race with two American tugs, a day or so ago, which he won with flying colors. His rivals were the Holyoke and the Sea Lion, the former with the J. B. Brown and the latter with the Oregon in tow. They passed the ship Wilna, lying in the Straits, and had about an hour's start on the way to Nanaimo when the Wilna was picked up by the Lorne. The ship is a fourteen hundred tonner, but the Lorne quickly reduced the distance between herself and the two leaders in the race, which she beat into Nanaimo by over an hour, 10½ knots being the average speed for the trip. First come, first served, is the rule at the coal shutes, and so the Lorne's victory means money to the owners of the Wilna.

His Fame Has Travelled.

Demetrius Konoplitzky, the escaped Siberian exile, has been rushed into the knowledge of the whole continent, and his story has been read with shudders in millions of happy Canadian and United States homes. To-day, A. P. Goldsmid, manager of the Vancouver Opera House, got a telegram from the manager of a museum in Denver, Colorado, asking to offer Konoplitzky a big salary and all expenses, to go to Denver and be exhibited. A Telegram reporter hunted Konoplitzky up, to-day, and, through the medium of Karl Levi, Carroll street, a Russian Jew, the offer was communicated to him. After he had grasped the idea, he refused. He said he was willing to work, but did not wish to be put up as a curiosity. This is another evidence of the truth of his story.—Vancouver Telegram.

Coal Find at Barclay Sound.

Mr. Frank McQuillan is the fortunate discover of what experts pronounce to be a fine coal seam, near Uculuet, Barclay Sound. The discovery was made a couple of weeks ago, but yesterday, Frank was in town with samples of his coal. They were taken from the surface, and show unmistakable traces of a plentiful supply of the black diamond. The pieces of rock fossil and sandstone, also taken from the surface, show the existence of coal beneath, and as the seam has been traced to either side of the creek, there seems to be a good thing in it. Mr. Hills, the superintendent of the quick-silver mines in the district, who is quite an authority on minerology, expresses a very favorable opinion of the samples. The claim has been staked off, preparatory to the taking up of work, and considerable excitement prevails in the district as to the result of the discovery.

A Narrow Escape.

A little after noon yesterday, as the Rev. J. W. Green was descending the stairs at the side of Spencer's Arcade, leading into Broad street, he noticed a small fire burning near the wall, and, on investigating it, found that it was composed of a bundle of sticks saturated with coal oil, and bearing every evidence of being the work of an incendiary and no accident. Mr. Green at once stamped the flame out, and informed Mr. Spencer of the matter. This is the second time since the late fire at the Arcade that a fire has been discovered threatening the building again, and, in each case, circumstances have pointed to incendiarism. It seems incredible that dire malice could so far take possession of anybody as to cause such persistent attempts. To say the least of it, the facts are peculiar and the case is one on which the police might well expend a good deal of time and trouble. Such discoveries as have been made lately, call for immediate steps to ascertain the guilty parties.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Searles' Old Colors Presented to the James Bay Athletic Association.

THE OAR.

A HISTORIC TROPHY.

The James Bay Athletic Association will, in future, have another object of interest to show to visitors, besides the many attractions that the club rooms contain. Mr. Phil Robinson, of the London Times, has presented the colors won by H. E. Searle, of Australia, when he rowed for and won the championship of the world, on the Parramatta river, N.S.W., in the fastest time on record. Searle was the finest oarsman that the world has, as yet, seen, and the fact of his early death in the height of his fame, lends additional interest to the trophy. It is an appropriate gift, gracefully presented, and will no doubt be always highly prized by the boys.

STEPHENSON'S REPLY.

Stephenson, the Australian oarsman, expresses his willingness to meet Edward Hanlan, either in skiffs in the harbor, or in shells at Shawnigan lake. If Hanlan consents, and there is no reason to suppose that he will not, the people of this city will have an opportunity of seeing a square, honest race. Appended is Stephenson's reply to Hanlan's communication:

TO THE SPORTING EDITOR:—I have read Mr. Hanlan's reply to my challenge.

I am quite willing to row him in best and best boats on Shawnigan Lake, on Saturday the 24th instant, and will meet Mr. Hanlan at your office on Monday morning next at ten o'clock to prepare articles of agreement.

C. STEPHENSON

Victoria, Oct. 16th, 1891.

LACROSSE.

The Columbian says: "The News-Advertiser publishes the following this morning under the head "communicated": 'If one thing more than another is considered to the growth of true sport, it is fair play. It is a matter for regret to hear there has been some difficulty in the determination as to where the forthcoming lacrosse championship match shall be played, because of the feeling of partizanship. At the last moment the Brockton Point Association has come forward and made an offer to guarantee that if the match is played upon its grounds both sides will be awarded fair play. The association being formed for the purpose of promoting true sport, there is no doubt that the guarantee will be carried out, and further, as we are informed, the association is prepared to offer a dinner to the competing teams. This offer, if accepted, may lead to a better feeling among the rival lacrosse teams than we regret to say has hitherto prevailed.'

"A good square meal would probably be a strong inducement to the terminal city team to have the game played at home, but the Westminster men would hardly be likely to be influenced by a bait so tempting. Seriously speaking, it is better for all parties concerned that the match be played on neutral ground, and it is pretty certain the executive committee of the Westminster Lacrosse Club will so decide at their meeting to-night."

WRESTLING.

The following unique challenge was received from Tacoma yesterday, with a request for its publication as soon as possible. It is not probable that it will be accepted, as McLeod has never yet announced himself as a horseback wrestler:

TACOMA, Oct. 14, '91.

Sporting Editor, Colonist:

DEAR SIR,—If Mr. D. S. McLeod, the wrestler, is in Victoria, or in British Columbia, I wish to challenge him to wrestle me on horseback, best three in five, for the championship of the world. Will make the match for $250 or $500 a side, to take place in Victoria, Nanaimo, or Tacoma.

ANTONE DURETTE,
Champion horseback wrestler of the world.

THE TURF.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The race for the Rose plate of £10,000, with a sweepstake of £20 each, was run at the Newmarket second October meetings to-day. It was won by Star, with Carstorphine second, and Queen's Birthday third.

THE RING.

ARRANGING A MATCH.

A. P. Butler, of the Dempsey-Mitchell boxing combination, was in town, yesterday, trying to arrange for a contest between the prize-fighters in or near Victoria. What success attended his efforts is, of course, unknown. "Fisticuffs" is not a legal entertainment in Victoria. Something more will appear on this subject.

FROM THE SKEENA.

A Practical Man Speaks of Its Resources and Its Possibilities.

Mr. Willis-Croft, of Skeena, is in the city on a business tour, and reports everything in his district flourishing. He was seen by a COLONIST reporter at the Occidental Hotel, yesterday, and in response to queries stated his conviction that the Skeena district is a splendid field for prospectors and investors. Asked as to the mineral wealth of the region, he said that little was known of it, inasmuch as practical tests had not been made to any extent. The country was practically unknown, and the richness of its resources was undoubted, as those who lived in it knew.

"In the interior, east of the Cascades," said Mr. Wilels-Croft, "the Government surveyors have discovered a fine tract of grazing or ranch land, which was unknown heretofore. The country, they say, is splendid for cattle raising, and there is plenty of it. There would be an excellent market for cattle here."

"Better than those you have got?" suggested the reporter.

"From what we can hear it is," said Mr. Willis-Croft.

"Is it suitable for wheat growing?" was asked.

"That I don't know; but when I first came to this country people would laugh at you were you to say that cereal crops could be produced at Soda Creek or Williams' Creek, and we know to-day what these districts can do in this way."

Asked as to his opinion on the proposed Crofter settlement, Mr. Willis-Croft said he fully approved of it. "We have," he said, "splendid fishing coasts there, with sufficient land for Crofter settlement. The whole district is now unproductive, and if it can be made productive, so much the better. If we get the Crofters out there, there is a Government grant given them, to be repaid in easy instalments, and I am mistaken if they don't make a success."

"What about a market for their produce, in a district somewhat isolated, as yours is?"

"There is no difficulty in the matter," replied Mr. Willis Croft, "seeing that a company has been formed with half a million sterling at their back, to provide a market for the products of the crofters, it is not a matter for us to consider where the market is to be found, if a company undertake to provide it."

The timber-exhaustion question was started by the COLONIST man, who felt rather small when assured that he might as well talk of ocean exhaustion. But the subject was pursued, and Mr. Willis Croft expressed an opinion that, if the distant future was to be considered, it would be well to make provision for a growth of timber to take the place of the sticks now being cut down. Other countries were discussing the necessity of re-foresting, and he hoped such a subject would never have to be broached here.

THE CROFTER COMMISSIONERS

Leave To-Night for England—They are Highly Pleased With Prospects.

Last night Colonel Englebue and Major Clarke left here for England via the C.P.R. A COLONIST reporter interviewed Major Clarke before their departure, and in course of some conversation that gentleman said:

"I may tell you that we go back to England full of hope and confidence in our Crofter colonization scheme, and with the knowledge that we are very near to bettering a large and worthy class of our poor workers at home. Since we arrived in British Columbia we have been to a great many harbors on the west coast of Vancouver Island,—we have been to Queen Charlotte Island, and have gone all over Puget Sound and down to San Francisco. We have found dozens of suitable places for our emigrants to come to, and have investigated the important matter of a foreign market for the fish they catch. I tell you you can have no conception of the conditions of life that exist among our crofters of to-day. How they will go out in rain and storm, through snow and ice, to earn a bare pittance. You cannot realize how much of a heaven on earth this young country of yours will be to those downtrodden people. Why, they will be able earn more money in a day than they can at home in six months. The change in climatic conditions alone will make their lives entirely different. Your fishing possibilities are the finest I have ever seen anywhere in the world; of course your salmon industry is well in hand, but concerning deep sea fishing your people are in utter ignorance. There have been no scientific reports to speak of, and outside of your rivers I may say that nothing is known of the grand source of revenue your province has in its ocean waters. Why, in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec there are 70,000 people making their living, and a good living to, out of their deep sea fisheries. And you have better fish and more of them than they have there.

"Then don't think for a moment that our Crofters are the only people who will benefit by our Colonization scheme. Your province will have in a few years a source of revenue, which will place the fishery industry at the head of all others, and you will have in your midst bone and sinew that will quickly assimilate with and strengthen the stamina of your people. Look at Nova Scotia. That Province is renowned the world over for its sturdy, stalwart sons. Do you think that Scotch crofters did that country any harm?

"All our actions in future will be guided by the course your local legislative takes when it next meets. I cannot say, of course, what will be done by your Government, but we have made representations and put them in possession of documents that will show them what we have done, and what the details of the scheme really are. I would like to enter into the question with you more fully, but I am bound to silence until after the Government has spoken. But I will say that, having examined every part of this country, having inquired carefully into the most convenient markets for our fish and the best localities in which our crofters could settle, we are of the opinion that, looked at from every standpoint the scheme will be a benefit and a blessing to everybody it touches. But, most of all, am I convinced that our poor wretched Crofters, who do not know what the enjoyment of life means, to whom happiness and pleasure are but empty terms, will in this new country speedily become a pride and an honor to your Province, instead of a disgrace and a blot on our civilization at home."

Laid at Rest.

The funeral of John Woodcock took place at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Heyward's undertaking parlors. The service was conducted at Christ Church Cathedral by the Rev. A. Beanlands, and was attended by all the employes of the Sehl, Hastie, Erskine Co., shopmates of the deceased, who formed a long procession and marched to the grave. The floral offerings were beautiful; one especially from his fellow workers, depicting a broken wheel, being most appropriate. The pall-bearers were: Frank Reives, Thomas Ford, Chas. Gustafson, Thomas Ames, James Brown, and Samuel Jones. The brother of the deceased, who came from Manitoba to be present at the funeral, has expressed his warm gratitude for the kindness shown by everybody in his affliction.

Mrs. George Rendle.

MRS. GEO. RENDLE, of Galt, Ont., writes: "I can recommend Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, for it is a sure cure for all summer complaints. We are never without it in the house." Fowler's Wild Strawberry. Price, 35c.

WANTED—A duly qualified Surgeon, to take charge of the Royal Hospital, Cariboo, salary $2,000 per annum. Must be registered in the province. Duties to commence December 1st, 1891. Particulars, terms of agreement, etc., to be had on application; all applications for the position must be in on or before October 22nd, 1891, addressed to

JAS. STONE,
Secy. of Trustees.
Barkerville, B.C., Sept. 3rd, 1891. se 11-w

TO MY FRIENDS IN CARIBOO—It is my intention to remain in Cariboo and continue the private practice of my profession.

HUGH WATT, M. D.
Barkerville, Oct. 9, 1891. oct6-2t-w

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase three hundred and twenty acres (320) of land situated on Barclay Sound, Alberni District, described as follows: Commencing from J. F. Smith's south-east corner post, thence south 40 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 80 chains to the place of beginning; containing 320 acres more or less.

WM. J. CAVE.
Victoria, B. C., Sept. 1, 1891. sept-w-2m

NOTICE—The undersigned intends making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 220 acres of land situate in Goldstream District, V. I., commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of section 5, Goldstream District; thence S. 36° W. magnetic along the south boundary of section 5 forty chains to the S.W. corner of section 5; thence N. 4° W. magnetic 10 chains to the S. E. corner of section 8; thence S. 86° W. magnetic, 40 chains; thence S. 4° E. magnetic, 20 chains; thence N. 86° E. magnetic, 80 chains; thence N. 4° W. magnetic, 30 chains to the place of beginning. The above lines will conform to the system of survey in Goldstream District.

E. A. McQUADE.
October 15, 1891. oct16-2m

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