Weekly Colonist

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Jubilee Hospital.

At a meeting of the building committee held yesterday, Mr. Teague, the architect, was instructed to proceed at once with his plans and specifications and call for tenders.

The Temperance Picnic.

The united temperance organizations, who intend holding a grand picnic at Langford Plains on the 24th, have issued a poster containing a very attractive programme of sports and substantial prizes for competition.

Contracts Let.

The contracts for Mr. J. D. Pemberton's new brick block have been let to the following tenderers: M. Humber, brick work; John Braden, plumbing; McKillican & Anderson, carpentering; R. Lettice, painting; Albion Iron Works, iron pillars; G. Petherick, plastering; Stevens & Cooley, galvanized roofing. Work will be prosecuted vigorously.

Paine-Peterson.

A meeting of Paine and Peterson's backers was held last evening when it was decided to hold the race on June 23rd, at Shawnigan Lake, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock. Another letter was presented from Brown Bros., offering great inducements to have the race rowed on Harrison Lake, but that is now out of the question as Peterson has made his choice.

The Paine-Ball Race.

To-morrow the long looked for race between Wm. Paine and Chas. Ball will be rowed at Shawnigan Lake. The competition will be a keen one, and no doubt the race will be witnessed by thousands of spectators. The Island railway run excursions at the round trip rate of $1.50, and besides the attraction of the race a pleasant holiday can be held amid the beauties of Shawnigan lake.

Island Mountain Mine.

Work on this property has been continued during the past winter, seven men being employed in taking out ore in No. 1 tunnel. It is estimated that fully four thousand tons of ore are on the dump, which, when treated, will give good returns. It is hoped that work will shortly be begun in this direction. Once Island Mountain mine is proved to be a good paying property the prosperity of the district will be assured.

A Terrific Explosion.

Word has been received from San Francisco to the effect that 3,000 pounds of dynamite, the property of the California powder works company at Pinole, Contra Costa county, Cal., exploded on the 8th instant. The damage sustained was great and it is estimated that $20,000 will scarcely cover the loss. The matter was kept very quiet by the company and several days expired before the San Francisco dailies heard anything about it.

The Sound Mail Service.

Complaints are frequent in regard to the manner in which the postal service between here and Portland is performed. Letters frequently take four or six days to reach Portland, and those for the Sound cities very often are erratic in their movements. Other postal matter has taken two or three days to reach Port Townsend from this city. An improvement in the present service would be appreciated.

Columbia Lake.

The steamer Marion made a successful trip to within a few miles of Columbia Lake, and returned to Golden last week. The water is getting higher every day and she will be likely to make Windermere this week. Freight for the Kootenay district is going in in large quantities from the east and west and will be in amount not less than last year. Last season moving the outfit of the company of the N. W. M. Police from Donald to Wild Horse, added much to the freight account of the Duchess and Cline, but this year the extra supplies ordered by settlers, miners, ranchers and merchants will more than counterbalance the freighting done for the government.

Jack Hemmen's Suicide.

The provincial authorities were notified yesterday morning that the body of J. Hemmens had been discovered on the west side of Saanich Arm with his throat cut. The deceased came from England in 1867 to superintend the erection of St. John's church, and is said to be well connected in the old country. He was a hard drinker and for several years has been living among the Indians. It is supposed he suicided during a fit of depression. The police have taken charge of the body.

LATER.—Officer Miller, who went out to secure the body, returned at midnight, unable to discover it. It is stated that it was on San Juan island where the body was seen.

Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern.

On Wednesday the contract for the construction of the main line of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railway connecting Seattle, on Puget Sound, with Spokane Falls, in Eastern Washington, was let to the millionaire contracting firm of Ryan & McDonald, of New York. The mileage embraced in this contract is about 225 miles, and extends from a point a few miles east of the Gilman mines, in Squak valley, *via* the Snoqualmie Pass, to connect with the fifty-mile section of the road which is now being built west from the Falls. The cost of this section is about $5,000,000, and the road must be completed so that trains can run between Seattle and Spokane Falls within two years from the 17th day of May, 1888.

Rogers-Morrison.

On Wednesday evening was celebrated the marriage of Mr. C. W. Rogers, fruit dealer, Government street, to Miss Leah Morrison, of James Bay. The wedding took place at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. P. McF. McLeod, after which the bridal party adjourned to the residence of the bride's mother, where a pleasant evening was passed. The happy couple were the recipient of handsome wedding presents and many congratulations from friends. Mr. Rogers is a worthy, energetic young man, who has established himself in a lucrative business from a small beginning. The bride is an estimable young lady, for many years a resident of Victoria, and with many others THE COLONIST wishes Mr. and Mrs. Rogers a long life and prosperity and happiness.

A Change of Route.

Messrs. Veith & Borland of the 150-Mile House, Cariboo, the other day started a pack train for the Skeena river, for the purpose of packing the H. B. Co.'s goods from Hazelton, at the forks of the Skeena to the Babine portage. Hitherto all goods have been taken over the mountains from Hazelton on the backs of Indians, who found it a profitable business, goods costing ten cents at Victoria being worth on arrival at their destination between thirty and forty cents per pound. It is thought that the aborigines will become hostile on the infringement of what they now consider their exclusive business. The H. B. Co. formerly sent in these goods from the mouth of the Quesnelle river, Cariboo, the pack trains following the old telegraph trail to Fort Fraser, skirting Stewart Lake, and thus reaching the interior posts and mining camps of the Omineca and Peace rivers.

Booth-Pierre.

On Wednesday evening last Louisa A., second daughter of Mr. T. W. Pierre, merchant, Yates street, was united in marriage to Andrew S. Booth by the Rev. Bishop Cridge. The ceremony was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, Pioneer street, and was attended by the numerous friends of the high contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Booth are well known in this city, and were the recipients of numerous and elegant wedding gifts.

Children's Quaint Sayings.

The following bright thoughts of the little folks are from the *North Star*, published at Sitka, Alaska, by the Moravian missionaries:

Some of the boys of the Sitka school suspected one of their number of informing the teachers of their pranks. Getting into a quarrel and desiring to accuse him of being a tale-bearer one of them called out "You are a telegraph."

In the early morning large flocks of sea gulls frequent the bay in front of the Sitka Mission fishing for breakfast. One day but few of them were visible. Little 8-year-old Bessie, who watched them with much interest, noticing their absence, remarked to her teacher, "I think they are not dressed yet, ready for breakfast."

MINING ON THE HORSEFLY.

Fine Prospects Secured in the Old Channel—A Promising Placer Field.

Mr. P. C. Dunlevy, of Soda Creek, who arrived down on Wednesday night, recently visited the Horsefly mines, in which he is interested. Half-a-dozen companies are running in tunnels on the bench about eighty feet above the present river bed.

The McCullum Co. ran their tunnel about 160 feet, passing the rim rock at 125 feet, and then ran along on the bed-rock until they reached a point where it dipped. Out of the gravel taken from the tunnel $1,800 was washed. The prospect would average from $10 to $25 per day to the man. The company having prospected their ground by drifting are now at work hydraulicing over the tunnel, as it is considered cheaper to wash off the gravel than to drift.

The other companies are still working on their tunnels, endeavoring to reach the old channel bed, which there is every reason to believe exists at the point where the McCullum company struck pay.

Six miles further up the river Mr. Thaddeus Harper has a force of about seventy men at work erecting sawmill, pumps and other machinery. A very substantial wing-dam has been built, which it is expected will be able to withstand all stages of the water. It is the intention to work the bed of the river, and Mr. Harper hopes to take out bushels of the golden nuggets.

In the opinion of Mr. Dunlevy, the Horsefly mines are the most promising placer diggings which have been struck in many years, and he believes they will become a rich camp.

HOTEL VANCOUVER.

The New C. P. R. Hotel to be Opened on the 1st June—Brief Description of Its Appointments.

Hotel Vancouver, the hotel built by the Canadian Pacific Railway at their terminus on Burrard Inlet, will be opened for the reception of guests on the 1st of June next. Manager Matthews has been hard at work with a staff of men for the past couple of weeks receiving the furniture and equipment of the hotel and placing them in position. The bedroom furniture is all of antique ash and cherry, and is of handsome and substantial appearance. The china, crockery and glassware was specially made for the house, and is chaste and lovely in design. The parlor, dining-room, hall and general furniture is all of a handsome and costly nature. The building is situated on the corner of Georgia and Granville streets facing the Burrard Inlet mountains, and commands in every direction a magnificent panorama of grandeur and loveliness. The style of achitecture is Queen Anne, of which there are numerous evidences in the residences already erected in the city, prominent among the latter being that of Supt. Abbott and Mr. A. G. Ferguson. The outside appearance is of not particular pleasing character, the windows being small, and there is an almost general absence of ornament. A wide series of steps reach the main entrance on Georgia street, which opens into the office, the most attractive feature of the whole structure, though the dining-room is roomy and well-lighted. The office is furnished in native cedar and curly maple, the latter wood polished as smooth as glass and very handsome. One is almost immediately struck with the lowness of ceilings and the prescribed character of the windows, which prevent that quantity of pure air and the light of heaven so necessary in all modern structures. Beyond these serious defects, the hotel has been wisely planned, and is convenient in all its departments.

The office is lighted by a large central space reaching to the roof, and as this is the width of the central halls on all floors, it forms a delightful lounging place on each. All rooms have windows fronting on either of the four sides, thus providing all with light and a vision of the surrounding scenery, though it must be confessed in some cases, the windows are of the character that it is necessary to squeeze close to the panes to get a glimpse. On the first and second floors doors open out upon large balconies, where the weary traveller or lazy guest may rest himself and drink in the beauties of nature within vision, or indulge in a pleasant promenade.

The hotel is provided with gas and electric fittings, and will be lighted with the latter, their being boilers, engine and dynamo in the basement for that purpose. The chief guest chambers are provided with baths. The kitchen is off the dining room for children, etc., which is between the culinary department and chief dining room. The basement is well arranged for the mechanical department, laundry, storerooms, etc., and there is no lack of modern conveniences.

At the southern and western sides of the hotel are large grounds, which will be made attractive by flowers and shrubs, while one portion will be made into a couple of tennis courts.

Altogether the hotel is on an excellent scale, and guests will be satisfied with their reception and treatment. Manager Matthews is an energetic, pleasant gentleman, who is sure to "welcome the coming and speed the parting guest," and as he has had extended experience in that prince of hotels, the Windsor at Montreal, there is little fear in prophesying that Hotel Vancouver will be admirably and economically managed, and will soon become noted among the leading hotels of the continent.

William Messander, farmer, suicided at Arkona by hanging.

The license commissioners have refused to grant a license to the Grand Union, the second largest hotel in Ottawa. The only reason assigned is that John Graham, the proprietor, is a conservative and the three commissioners are grits.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The steamer Muriel is advertised to sail for Alberni on the 21st inst.

There were ten deaths in Victoria during the month of April.

The steamer R. P. Rithet reached Westminster at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Paine and Ball were in town yesterday. They return to Shawnigan Lake this morning.

The electric light was not turned on at one o'clock this morning, though inky blackness prevailed.

Fisher & Wilson, architects, are calling for tenders for the erection of a frame dwelling at Quamichan.

George Cicero, a well-known pioneer, was taken to the Royal Hospital yesterday dangerously ill.

The case against Charles Morrow, charged with inciting an Indian to shoot Capt. McCallum, was dismissed.

The funeral of the late Mannella Mary Colbert will take place from the parents residence to-day at 2 o'clock p. m.

S. Nesbitt contemplates the increasing of his premises and the addition of modern appliances in his biscuit factory.

The old Oriental saloon will be on the move to day. It is sound in every respect, though having been built for many years.

Ah Sing was charged in the police court with placing an obstruction on the sidewalk and was fined $5. Ah Fook was again remanded.

The last sad rites were performed yesterday afternoon over the remains of Mr. and Mrs. F. Carne's little daughter. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will give an entertainment on Monday evening next, of which due notice will be given Sunday morning. Reserve the evening for a treat of no ordinary kind.

As there seems to be no move on the part of the council to provide further funds for watering the streets, would it not be wise for Government, Yates, Fort, Johnson and Wharf street merchants to raise a sufficient sum monthly to water those streets, so that goods will not be destroyed by dust as at present.

PERSONAL.

Artemus Davison, of Chilliwhack, is in the city.

Ben. Young left for San Francisco this morning.

S. Leiser returned from the Mainland last night.

D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., arrived down last night on the Yosemite.

W. L. Cusack, representative of S. J. Pitts, arrived last night on the Yosemite.

Mrs. Bushby will be a passenger on the Umatilla to-morrow for San Francisco.

Hon. J. H. Turner and Mrs. Turner will leave for San Francisco on the Umatilla to-morrow.

Geo. C. Shaw, of the firm of Cowan & Shaw, left for the upper country this morning. He will be absent a month.

D. M. Eberts has been appointed an official member of the Royal Hospital directorate, *vice* T. Lubbe, resigned.

Misses Carrie and Alice Currie arrived last night from Fredericton, N. B., *en route* for Nanaimo to join relatives there.

Mrs. D. Oppenheimer and S. Oppenheimer arrived from Vancouver last night.

The wife and family of Capt. O'Brien, commander of the Premier, have arrived in Vancouver, and will reside in the house formerly occupied by Capt. Webber.

Among the arrivals from Vancouver last evening were Mr. and Mrs. J. Huntley, who registered at the Oriental. They were married yesterday morning in the terminal city. The bride is a daughter of Postmaster Miller, and the widow of the late Capt. Trimble. Congratulations.

Geo. S. List, of Toronto, arrived on Wednesday night, having been appointed route agent of the Dominion Express Co., with headquarters at Vancouver. His district extends from Victoria to Medicine Hat. Mr. List has been in the service in Toronto since a boy, and his promotion to a responsible position on this coast is thoroughly deserved.

MARINE.

Ship Rena sailed from San Francisco for Nanaimo on Tuesday.

Steam collier Wellington will be due at Departure Bay to-morrow from San Francisco.

The steamer Maude will leave for Alberni on the 22nd inst., carrying the mails and passengers.

Steamer Mexico, Capt. Huntington, will sail from San Francisco for this port to-day at 9 o'clock a. m.

Steam collier Southern California and the steam schooner Jennie passed up to Departure Bay yesterday from San Francisco.

Steamer Amelia has been launched from the Star Ship Yard ways, and is at Spratt's wharf receiving a thorough overhauling.

Ben. Young's steamer, Maria J. Haven, 48 hours from Astoria, arrived yesterday morning and will leave to-morrow for Southern Alaska, where she will be engaged as tender for Mr. Young's cannery in that locality.

THE FAST MAIL LINE.

Four years ago the United States government selected the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway as its route for fast mail service from Chicago to St. Paul, Minneapolis and other points in the northwest.

The undersigned takes pleasure in announcing that this service has been extended by a new contract to take effect May first, next, by which the United States government officially recognizes the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway as "the fast mail line" in both directions between Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis and the new Northwest.

While this official compliment to the high standard of excellence of equipment and train service of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway is appreciated by the officials of the company, the fact that we can also rely on the approbation of our patrons gives us fully as much gratification, and we trust, in the future as in the past, to merit the good wishes of our best friends—the traveling public.

Very truly,
A. O. H. CARPENTER,
Genl. Passr. and Ticket Agent.

P. S.—Maps and time tables can be obtained from any ticket agent in America.

SALMON CANNERS ASSIGN.

This Action Made Necessary from Connection with Coleman & Co.

ASTORIA, May 15.—The Columbia canning company and the Thistle packing company made assignments to C. W. Fulton this afternoon. This course was rendered necessary by the fact of financial connection with Wm. T. Coleman & Co., it being desired to have a business settlement. The Columbia cannery is in active operation, has an excellent prospect of making money this season, and will undoubtedly continue packing through the season. The Thistle packing company's premises have lain idle this season. The Coleman flag packing company's plant went mostly to Alaska. These with the Aberdeen packing company, which is also in excellent shape for profitable business, comprise all the canneries that Wm. T. Coleman & Co. were connected with on the lower Columbia this season.

CABLE NEWS.

Australian Chinese Restriction a Serious Question.

Nationalists Hold a Meeting and Discuss the Papal Rescript.

Father McFadden's Sentence Confirmed—The German Emperor Still Improving—The Australian Chinese Restriction Bill Passed.

To be Entertained at the "Hub."

LONDON, May 17.—Twenty-one members of the honorable artillery company, including a number of field and staff officers, sailed to-day on the Trove from Southampton for New York. They will be guests of the honorable artillery company of Boston.

The Difficult Question.

Cablegrams which have been received from China indicate that much irritation is felt at Pekin in consequence of the belief that the action taken by the Australian government in denying admittance to Chinese emigrants who have arrived at their ports, is a deliberate attempt to force Lord Salisbury's hand and compel him to negotiate a treaty with China similar to that of America, with the same country. By those competent to judge it is thought the attempt will have an opposite effort and that the arbitrary action of Australia will most certainly handicap any negotiations looking towards a treaty on the subject. It is argued that it is impossible to compel China to negotiate, but that it is more likely that England will be forced to approach China as a suppliant, or at all events that China would only make a treaty on the basis of compensation as was the case finally with America. The foreign board at Pekin complain that Australia ought to endeavor to educate rather than to raise public sentiment over the matter, and say that it would have been more judicious to have admitted the Chinese emigrants who had already arrived, and wired Hongkong and other ports notifying them of their determination to exclude further emigration. The London press, thus far, has taken little interest in the matter.

Pertinent Questions.

In the Commons to-night Col. Wm. West inquired if the government at Washington would take any action against Venezuela in order to recover outstanding claims of the Americans and also whether England intended to do anything regarding the discontent felt in British Guiana, owing to the delay in delimitating the frontiers, and if the government were prepared to state what action had been determined upon against Venezuela.

Sir Jas. Ferguson, political secretary for the foreign office, replied that the government were not aware of any discontent in British Guiana and declined to say what action would be taken in regard to boundaries.

The political secretary of the India office, Sir John Gorst, answering a request made by Professor James Stuart that the government direct the Viceroy of India to secure a repeal of the Indian contagious disease act, said that such requests did not become the government, that the viceroy had already refused the petition presented by the ladies' mission at Calcutta to extend the protection of the criminal law to young girls, on the ground that girls of sixteen were already protected.

For Benefiting the Masses.

A conference of peers and members of parliament was held to-day and a scheme discussed to form a parliamentary committee irrespective of party, to support the measures for the benefit of the masses of England.

Guildhall Refused for Defences Discussion.

The Lord Mayor of London has declined to allow Guildhall to be used to hold a meeting for the discussion of military defences. He gives as his reason for declining that he believes that the citizens feel that the agitation over this subject has already gone too far.

The Papal Rescript Considered.

The meeting which was held in Dublin to-night by the Irish Roman Catholic members of parliament for the purpos of considering in regard to the papal rescript, was a private affair and no report of it has been made public. It is pretty certain, however, from what has been learned of its result, that a respectful protest against Roman meddling in Irish politics was adopted, and a safe course marked out for the faithful to follow. The irritation that at first was felt in Ireland over the rescript has subsided. The effect of the papal document, if it had any, has been discounted by the feeling that has been agitated against it. The rescript will probably not be a very great source of annoyance to the patriotic Irishman, who also wants to be a good Catholic, as its injunctions become better known. As explained by Archbishop Walsh, it seems probable that the Catholic nationalist can reconcile many, if not all, of his former practices to a conscientious following of the church.

A Russian Attack on England.

The Russian press has suddenly burst forth in an attack upon England for her supposed alliance with the central European powers, taking for granted that England is about to adjoin an alliance, if she has not already done so. The Russian writers give utterance to the solemn warning that England will be made to pay dearly if she follows out any mistaken policy in regard to Central Asia or elsewhere, where Russia is concerned. The articles, which are of course inspired, give the strongest evidence that the Czar is irritated at the popular movement in England in favor of efficiently strengthening her defences and arming her force.

Parliament Takes a Rest.

Parliament rises to-night for the Whitsun races and does not meet until May 31st.

Social Reforms Mooted.

A conference was held this afternoon by a number of prominent persons in order to discuss social reforms and to formulate non-political action in regard to them. We will probably see the result of their deliberations soon.

The Australian Chinese Question.

Australia, especially New South Wales, is incensed at the apathy shown by the Imperial parliament over the troubles they are having with Chinese immigrants. Earnest appeals come from the Colonial government to have the matter disposed of and the mongolian influx checked.

Appeal from Increase of Sentence Dismissed

DUBLIN, May 17.—The Court of the Exchequer has dismissed Father McFadden's appeal from increased sentence, on the ground that the judge was empowered to increase sentence. Father McFadden was sentenced to three months' imprisonment under the crimes act, and on appeal from this his sentence was increased to six months.

Nationalist Meeting.

DUBLIN, May 17.—Forty nationalist members of parliament, including John Dillon and Wm. O'Brien, held a meeting at the Mansion House here to-day for nine hours. They discussed the papal rescript and a committee was appointed, including Wm. O'Brien, Timothy Sullivan and Donald Sullivan, to draw up resolutions upon the principles agreed on by the meeting. The manifesto agreed upon was substantially as follows: "Whereas the rescript has been used by the enemies of the holy see and of Irishmen, to the prejudice of the Irish cause, and mindful of our obligation to the holy see and our duty as the elected representatives of Ireland, be it resolved, that it is our belief that the allegations of the circular are unfounded, and that it could not have been promulgated if the matter had been referred to the prelates and representatives of Ireland. Be it also resolved, that the assertion that a free contract prevails with regard to the letting of land, with a few insignificant exceptions, is unfounded, and can be disproved by a course of agrarian records for eighteen years past. The manifesto further recites that the constitution of the adjudication and rent fixing courts, affords inadequate grounds for the statement made in the rescript, that they "so reduce rents as to fix them within the limits of equity," since no provision is made in case of disaster or failure of crops, as the holy see supposed; also, that no provision is made for the reduction of arrears now declared by the courts to be excessive. The manifesto further alludes to the baleful results of the "unjust, cruel and excessive" exercise of the legal powers of eviction, which is now armed with new facilities granted in 1887, and is enforced in a manner that is the cause of the evil passions, crime and conflict in Ireland. The manifesto proceeds: "We repudiate the assumption that the status of Irish farmers is that or more of tenants at will, and assert that not only in law but in equity the dominant interests of holdings belong to the tenant who has made improvements upon it, and we attribute much of the prevailing discontent to a disregard of our constant protest against the imposition of rents on improvements."

The resolutions express regret that the holy see is silent regarding the source of provocation of the evil and disorder afflicting Ireland, which is all the more deplorable because through it its enemies misuse the name of the holy see, and because the rescript's admonition was against the systematic violation of justice and charity, committed by way of attack upon the homes and property of the people. They declare the demand of the Irish people for agrarian reform and political liberty is dictated by necessity, sustained by natural justice, and which is conducted in a manner allowed by the constitution. They finally resolved that "while unreservedly acknowledging the spiritual jurisdiction of the holy see, we as the guardians of those liberties which our Catholic forefathers resolutely defended feel bound, to solemnly reassure Irishmen that Irish Catholics can recognize no right of the holy See to interfere with the Irish people in the management of their political affairs."

Col. Mapleson's Creditors.

Col. Mapleson, the opera manager, has passed the bankruptcy examinatin. It is stated his creditors are now withdrawing their claims and organizing a testimonial in his favor.

The Emperor Still Improving.

BERLIN, May 17.—The Emperor passed a good night and awoke refreshed at 10 o'clock this morning. He went driving in the park.

Warlike Preparations in Poland.

Advices from Warsaw represent Russia as in a state of ferment, owing to the warlike preparations of the military and civil powers of Poland.

Gen. Boulanger's Name on Illegal Placards.

PARIS, May 17.—An official inquiry into the origin of the illegal electoral placards which were circulated in the department of Gore prior to the election of a member for the deputies on Sunday last has been ordered. Gen. Boulanger's signature was on the placards but he denies signing them.

The Quarantined Chinese.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 17.—Writs of *habeas corpus* have been granted in behalf of the Chinese who are quarantined in the harbor here.

The Exclusion Bill Passed.

In the legislative assembly to-day the premier introduced the Chinese restriction bill, which received its third reading at 7 o'clock this evening with only verbal amendments. The bill operates from the 1st May and prohibits the naturalization of Chinamen. All vessels are allowed to bring one Chinaman for every three hundred, instead of every one hundred tons. It imposes restrictions in residence and trading upon the Chinese. Chinese with passports are not allowed to engage in mining without permission from the government. It does not affect Chinese who are British subjects.

AMERICAN NEWS.

The Convention of Millers.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The informal session of exporting millers came to a close yesterday and an adjournment was made until June 12th, on which date a national convention will be held at Buffalo. Twenty of the leading millers of the United States participated in the conference. The work transacted was merely preliminary to that of the Buffalo convention. This convention will attempt to rectify certain abuses in the export trade. The millers complain that they are completely at the mercy of the steamship companies. President Seybl, of the National millers' association, ridicules the idea that millers are contemplating forming a trust.

A Detective Attacked---He Shoots.

OMAHA, Neb., May 17.—Last night at Plattsmouth, a Pinkerton man, employed by the Burlington road, while passing from the depot to the postoffice, was assaulted by several of the Brotherhood of Engineers. He shot Peter Rogers fatally and started to run with the crowd after him yelling "Hang him." The Pinkerton man shot again, the bullet passing through the leg of a man named Bills and wounding a man named Kane. The detective ran towards the river and escaped. Great excitement prevails at Plattsmouth.

Northern Pacific Earnings.

ST. PAUL, May 17.—The earnings of the Northern Pacific railway for the week ending May 14, were $318,181; for the same week last year 214,740, an increase of $103,441.

Dr. McGlynn Heard From.

CINCINNATI, May 17.—Dr. McGlynn was to-day elected chairman of the executive committee of the united labor party.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

A great row occurred in the chamber of deputies, Paris, yesterday, which the president could not quiet, and he then left the chair.

A despatch from London says that orders were issued on Wednesday night for new guns to be mounted on the coast defences of England and the speedy manufacture of new magazine rifles for the army.

A bill has passed the U. S. senate appropriating $500,000 for final surveys and estimates for a boat railway either in Oregon or Washington Territory, around an obstruction of the Columbia river at The Dalles and Celibo Falls.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

CANADIAN NEWS.

An Incendiary Fire Consumes Two Children.

A Missing Veterinary Surgeon Found in Toronto Bay—Murder Suspected.

Another Produce Dealer Skips From Montreal—Drowning Accident at Picton—Meigs Election to be Contested.

The Quebec Legislature.

QUEBEC, May 17.—The legislature sat only a few minutes this afternoon, the debate on the inter-provincial resolution being postponed until Monday.

A Serious Matter to the Telegraph Co.

MONTREAL, May 17.—Owing to the passage of the bucket shop bill these places have given notice to the telegraph companies of their intention to cease using their wires. As a result the Montreal Telegraph Co. declined on the stock market to-day, as this means a loss of twenty to thirty thousand dollars to this company alone.

Departed for the Colony.

Another produce merchant has left the city and gone to Colorado. The creditors are few and of small amounts.

Meigs Election Contested.

The election of Meigs, Missisiquoi, has been contested, and the conservatives are confident he will be unseated.

Married on Monday—In Gaol Thursday.

Georgiana Le May, a young woman aged 30, who was married on Monday was arrested this morning for stealing $31 by forging a bank receipt. It was the shortest honeymoon on record.

Found in the Bay—Supposed Murder.

TORONTO, May 17.—Joseph Graham, a veterinary student, disappeared mysteriously a month ago. This morning his body was found floating in the bay. Graham belonged to Manchester village, Ontario county, and was supposed, after graduating at the veterinary college, to have left here and commenced practice at Battle Creek, Michigan. It is rumored that several thousand dollars were in his possession when last seen alive in the Revere House on the 16th April. Foul play is suspected. Only $535 and a ticket to Winnipeg were found in deceased's pockets. He was a married man, and his wife and child are living with his father in Manchester village.

The Diamond.

LONDON, Ont., May 17.—London, 2; Rochester, 2; called at end of ninth innings.

Upset and Drowned.

PICTON, Ont., May 17.—Fred. Bull, agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. here, was drowned by his canoe upsetting.

Two Children Burned in a Fire.

WINDSOR, Ont., May 17.—On Monday night a man named Edmunds, of Sandwich West, went to a colored church in Windsor and left four children home in bed. About 10 o'clock the eldest child, a girl of nine years of age, was awakened by a burning piece of timber on the bed. She immediately took the baby in her arms and ran to a neighbor's house for help. When she got back to the house the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to reach the other children. Two boys were roasted alive. The parents could see the house burning at a distance, but did not think the little ones were in danger. When the parents left the house the fire in the stove was not burning and the lamps not lighted. The fire is supposed to have been the work of incendiary.

CAPITAL NOTES.

No Settlement Yet in the Behring's Sea Question—The New Governor-General will Leave for Canada on the 31st—Parliament will Prorogue on Tuesday Next.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

OTTAWA, May 17.—Hon. Mr. Foster being asked to-night whether, as rumored, a settlement had been arrived at in regard to the Behring's Sea dispute, said that negotiations were still pending and a settlement had not yet been reached, but he had every reason to believe that there would be something definite before long.

Lord Stanley of Preston sails for Canada on the 31st instant.

Parliament is making steady progress. The commons will probably finish on Saturday night and will prorogue on Tuesday next. The government has decided to drop two or three measures, including the copyright bill.

THE DOMINION ALLIANCE.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia branch of the Dominion Alliance was held in the Y. M. C. A. hall yesterday afternoon, the Rev. D. Fraser, of Victoria, president, in the chair, and representatives from the various sections of the province and a number of temperance organizations being present.

After the regular business had been disposed of, a number of resolutions were passed, among them being one expressing the regret of the convention at the attitude of the members of the legislative assembly of the province towards temperance legislation, and conveying its thanks to those who voted in favor of the measures introduced furthering the cause of temperance. It was also resolved to secure the services of a first-class lecturer, thoroughly acquainted with the history of the temperance cause in Canada, to educate the people of this province in that direction.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. D. Fraser, president; Rev. E. Robson, vice-president; 1st vice-president, Mr. Noah Shakespeare, ex-M. P.; 2nd vice, Rev. W. J. Wadman; secretary, Mr. J. Hastie; which, with a committee of fifteen, constitute the excellent board.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the Methodist hall, Water street, the Rev. E. Robson being in the chair. Interesting and powerful addresses were delivered by the Reverends D. Fraser, Dr. Reid and James Turner and the Hon. John Robson, which were listened to with great attention and appreciation by the audience, cordial votes of thanks being passed at the close to the chairman and the speakers.—*News-Advertiser.*

Archbishop Fabre has issued a mandment, which was read in all churches, condemning the attitude of the Montreal *Evening Post* and its weekly edition, the *True Witness*, for remarks published anent the papal rescript. Although the papers are not mentioned the meaning of the pastoral letter is very clear. It warns all Catholics against buying a paper, the utterances of which are condemned as ill-considered and calculated to uproot the foundations of faith and morality by poisoning the minds and hearts of the faithful and suggesting to them motives of dishonesty and hatred to the Holy See. The mandment repels the insinuation as an impious calumniation that the Holy Father sold the Irish to England. The matter has created much excitement and it is said if the paper does not apologize the proprietor and editor will be formally excommunicated.

LATE CANADIAN NEWS.

ONTARIO.

The skating rink, Rat Portage, was totally destroyed by fire.

Natural gas has been discovered at Collingwood at a depth of 130 feet.

The senate, by a vote of 32 to 19, gave Mrs. Hart, of Montreal, her divorce.

Thos. Chapman, Ingersoll, one of the oldest pioneers of that section, is dead.

Peter McIvet, Seaforth, was run over and instantly killed. He laid down on the track while intoxicated.

At a meeting of St. Andrew's Society, Toronto, it was reported that $1,700 was raised towards Poet MacLachlan's testimonial fund.

Lizzie King, Hamilton, aged 4, drank carbolic acid carelessly left on the table. She was terribly burned and is not likely to recover.

John Hart's barn and stables, Parry Sound, were struck by lightning and burned with four horses and four cows. Loss $2,000; uninsured.

The Shefford nominations for the legislature took place on Friday. Dr. Degrosbois was nominated as the Liberal candidate, Mr. Noyes having retired in his favor. A. F. Savaria is his Conservative opponent.

Wm. Hearn deliberately shot himself in the breast at Briggs' hotel, Toronto. He was quite sober and appeared to be all right mentally. The bullet entered his breast and struck one of his ribs and glanced off. Hearn gave no reason except that he was tired of life.

While engaged in building the iron part of the new Butterworth bridge, between the counties of Middlesex and Elgin, the temporary bridge gave way, precipitating all the workmen into the river. Alex. Watterworth and Wm. Lamb were struck by timbers and killed instantly. Daniel Mills, Hiram Lumby, J. W. Madigan and B. Campbell were seriously injured.

A writ has been applied for to restrain Hon. S. H. Blake from sitting or acting as a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada. The plaintiff, J. A. McDonnell, claims that Mr. Blake qualified as a bencher on the fact that he is a retired judge whereas he is a resigned judge and therefore not within the meaning of the law. An interesting legal dispute is promised.

A great sensation has cropped up at Ottawa. One hundred and sixty-three duplicate pass keys have been stolen from the Dominion Government, leaving all the departmental offices in danger. Ministers private cabinets are also in danger. The keys were buried in Finnessy's back yard, the same number as those stolen. Finnessy is now serving a term in jail, and but for his incarceration, it is believed a wholesale robbery would have been carried out.

QUEBEC.

Elie St. Helaire, a supporter of Mercier in the Quebec legislature, is dead.

L. Pelletier has been appointed legislative councillor for Lawson division.

The Quebec government organ gives the following as that of the parties in the assembly: Ministerial, 40; opposition, 24. Council: Ministerial, 12; opposition, 7; independent, 1. The writ has been issued for a new election in Three Rivers and fixes the date of nomination on the 18th and voting 26th insts.

MANITOBA.

It is reported that Norquay is to be called to the Senate, *vice* Schultz, to be made lieutenant-governor of Manitoba.

Winnipeg people are excited over the revelations made in the Legislature by Provincial Treasurer Jones. A disgraceful state of affairs was revealed, showing the grossest boodling in printing and other departments. The weight of disgrace falls upon LaRiviere for his mismanagement of the treasury department. Before relinquishing office all the members of the late government overdrew their salaries, although not to any large extent. The *Manitoban* Printing Company was shown to have made only $7,000 out of printing a report on agriculture which was never of any use.

Great excitement prevails at Winnipeg over developments in local political affairs. In the legislature on Saturday, Greenway announced another steal on the part of the late government of $26,000 in connection with the lunatic asylum, and said it was the intention of the government to prosecute Norquay and LaRiviere criminally. He said Acton Burrows was the greatest disgrace and that he had been over-fed at the public crib. Further developments are expected. It is expected that all the opposition will vote with the government and leave LaRiviere and Norquay or LaRiviere himself standing alone. The conservatives are loud in their denunciations of the actions of the late government.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

Gloden, a trapper, died of starvation on the Athabasca River recently. His supply of provisions was burned up while away from camp. The snow was two feet deep and he had to keep himself alive by hunting until the ice broke and he could reach a settlement. His partner arrived at the Athabasca landing in a canoe almost dead, Gloden having died on the way.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

James Colsto and Len Duplessis, while breaking a jam of logs at Point Wolfe, were swept away with the timber and drowned.

Gloucester Junction, on the Intercolonial and Caraquet railways, has been burned, the station-master's family barely escaping with their lives.

A meeting of the stockholders of the St. John Building society which lately suspended has been held. The statement of the auditors showed that a deficit of $66,000 existed. After a protracted and at times warm discussion the meeting adjourned.

Ganong, a St. John hotel proprietor, is in jail on a charge of attempting to take the life of his wife. Some months ago Ganong's father-in-law died, leaving several thousand dollars to the former's wife. Ganong has been endeavoring to get the use of the money, but the wife refused to allow him to handle it, hence the present difficulty.

At a meeting of the St. John & Maine Railway Co. in London the directors' report was adopted. Mr. Stride, who presided, referred to the delay in the construction of the Megantic Railway through floods. He hoped that it would be completed by autumn. A dividend, at the rate of one per cent. per annum for the half-year, was declared.

John Ellis, M. P., and editor of the St. John *Globe*, has returned home. He is under bonds to appear before the supreme court of New Brunswick in June for sentence for alleged contempt of court. In the Baird election case Judge Tuck issued an injunction restraining the county judge from going on with a recount of the votes, and Ellis said "when something had to be done Judge Tuck intervened." For this an attachment has been issued against him. He got a stay of sentence to entitle him to sit in parliament this session and to appeal to the May term of the supreme court.

NOVA SCOTIA.

A furious southwest storm raged at Canso on Wednesday. All arrivals from the banks report plenty of fish. Fifty sail boats of the fleet have gone to Marble Mountain, C. B., to obtain nets. The Quebec steamer Union, which returned from Saguenay reports ice from St. John's cove to Grand bay still solid.