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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Damage to Harrison Lake Salmon Hatchery—Site for the Columbian Methodist College.

Salvation Army Special Services—Drowned in the Gulf—Pot Hunting to be Stopped.

(Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The two-year-old daughter of H. A. Berry died of diphtheria at Westminister to-day.

Principal Spelling is opening a private academy. The trustees are in favor.

Wah Foo stepped into the Bank of B.C. at Westminister and ordered a draft for \$2,200, on China.

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Harvest Festival services yesterday, preaching twice, and in the afternoon addressing two meetings, one for children and one for young men.

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Death of the Distinguished French General—His Military and Political Career.

The Famous Letter Which He Wrote in Accepting the Presidency of the Republic.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—Field Marshal MacMahon, Duke of Magenta, died to-day, Marie Edme Patrick Marie de MacMahon, Duc de Magenta, Marshal of France, ex-President of the French Republic, was born at Sully, July 13, 1808.

He was a descendant of an Irish family who risked and lost all for James II. The MacMahons mingled their blood by marriage with the old nobility of France. Marshal MacMahon entered the military service of France in 1825 at St. Cyr; was sent to the Algerian war in 1830; took part, as Aide-de-Camp to General Abaud, in the expedition to Antwerp, 1832; took part in the assault on Constantinople; Major of Cassagne's Pied, 1840; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Foreign Legion, 1843; Colonel of the 41st of Line, 1845; General of Brigade 1848; Succeeded Marshal Canrobert in 1854, Crimea, 1855; in command of division was assigned the perilous post of carrying the Malakoff towers and works at the assault on Sebastopol, September 8, 1855. The brilliant success of MacMahon at that time won him the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor; in 1859 nominated Knight Grand Cross of the Bath. Won his marshal's baton in the Italian campaign, and for his services at the battle of Magenta was made Duke of Magenta. Commanded first army corps in the war against Prussia. Was commander-in-chief at the battle of Sedan, received a severe wound in the thigh at the beginning of the engagement. Made a prisoner of war and sent to Germany. Returned to France March 13, 1871. Made commander-in-chief at Versailles. Successfully conducted the siege of Paris against the commune. Elected president of the French republic, May 24, 1873, succeeding M. Thiers. MacMahon's letter of acceptance of the presidency is famous. It was no more than a heavy responsibility thrust upon his patriotism, but with the aid of God, the devotion of the army, which will always be the army of the law, and the support of all honest men, we will continue together the work of liberating the territory, and restoring moral order throughout the country; we will maintain internal peace and the principles on which society is based. That this shall be done I pledge my word as an honest man and as a soldier.

He resigned the Presidency on January 30, 1879, and was succeeded by M. Jules Grévy.

The deceased soldier and statesman, it has been said, deserves to be rated as a soldier of remarkable personal courage and energy; possessed of more than ordinary military talent; he was a patriot, an honest, incorruptible man. As a statesman he did not conceal his monarchial prejudices, but as President of the French Republic he behaved like a man of honor and did his full duty under the law. He was descended from one of that band of heroic Irish exiles who, after the defeat of James II in Ireland, followed their leader, the gallant Sarfield, Earl of Lucan, and his wife, the daughter of Louis XIV. The descendants of these Irish exiles saved Fontenoy to Marshal Saxe. Marshal MacMahon was just therefore a Frenchman of Irish lineage; just a Napoleon's Marshal MacDonald was of Scotch lineage.

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A QUESTION OF RACE. TAOMA, Oct. 17.—The members of St. Mary's Catholic church have received word that a petition to Mr. Stoll, sent in appeal from a decision of Bishop Yungler, has been refused.

The leading one of the dissidents is Policeman John O'Connor, and with him, as he says, are ex-Commissioner John McGoldrick and the rest of the 500 persons who signed the petition. The complaint is that while Taoma and its suburbs have several priests, all thanks to the influence of the Bishop and Father Hylebos, are either Belgians or Germans.

The Irish and American Catholics have petitioned for an English-speaking priest and have been refused. Mr. O'Connor says that he will agitate the matter until St. Mary's gets its rights, cost what they will. St. Mary's church started some time ago and has a church and eight lots on the corner of Yakima avenue and Twenty-fourth street, valued at \$10,000 in all. They asked for a pastor and Father Emmons was sent. When the German who was then part of the congregation refused to accept the English language one fortnight and did not get it, they forthwith built the Church of the Sacred Heart, and the remaining members of St. Mary's also petitioned for one.

They were refused by the bishop, and the church allowed to go for two years without a pastor, though the Irish and American elements of the Catholic church here outnumber the other elements in the proportion of eight to two. O'Connor says that Rev. Father Hylebos had two objects in view during his recent trip to Washington; one to look after the Catholic missions of the country, and the other to watch his (O'Connor's) petition through Mr. Stoll's hands.

O'Connor says Father Hylebos "did him up," but that the people of St. Mary's will not contribute any money toward local denominational objects till their wrongs are righted.

WORLD'S FAIR. CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Before the fair closes, the State Executive commissioners, who have an organization of their own, will probably meet and adopt resolutions expressing in plain language their opinion of the treatment received at the hands of the administration. They complain that the State commissioners and exhibitors under their charge have received scant courtesy from the executive departments and have been subjected to continuous annoyance and restrictions and obnoxious orders. The State commissioners have been on the verge of expressing their feelings in a vigorous and practical way several times during the season, but have been restrained in the interests of peace and the fair success. The executive commissioner from one of the northwestern states said to-day at the meeting of the association for the purpose mentioned would be held, and he declared that the action taken would be unanimous, although he was not sure that the executive commissioners who had been singled out for favor would be present. Some state commissioners also have grievances against the work of the bureau, and have resented their in awards being made in worthless ways or no awards being made in some cases. Bonds which were necessary for examination in North Dakota's forestry exhibit have been lost. Executive Commissioner Dickley, of that State, attacked the Chairman Thatcher to-day and demanded that the exhibit be examined in some way for awards. Dickley got no answer but will appeal in person to the national commission.

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