

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Getting at Their Views.
Availing themselves of the power reserved by the City Council, the members of the Assessment committee have employed a representative to interview all the leading business men of the city upon the question of commercial travellers' license. It is believed that the action of the Board will be determined by the expressed opinion of the merchants.

A New Hallucination.
A. J. Nelson, the old man who complained to the police that he had been drugged and robbed, on Wednesday, got another strange idea into his head during the night. He became convinced that fire had been kindled around him, and was disposed to think the jail officials were a little loose in their heads, because they failed to see the flames.

Howe Sound.
The Georgetown settlement at Howe Sound is progressing rapidly. A number of new settlers have taken up land and are making improvements thereon, by way of building houses and clearing timber. A school has been started which is attended by a considerable number of children. George Gibson has added an addition of 115 feet to his wharf, so that steamers can now land with perfect safety.

Church Floor Lifting.
St. Basil's church, at the corner of Cook street and Calcutta avenue, has closed its doors for a few days, in consequence of the opening of the new floor. The church was opened on Monday last, and the new floor was laid down on Tuesday. The church was opened on Monday last, and the new floor was laid down on Tuesday.

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TRADES AND LABOR CLUB.

Successful Inaugural Meeting, Last Night—Enthusiastic and Pertinent Speeches.
The meeting called by the committee having in labor the organization of the Trades and Labor Club, at the council chambers, City Hall, last evening, was called to order at 8:15 o'clock, by Ald. Holland taking the chair, Mayor Grant, who had been requested to preside, having been unavoidably kept away.

Hard and Fast.
Farmers and others driving along the Burnside road yesterday were surprised to see a large wagon loaded with furniture, occupying the center of one of the fields. The owner thereof had thought to make a short cut by driving over the fields, but his vehicle became mired, and the horses could neither retreat nor advance with it. He hopes to make port to-day.

Another Saw Mill.
Clarence D. Beck, lately of the Brunette mills, N.W. Westminster, has completed arrangements for starting a large saw mill on the northwestern coast of the island. The mill will have a cutting capacity of 100,000 feet per day, and will be a modern concern in every respect. Mr. Debeck will be the moving spirit of the new enterprise.—Morning Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Redmond.
Mr. Redmond, brother of the manager of the Ames, Holden Co. in this city, who was injured in the recent railway accident on the C.P.R., is still in the hospital at Medical Hill. He is progressing nicely, and may come to Victoria in the course of a few days; his heroic sister, whose conduct has been so favorably commented upon by Mr. F. B. McNamee, is in no way injured.

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To Drive the Silver Spike.
His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor, accompanied by the Premier, Cabinet Ministers and the members of the House of Commons, left for the steamer *Islander* at midnight, to take part in the formal opening of the New Westminster Southern Railway, which takes place to-day. The ceremony will, no doubt, be interesting in the extreme.

Japanese Preferred.
R. and G. E. Cunningham of Skeena left this morning for home, by their own steamer, the *Chieftain*. They take with them ten Japanese, who will be employed in the canneries during the coming season. Mr. Cunningham is of the opinion that Japanese men are much better workmen than the Chinese, and that they will eventually take the place of the Indians and Chinamen.

Lacrosse Players for Victoria.
From the appearance of a very healthy red blood is to be received by the Victoria Lacrosse club this season. Mr. R. S. Burleigh, a veteran of the St. Catharines Athletics, last year's champions, has announced that he will be in Victoria, and it is reported that the Welland Lake Manufacturing company, also of St. Catharines, contemplate opening a western branch in this city, of which Mr. J. D. Chaplin, the same man who was a goal keeper in Ontario, shall be manager.

Wanted, a Typewriter.
An advertisement under the above heading appears in a recent issue of a San Francisco paper, in which the advertiser states that the "typewriter" he wishes to engage must be a "brunet." Good wages are promised, and applicants are requested to enclose photos, addressing to a certain post-office box in this city. The ad. does not appear to be that of any legitimate business man of this city, and lady typewriter operators might do worse than give the advertiser a wide berth.

It Will be Interesting.
In addition to the estimates, there is to be a considerable amount of interesting business brought before the City Council this evening. "Who's running the park?" is the committee's question, and the subject will be again discussed, and the Assessment committee are expected to report on the question of travellers' license. So far, two out of every three representatives of the Assessment committee, have pronounced against the tax.

City Police Caught.
Only three policemen appeared in this court, yesterday morning. The first was a restaurant man, who, it was charged, sold liquor without a license. The case is adjourned till to-day, when further evidence will be produced. An American who had not been a great while in Victoria, was charged with frequenting a house of ill-fame, and was given 24 hours to leave the city. The Chinaman who had been lodged safely in jail the night before, last on suspicion of stealing, was brought to the court, where he got the clothes pawned. The case is adjourned till to-day.

The World is Amazingly Small.
A young Victorian went to a lecture on mesmerism in London lately. The lecturer invited any medical men present to step up and scrutinize the effects produced. Imagine one of our Victorian surprise when another youthful Victorian stepped upon the stage, and said, "I am a doctor, and I am to be entirely ignorant of medical knowledge. He felt the medium's pulse, and, shaking his head, announced, "Very, very low." The two met casually on the street afterwards, and the lecturer explained that he wanted a good seat, and supposed no one knew him.

The Charge Against Judge Sachs.
The committee of justice, who are charged with the duty of investigating the charges preferred against Superior Judge Sachs, of Port Townsend, report seven specific charges of gambling by playing at faro, and two business transactions wherein he had acted as judge, and had been guilty of malfeasance in office. The committee recommended that it be directed to investigate and report the legal method to impeach and remove Sachs, and that it report fully a method and manner of impeachment, and the facts upon which the committee found said facts sufficient to warrant proceedings, that it report to the House articles of impeachment. The report was at once adopted.

Died at Sea.
The steamer *Gaika*, which arrived at San Francisco last week, from Hong Kong and Yokohama, had on board the body of Thomas Tomlinson, the vessel's chief engineer, who died of cholera on the 18th, while on shore at Yokohama. Mr. Tomlinson was crossing a plank spanning a narrow creek. A drunken man was so intoxicated that he stepped on the plank, and fell overboard. Mr. Tomlinson, who was a native of Victoria, was a member of the Victoria Club, and was a very popular man.

Lost and Found.
The Original Deeds of the Royal Hospital Property Recovered.
From 1871 until a few days ago, the original deeds of the Royal Hospital property have been missing. They were last heard of twenty years ago, on the office of the then attorney-general, but no trace of them could be obtained when they were required to enable the property in question to be properly transferred to the purchaser, Mr. S. J. Pitts, lawyer.

Is It a Fact?
Asked a visiting American, yesterday, as he stood in front of the new Chinese mission, on Fisgard street, "that certain of the clergy of Victoria are so taken up with the work of saving and educating the Chinese, that they let the Indians go their own sweet way to ruin?"
The new man, who was the party addressed, had never heard it put in that way, and said so.

In Chambers.
(Before Mr. Justice Walkem.)
Powell vs. Wintermud—For an order for specific performance of a contract, made by the plaintiff, Mr. Corbould for defendant.
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Albion Gold.
A sample of quartz forwarded to the city for assay by Mr. McMillen of Alberni, has been found by the government assayer to contain \$4 in silver and \$25 in gold to the ton. The ledge is situated near the water, and will be developed by the finder during the coming summer.

At Neph Bay.
The Alberni mail yesterday, brought a letter from Capt. Hackett, of the sealing schooner *Annie C. Moore*, which, at the date of writing, was lying, with four others, in Neph Bay, waiting for the *Hackett* to return. The schooner was reported very rough weather, but was hopeful as to the spring catch.

Getting Ready.
There are already six blooded trotters and one runner at the Driving Park, in training daily for the spring meeting of the Victoria Jockey club. To-morrow night, Red Dick, Cydnone and another fast American horse, will come over from the South, with their trainer, to prepare for the spring season, with which the Pacific coast circuit opens.

Deaths to be Organized.
The deaths of British Columbia, including all in practice, are expected to meet in this city at 10 a. m., to-morrow, for the purpose of discussing the latest developments in dental science, and forming an association for the benefit of the profession in British Columbia. The meeting will last two or three days. British Columbia at present is the only province not having such an association.

Work to be Done.
Four very close tenders for the erection of the Five Sisters' Block, at the corner of Fort and Government streets, upon the plans of Mr. T. C. Sorby, were opened yesterday, in the presence of Messrs. D. R. Harris and W. F. Ballen, and the contract was awarded to the highest bidder, Mr. Geo. C. Mesher, whose figures are between \$35,000 and \$50,000. The total cost of the building, will, however, exceed \$100,000, in all probability. Mr. Mesher commences the construction of the old buildings, to-morrow morning.

Church Services.
Special Lenten services have been arranged for all the Anglican churches of the city and diocese, to be held on Saturday evening—Christ the King, at 7 o'clock. Subjects of the sermons and addresses have been arranged as follows: Sunday morning—First Principles of Christ; Sunday evening—Scripture Warnings; Tuesday evening—Christ the King; Wednesday evening—The Church; Thursday afternoon—Boys and Girls of the Bible; Friday evening—Christian Verities; Holy week—Prophecy of the Passion.

Debate Society.
The Victoria Debating Society, at their regular meeting last night, held a very regular and interesting discussion on the subject of "Resolved, that the Catholic Church has a moral tendency." The decision resulted in favor of the negative. This society is becoming a most valuable source of practical knowledge and education. Young men would do better than to neglect it on Saturday evening. The subject for next Saturday evening is: "Resolved, that the Parliament of British Columbia deserves censure for rejecting the Sunday law."

Football.
A return game of football was played between the Oakleafs and James Bay clubs, at Beacon hill yesterday afternoon. The game was well contested throughout, and although the Oakleafs were a good deal heavier, the game resulted in a win for the former by Holmes, Lost and Anderson, for the winners, and by Lorimer for the James Bays. For the Oakleafs, Holmes, R. Judson, Bradley and Goss. The winners, for the winners, and by Lorimer for the James Bays. For the Oakleafs, Holmes, R. Judson, Bradley and Goss. The winners, for the winners, and by Lorimer for the James Bays.

School of Arms.
The Victoria School of Arms, a society formed for the cultivation of boxing, fencing and gymnastic exercises in general, has rented the flat which used to form the old Union club rooms, at the corner of Government and Yates streets, for the purpose of holding all kinds of gymnastic exercises for the convenience of the members of the new club. The rooms will be ready for the reception of members on Monday, the 18th inst., at 4:30 p. m.

Indian Servants.
Capt. Baker, of the Indian cavalry service, who is spending a year's furlough with his parents, Col. and Mrs. James Baker, of this city, was asked yesterday what peculiarities of Victoria impressed him most, upon his arrival here a few days ago. He replied that, putting apart the scenery, the electric cars, the telephones, and the well appointed hotels, he was most struck by the Chinamen. In India each white man at least has a coolie, and a low British coolie, but here, as far as he could see, one servant did the work of all the Indian troops. One Chinaman does the work, at least, of five "Indians."

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The first real genuine snowfall of the season whitened the Victoria rocks yesterday; and in the evening, the small boys amused themselves snowballing and sleigh-riding on the sidewalks.

Albion Gold.
A sample of quartz forwarded to the city for assay by Mr. McMillen of Alberni, has been found by the government assayer to contain \$4 in silver and \$25 in gold to the ton. The ledge is situated near the water, and will be developed by the finder during the coming summer.

At Neph Bay.
The Alberni mail yesterday, brought a letter from Capt. Hackett, of the