sword dance and the Highland fling are wholly Scotch, of course, and are interesting features of the game. In the first the Highlander dances over and around two crossed broadswords laid upon the ground. Certain steps are prescribed and he must execute these between the crossed blades and opposite the points, getting as close as he can to the swords without touching them. If his foot touches a sword that ends the dance. The man who goes through the dance most gracefully and perfectly and keeps the best time is the winner. No doubt the wild Highlander danced in his bare feet over blades turned edge upward, and ran more or less risk of cutting himself if he proved awkward. Now the blades are placed flat on the ground. In the Highland fling, grace of movement, accuracy of time and correctness of step are the essentials. Following is a list of the games and

THE WINNERS.

Running high jump—1st, J. W. Gray, 4 ft. 9 in.; 2nd, H. Good, 4 ft. 8 in.

Running long jump—1st, A. E. Shore, 18 ft. 4 in.; 2nd, H. Good, 17 ft. 4 in.

Hop, step and jump—1st, A. E. Shore, 38 ft. 8 in.; 2nd, H. Good, 36 ft. 10 in.

Foot race, 3 miles—1st, Jos. Stuart; 2nd, J. Forrest.

Foot race for boys under 15—1st, D. Hepworth; 2nd, F. Vidler.

Foot race for girls under 15—1st, Grace Anderson; 2nd, Katie Bodie.

Foot race for boys under 10—1st, W. T. Whitley; 2nd, Norman Bradley.

Half-mile race—1st, Jos. Stuart; 2nd, Marsh.

Half-mile navy and military race—1st, J. Roarke; 2nd, L. Hyndman.

Tug of war, civilians vs. "C" Battery, 10 a side—Won twice in succession by civilians.

Hurdle race—1st, H. Maynard; 2nd, Jos. Stuart.

Coal-oil can race—1st, Harry Maynard; 2nd, Jos. Stuart.

Throwing heavy hammer—1st, D. McLeod, 80 ft. 1 in.; 2nd, Alex McDonald, 80 ft.

Putting heavy shot—1st, D. McLeod, 34 ft. 5 in.; 2nd, Gunner Michaud, 32 ft. 8 in.

One mile naval and military race—1st, Rourke; 2nd, Wray.

Sack race—1st, W. Colwell; 2nd, Alexander Trainer.

Three-legged race —1st, Fry and Maynard; 2nd, Hyndman and Wray.

Race for men over fifty years—1st, Wm. Lorimer; 2nd, C. Pardon.

DANCING.

Highland fling—1st prize, Miss Maud Underhill; 2nd prize, Miss V. Shaw.

Sailor's hornpipe—1st prize, Capt. R. Hicks.

Sword dance—1st prize, W. Carmichael.

THE LOTTERY.

Prizes—1st, silver tea set; 2nd, silver cake basket; 3rd, dressing case; 4th, work-box; 5th, dressing case; 6th, ladies companion; 7th, silver locket and chain; 8th, ladies ridicule; 9th, silver brooch.

Winning numbers—Ticket No. 325, 1st; No. 680, 2nd; No. 144, 3rd; No. 690, 4th; No. 672, 5th; No. 674, 6th; No. 922, 7th; No. 154, 8th; No. 381, 9th.

BEST COSTUMES.

Best dressed boy in Highland costume—Master Chas. J. Sheppard.

Best dressed girl in Highland costume—Miss Harriet Cotaford Mackay.

The games being concluded, dancing commenced at 7 o'clock on a spacious platform and was kept up till long after midnight, music being provided by the Queen City band. In the evening the grounds were brilliantly illuminated with electric lights, and about 10 o'clock there was a grand display of fireworks and balloon ascensions. Everything passed off well, and it was past midnight before the crowd began to thin.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

A Convention to be Held To-day—Interesting Programme.

The annual meeting of the Teachers' Institute will be held to-day in the Y. M. C. A. hall, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m. A large number of teachers, it is expected, will be present as many of those holding positions throughout the province have arrived in the city. Following is the programme :

FIRST SESSION—THURSDAY 5TH, 10 A. M.—Election of officers; payment of fees; enrolment of members; general business.

SECOND SESSION—THURSDAY 5TH, 2 P. M.—Natural Methods of Teaching Grammar, Mr. W. Sivewright; Advantages of a Teacher's Life, Mr. M. McKinnon, M. A.; Penmanship, Mr. J. W. Manuel.

THIRD SESSION—THURSDAY 5TH, 7:30 P. M.—Study of Modern Languages, Mr. H. Pottmeyer; Discipline in our Public Schools, Mr. J. F. Smith; a Classical Education, Mr. J. P. McLeod, B. A.

FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY 6TH, 10 A. M.—Physiology, Miss F. E. Armstrong; Lesson on Arithmetic, Mr. R. Landells, B. A.; Cui Bono? Mr. H. M. Stramberg, B. A.

FIFTH SESSION—FRIDAY 6TH, 2 P. M.—The Mutual Relation of Parent to Teacher, Miss A. D. Cameron; Question Drawer, Supt. S. D. Pope, B. A.

The sessions will be enlivened with songs and recitations.

The Institute will close on the evening of Friday in the Philharmonic Hall, Fort street, with a conversazione for teachers, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30, after which the public are invited, when an interesting programme will be rendered.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT—S. D. Pope, B.A., President; Miss A. D. Cameron, Vice-Pres.; R. L. Fraser, Vice-Pres.; A. Gilchrist, Vice-Pres.; D. E. Kerr, Secretary; Miss C. W. Forrest, Cor. Sec.; J. J. Bannerman, Treasurer; Inspector D. Wilson; Miss A. C. Goweg.

MARSHAL ATKINS' GIFT.

The Rifle With Which Fuller Murdered Archbishop Seghers Presented to the Clergy Here.

In April last Marshal Atkins, of Sitka, intimated to a representative of THE COLONIST that he would be pleased to forward to any of the Roman Catholic clergy in the city the rifle used by Fuller in the killing of the late lamented Archbishop Seghers. The clergy wrote to the Marshal, and yesterday, on the arrival of the Elder, Capt. Hunter handed the weapon to them with the following explanatory note :

SITKA, June 20th, 1888.

The Most Reverend Catholic Clergy, Victoria, B.C.

SIRS,—In cheerful compliance to the request contained in your letter addressed to me under date May 18th ult., I send by the hand of Capt. James Hunter, commander of the steamship G. W. Elder, a Winchester rifle, being the one used by the miscreant Fuller in destroying the most valued life, that of the late Archbishop Seghers. In regard to the whereabouts of the watch and other personal effects of the lamented Archbishop, mentioned in your letter, I have no knowledge other than I understand that some portion of them was in possession of the United States Commissioner J. P. Johnson, of Ounalaska, who undoubtedly, if he has them, will take pleasure in placing them in your keeping. To such restoration I will deem it a pleasant duty to render all aid in my power. Very respectfully,

BARTIN ATKINS,
U. S. Marshal.

Marshal Atkins has the thanks of the clergy, who will preserve the rifle in remembrance of one who, though lost to them forever, will ever be held in loving remembrance.

A GUN IN THE HANDS OF A FOOL

Shoots Two Young Ladies Fatally on Lopez Island.

A sad occurrence has just been made known at Lopez Island, W.T. Lopez Island is one of the San Juan group, distant some 25 miles east of Victoria. On Sunday last a person named Wyatt, who hails from Seattle, and who had been on the island a few days, started out on a deer hunt. In a grain field, about a quarter of a mile from the town of Lopez, he saw something moving, which he supposed to be a deer, fired, and seriously, probably fatally wounded, Miss Henrietta Blake an estimable, young and comely lady Miss Blake was accompanied by her sister Martha, who screamed when her sister fell, and Wyatt, mistaking the noise for the cry of a startled deer, fired again, shooting Miss Martha Blake in the body and face. He then discovered his mistake. The young ladies were conveyed home, Miss Henrietta Blake rapidly sinking, and her sister dangerously, if not also fatally wounded. The feeling among the Islanders is very strong against Wyatt, and considerable talk of lynching was heard. He was immediately placed under arrest by Sheriff Kelly, of San Juan county, to await the consequence of his criminal carelessness.

In tearing down an old building in Winora, Minn., formerly used as a gambling den, a secret trap-door was discovered leading into a vault in which were found bones, old shoes and clothing.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, July 6.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Our Wimbledon Team.

The Canadian Wimbledon team now in London is practising at the range despite the fact that wet weather somewhat interferes. The shooting at Wimbledon opens on Monday.

A Salvationist Skipper.

It is said that the Dutchman who used to be so hard on the Salvation Army drum at Westminster has left the city leaving $300 worth of debts behind which he forgot to pay. He took small contracts for clearing land and never paid his men.

The Vancouver Murder.

The inquest on the body of D. J. Jackson, who was found with his throat cut on the shore of Coal Harbor, on Sunday night, resulted in the finding of a verdict that deceased came to his death by violence at the hands of some party or parties unknown.

No Quorum.

An effort was made to hold a meeting of the board of aldermen last evening; but after waiting until 8:15 o'clock the atttmpt had to be abandoned, the Mayor and four aldermen only being in attendance, and five aldermen being necessary to constitute a quorum.

A Result of the Boat Race.

Night watchman Stewart has disposed of his boat to Mr. Alexander Campbell, and has left the city. Stewart was one of Paine's backers in the recent race with Peterson, and his losses are variously estimated at from $1,000 to 1,900. He was a genial, whole-souled fellow and a good officer, and his friends regret his departure from the city.

Celebrating in London.

The twenty-fist anniversary of confederation is to be celebrated by a banquet on the 12th instant at London. The Mayor of Ottawa will preside. Lord Knutsford, the colonial secretary, the Marquises of Lansdowne and Lorne, Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. E. Blake and Hon. O. Mowat have promised to attend; a large muster of Canadians is expected.

Board of Trade Meeting.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade takes place to-day at the Board's rooms in the Bank of British Columbia building, at 3 o'clock p.m. Considering the various useful matters dealt with so successfully by this body, a full attendance of members is looked for. The annual report will come up for discussion, and the election of officers and council will be proceeded with, so that members should be punctual in their attendance.

Alaska Mining Prospects.

A private letter, received in Juneau from San Francisco says that a report is in circulation in certain circles in that city to the effect that Hamilton Smith of London and Henry Janin of New York were sent to Alaska by the Rothschilds of London to examine the Treadwell and other properties on Douglas Island, and report findings, with a view of purchasing the properties. What truth there is in the report we are unable to say, but we do know these gentlemen spent several weeks on Douglas Island, investigating thoroughly several properties, and a considerable quantity of ore was sacked and shipped, and it is said a large portion of it will be shipped to England. If such is the case a new mining era is about to dawn in Alaska, which will result in operations being carried on more extensively than the most sanguine believer in our future ever anticipated. Juneau may then, indeed, provide in unlimited prosperity. —*Juneau Mining Record.*

A Mysterious Murder Case Revived.

It will be remembered that on the morning of November 6, 1886, the murdered body of an unknown man was found in the foundation of the Villard Hotel at Portland. The body lay on a pile of stones and was stabbed in a dozen or more places. Every effort was made to secure the murderers, but the attempt failed for want of sufficient evidence to fasten the crime upon the suspected parties. Now comes Ira Hummel, recently tried in Seattle for the attempted murder of John Michaelson, who makes affidavit that on the night of the mysterious murder in Portland he heard several shots fired and saw two men rush out of the Villard hotel ruins, one of whom was Michaelson. That Michaelson took hold of him (Hummel), took him to an old cabin in the suburbs of the city and compelled him to sign a certain document; and that next morning the body of a murdered man was found in the hotel ruins, whose murderers have not yet been discovered. The Portland authorities are going to investigate this story and are now in Seattle looking for Michaelson.

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Schwabacher Bros. & Co.

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The Bark Arabella.

This vessel, which was successfully floated on Wednesday evening, was towed round to Esquimalt yesterday by the steamers Hope and Daisy, and placed in the dry dock. Repairs will be effected in about a week, when she will proceed to Chemainus for a load of lumber.

THE CHINESE MATTER.

The *Times* of Friday evening, inspired by Mr. Vrooman, casts certain doubts as to the authenticity of Mrs. Menzies' letter published in Tuesday's issue, and also contains several absurd insinuations in regard to THE COLONIST's position in the matter. It is not our intention to reply to the *Times'* absurdities. They are of too frequent recurrence to be worthy of much notice. However, that Mrs. Menzies' statements may have corroboration, we give below the affidavit of Miss Jessie Fowler, on file in the supreme court, having been deposited there in a recent case of *habeas corpus*. There are other affidavits on file there, and in possession of officials in the city touching on this same Chinese trafficking, which can be produced if required.

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In the Supreme Court of British Columbia:

I, Miss Jessie Fowler, of Victoria, British Columbia, make oath and say:

1. That my mother, Mrs. Marion L. Fowler, was employed as matron of the Chinese girls' "Home," which was organized and controlled by John E. Vrooman, otherwise John E. Gardner. My mother was matron from the 17th June, 1887, until after New Year's day, 1888.

2. My mother was required to stay at the "Home" day and night; she never left there during this time without leaving either me or my sister in charge. I lived there with my mother, and have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated.

3. The "Home" at the time hereinbefore mentioned was situated on Frederick Street, Victoria. Mrs. Hopkins, the mother-in-law of Prof. Menzies, was the matron immediately preceding my mother. Miss Leak is the present matron in charge of the "Home."

4. In the month of January last, during the cold weather, while there were snow on the ground, Ah Lin and Ah Hoe, former inmates of the "Home," came to our residence on Fisguard Street, near Blanchard, at about 9 o'clock in the evening. This was after my mother had left the "Home." They were crying bitterly, and said the matron had been beating them and had refused them supper. They were very thinly clad, each having only one thin shirt and a coat, besides shoes and stockings, and a handkerchief on their heads. We took them in. This was on a Friday. We kept them until the following Monday, no one coming for them or enquiring after them in the meantime. On Monday my mother told them to go to Vrooman's residence, and expecting them to be returned to the Home my mother sent a pipe and some tabacco that was at our residence which belonged to Ah Sue an inmate of the Home. * * * They left to go to Mr. Gardner's. They afterwards returned and said they had been to Mr. Vrooman's but no one was in, and that they then went to the Home but were refused admittance. We kept them again on Monday night, and being convinced that Mr. Vrooman would make no provision for them, we decided to find some private family who would take them. On the next day my mother and sister went to see Mrs. Hopkins, who was then living with Mr. and Mrs. Menzies, to make arrangements for the girls. Satisfactory arrangements were made and Prof. Menzies and Mr. Cohen came on Tuesday night and took the girls away. I have not seen Ah Lin since, but I have seen Ah Hoe several times since on the streets caring for Mr. Cohen's baby. She was well dressed and seemed contented and happy.

5. Some of the girls were brought to the Home and detained there by force recently tried in Seattle for the attempted murder of John Michaelson, who makes affidavit that on the night of the mysterious murder in Portland he heard several shots fired and saw two men rush out of the Villard hotel ruins, one of whom was Michaelson. That Michaelson took hold of him (Hummel), took him to an old cabin in the suburbs of the city and compelled him to sign a certain document; and that next morning the body of a murdered man was found in the hotel ruins, whose murderers have not yet been discovered. The Portland authorities are going to investigate this story and are now in Seattle looking for Michaelson.

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THE BASE BALL MATCH.

The Amities Played an Uphill Game, but Got There Just the Same.

The second game of base ball between the Seattle Browns and the Amities, of Victoria, on the race track, Seattle, on Wednesday last was witnessed by several thousand people. Before play was commenced rain fell slightly, but not to the serious detriment of the game. Both clubs were in excellent practice, and through mishaps they had each on a fresh pitcher, G. Gowen for the Amities and Coffman for the Browns. The Amities went first to bat, but did not score a run, while their opponents scored one. In the second innings the Amities again failed to score, while the Browns got two. In the third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings the Victoria boys failed to secure a run, although in many ways their play was brilliant. Their weak point was at the bat, the battery of Coffman being very destructive, as well as strange to them. At the close of the sixth innings the score stood four to nothing in favor of the Browns, and the friends of the Victoria team, who were in attendance in large numbers, came to the conclusion that defeat was certain.

In the seventh innings, however, by remarkably good play, the Amities succeeded in placing two runs to their credit amid the vociferous applause of their friends. The Browns failed to score. In the eighth innings the Victorians made some fine hits, securing second base, and getting a couple of men home. In this innings they scored five, reversing the score to their favor. The Browns seemed to get disheartened and made several mistakes. The Amities scored again in their ninth innings, as also did the Browns, leaving the game with the former by a score of 8 to 5.

T. Burnes in centre field did some fine work, taking four flies in fine style. N. Gowen's work at short stop was very effective, while the pitching of Gus. Gowen and the catching of Geo. Borthwick was good. Jackson, on first base, surprised everybody with his fine play, putting out twelve men without an error.

For the Browns the battery of Coffman and Begley was excellent. Burwell also did good work on second base.

It was an uphill game for the Amities, and they never lost heart throughout. At the conclusion they were heartily congratulated by their friends and treated to an ovation by the spectators as it was the first game. The Browns felt very much disappointed with the result. They, however, treated the victors in good style, and the best of feeling prevails between the two teams. Umpire Armstrong filled that difficult position with great fairness, and gave satisfaction to all parties.

The following is the score:—

BROWNS.

	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Kinney, 1 b	2	1	7	0	2
Begley, c	0	0	9	5	0
Burwell, 2 b	0	0	6	3	2
Coffman, p	1	2	0	11	0
Stevens, s s	1	0	1	1	0
Booth, r f	1	0	0	0	1
Jacobs, 3 b	0	1	3	0	0
Corfee, l f	0	0	1	0	0
Chenvront, c f	0	0	0	0	0
	5	4	27	20	6

AMITYS.

	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Gowen, Geo., 3 b	1	2	0	0	2
Burnes, c f	2	1	4	0	0
Duck, 2 b	1	0	0	0	0
Gowen, Gus., p	1	1	12	1	0
Borthwick, c	1	2	9	2	0
Gowen, N., s s	1	2	2	7	1
Jackson, 1 b	1	2	12	0	0
Gouge, l f	0	2	0	0	0
Baker, r f	0	0	0	0	1
	8	10	27	21	4

Earned runs, Amitys 4, Browns 1. Struck out, Gus. Gowen 10, Coffman 3. Passed balls, Borthwick 2, Begley 1. Time of game, 1:55.

Score by innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Amitys	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	1—8
Browns	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	—5

COUNTY COURT.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, Chief Justice.)

T. S. Bone *vs.* Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F.—Action to recover $250 for sick benefits alleged to be due for twenty-two weeks, ending April, 1888.

Plaintiff's claim was that he fractured his knee-cap in October, 1886, and the lodge paid him $170 sick benefits up to the 16th March, 1887, when upon the certificate of Dr. Davie reporting Mr. Bone as convalescent, the lodge decided him to be off the sick fund. Plaintiff then claimed $30 for three weeks' further benefits; this the lodge refused to pay. Plaintiff appealed to the Grand Master, Mr. Joshua Davies, who, after careful enquiry into the facts of the case, sustained the action of Columbia Lodge. Mr. Bone then appealed to the Grand Lodge; but that body confirmed the decision of the Grand Master. Plaintiff then claimed $220 further benefits for 22 weeks, from November, 1887, to April, 1888, and brought this action to recover the amount, alleging that he was totally incapacitated from earning a livlihood because he was unable to look after his garden, attend to his cow, chickens, etc.

It was shown that plaintiff is a retired merchant, following no trade or occupation, but living on his money. His lordship non-suited the plaintiff, holding that as he (the plaintiff) had no occupation to follow, he could make no claim upon the lodge. His lordship also said he agreed with the decision of the Grand Master. Costs were refused, the chief justice stating that the lodge had encouraged the plaintiff too much by paying him as much as they had.

Mr. Walker for plaintiff; Mr. Thornton Fell for defendants.

THE FEE LICENSE.

TO THE EDITOR:—While agreeing in the main with your correspondent ("An ex-Councillor"), I must join issue with him on one point.

In the matter of the Fee license, although condemning the action of the licensing board, he says "he cannot see that the slightest blame attaches to the aldermen for its issue."

Now the very statute which creates the licensing board confers full power upon the municipal council to make by-laws regulating the issue of licenses, and it is quite clear that it was never anticipated or intended that the licensing board should be left free to do as it listed, unrestrained by any by-law. And yet no such by-law has been passed, and thus it becomes possible for that board to perpetrate such outrages upon the rights of the citizens as the issue of the Fee license.

In view of these facts, how can it be said that not the slightest blame attaches to the council? Of course there is this to be pleaded, that the present board of aldermen is to some extent composed of new material, consequently, cannot, perhaps, be considered fully responsible for the past *laches* of that body; but with the North Park street outrage fresh before them, if they still refuse to do their duty in this respect, they will undoubtedly be held to a strict account.

I quite agree with what your correspondent says in reference to the course the council should have adopted in dealing with the petition from the aggrieved residents. The treatment that petition met with was cowardly and insulting to a large body of ratepayers, and is not likely to be forgotten when the proper time comes. I refer more particularly to the sneering remarks of Alderman Kelly.

QUARRA.

The Vatican has decided to offer no opposition to the resolutions of the Irish bishops at Maynooth college relative to the Irish question.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the British Columbia Teachers' Institute is Now Being Held in the Y. M. C. A. Rooms.

The meeting opened at 10 o'clock a. m. yesterday with prayer by Mr. Mundell, after which dues were paid and new members enrolled.

Next in orderwas the election of officers. When the ballot was opened the following were declared duly elected for the ensuing year: Mr. S. D. Pope, Supt. of Education, president; Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, 1st vice-president; Mr. Coasham, 2nd vice-president; Mr. Stainburn, 3rd vice-president; Mr. D. E. Kerr, corresponding secretary; Miss L. A. Barron, recording secretary; Miss Gowen and Mr. P. McLoud, additional members of management committee.

After remarks concerning the advantages attending institutions of the nature of the present one were made by Mr. Pope, who took the opportunity of complimenting the teaching staff of the province on their ability and conscientious effort in their chosen profession.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the retiring officers and the meeting adjourned until the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened at two o'clock with over one hundred members present, the newly-elected president, Supt. Pope, acting as chairman.

"Natural Methods of Teaching Grammar," by W. Sievewright, was a paper ably handled. It was favorably commented on by Mr Levinge. The essayist used the blackboard for illustration.

On account of the unavoidable absence of Mr. M. McKinnon, his paper on the "Advantages of a Teacher's Life," was not read. Mr. Jno. Jessop, ex-Supt. of Education kindly consented to fill this gap, which he did to the satisfaction of every person present by giving a rapid *resume* of the school work in British Columbia. Mr. Jessop's off-hand "talk" abounded in wit, humor and sound common sense. The teachers of "this glorious province of ours" were advised of the fact that their predecessors, the pedagogues of the early sixties, were glad to receive a benefit from a travelling circus to enable them to keep their heads, financially, above water. Common school education and educators were not as popular in the gold excitement days as they are now.

Inspector Wilson, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Jessop for his address, paid him a warm tribute for past untiring efforts in the cause of education.

A recitation by Miss Cameron was next given, which was excellently rendered and received much deserved applause.

The president then called upon Mr. W. A. Levinge to illustrate his method of teaching free-hand drawing from the black-board. Mr. Levinge displayed much dexterity with the crayon, illustrating very ably the various processes of drawing, such as conventionalism, symmetry, balance, vertical, horizontal and central repetition. At the conclusion, the president tendered Mr. Levinge the thanks of the convention.

The meeting then adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Superintendent Pope, in the chair, introduced Mr. H. Pottmeyer who read an able paper on "The Study of Modern Languages." The chief points brought out were that foreign languages should be learned in the same way as we acquire our native tongue and that oral instruction should precede instruction in reading. Messrs. Pope, Stainburn, Sivewright and Offerhaus then made a few remarks on the subject. Miss Forrest sang with much effect "I Stood on the Bridge at Midnight," Miss Gowen at the organ. Mr. Smith then read an able and interesting paper on "Discipline in Our Schools." Inspector Wilson and Messrs. Stainburn, Gilchrist and Miss Cameron spoke favorably of the paper. Mr. J. P. McLeod, B. A., being absent, Inspector Wilson read his paper entitled "A Classical Education." The paper was an able one and showed careful thought. The points evoked were that the classical languages have an incomparable superiority over all languages, dead or living; that our civilization demands that the province should place the means of obtaining a good elementary education within the reach of all its citizens, then a school of technical science, and then the ancient languages, which as a means of culture have been tried and not found wanting; Superintendent Pope spoke of the benefit derived from the study of the ancient languages, even in a limited degree. Dr. McGregor being now requested to make a few remarks congratulated the convention on its well-conducted sessions and the able papers read, and said that all would be greatly benefitted by attending its sessions. He was much pleased with the interest the teachers took in the proceedings. Mr. Kerr then delivered an excellent recitation, after which the meeting adjourned until this morning at ten o'clock.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Joseph Hogg has been inducted as the pastor of St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg.

Major Prior, Capt. Smallfield, Captain Jones and Lieut. Ogilvie returned from Seattle last evening.

R. J. Skinner, L. Dumbleton and F. C. Gamble came down from the Inlet last evening on the Yosemite.

Miss Storey, from Seattle, and Mrs. Going, from Port Townsend, returned on the Olympian last evening.

Goyette, M.P.P., has recovered $200 damages from a French Canadian newspaper which slandered him.

T. J. Burnes and the members of the Amity baseball club arrived home on the Olympian flushed with victory.

Dr. Brett has been elected for the Red Deer district by a majority of 114. Congratulations to the genial doctor.

Cameron Stanton arrived from Ottawa last night on a visit to the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Nelson at Government House.

Henry Wilmot, member of the Ontario legislature for Frontenac, died suddenly on Monday night. He was a conservative in politics.

Col. Holmes, W. N. Bole, M.P.P., H. M. Stramberg, M.A., and T. Mowat were passengers from the mainland by the Louise last evening.

Sir A. T. Galt says he looks forward to the extension of the Galt road next year. The present line from Dunmore to Lethbridge will have to be made a broad guage.

The Misses Kate B. Whittlesey, Olive G. Heartwell, Gina Worden and Josephine Stewart, from the Annie Wright seminary, Tacoma, and S. Richards, Mrs. Richards and two daughters are at "Rocabella."

Says *The Colonies and India:* "Defence" is now the order of the day, and one good result of the late agitation is that the dry bones of officialdom have been thoroughly roused to life by the strong breath of public opinion. In the House of Commons on May 11, Lord Sudeley directed attention to the defences of Vancouver's Island, and this was the means of eliciting some information as to the measures now being taken by the Imperial Government, which involve the providing of some effective guns, and these are t'nearly ready" to go out. It is well, no doubt, that the agitation has taken place, or else, when a "strain" did come, the outlying defences would only have been "nearly ready" to meet it.

CABLE NEWS.

Verdict For The Defendant in the O'Donnell Libel Case.

Chief Justice Coleridge Did not Spare Plaintiff, for whose Actions he Expressed Utmost Contempt—Russia Declines to Meddle with Bulgaria—American Bishops Banqueted by the Lord Mayor of London.

Will Not Interfere With Bulgaria.

LONDON, July 5.—According to official despatches received from St. Petersburg, M. De Giers, Russian minister of foreign affairs, informed R. D. Morier, British ambassador, on the 17th of last December that the Bulgarians might do everything they pleased, from cutting each other's throats to declaring Bulgaria an empire, and Russia would not move a finger to prevent them. Russia, said M. De Giers, washes her hands of the whole concern. In the opinion of the British ambassador Russia does not intend to provoke any war.

Verdict for Defendant.

The trial of the libel suit of O'Donnell against the *Times* was resumed this morning. Attorney-General Webster, continuing his address, said that no man had been libelled more than Parnell and yet O'Donnell was put forward to meet the case. The chief justice intimated that no case had been made for the *Times* to answer. Mr. Ruegg, counsel for the plaintiff, thought, however, that the case might go to the jury on the note in which O'donnell's name was mentioned. The chief justice replied, "Very well; if you go on you will take the responsibility upon yourself." Ruegg then asked for half an hour in which to consult his clients. Mr. Ruegg decided to address the jury in reference to the few instances in which O'Donnel's name was mentioned in the *Times'* articles. The case for the defence had been abandoned by the plaintiff. When Mr. Ruegg concluded his address to the jury, Chief Justice Coleridge summed up the case strongly against the plaintiff. He said if plaintiff intended his letter to the *Times* as a vindication of his character, it was difficult to conceive of a weaker protest. The jury returned a verdict for the *Times*. Parnell denies that any of the *Times'* letters produced in the trial are authentic.

The sudden manner in which the O'Donnell libel suit has come to a an end is a matter of astonishment to those who were anticipating rare and startling disclosures of methods and secret business of the Irish national league. Parnell's testimony had been looked forward to with great interest and numbers are disappointed at this abrupt finale of what was expected to be a long-drawn battle. Chief Justice Coleridge, indeed, gave the trial its death-blow at the very beginning by refusing to allow, as he said, the truth or falsehood of alleged libels against other people to be tried in this case. In summing up the case, Lord Coleridge did not spare Mr. O'Donnell, against whom he launched most caustic shafts and for whose actions he expressed the utmost contempt. "I am surprised," he said, "that any man, calling himself a man, should for his own purposes, whatever they may be, want or attempt to try a case as this one has been tried." It is evident from his speech that Lord Coleridge suspected that O'Donnell is trying to get square with Mr. Parnell and the league for dropping him and that this action was prompted by revenge. O'Donnell, however, denies that any such motives prompted him in the course and in an interview to-day asserted that he had acted throughout the matter in full accordance with the wishes of his former colleagues. He believes he forced the *Times* to declare that it would produce no witnesses in support of the statements published in its articles on "Parnellism and Crime." Keen interest has been manifested in Parnell's course and what light he would throw upon the case, especially in reference to the letter in which Frank Byrne states he received £100 from Parnell, but since the Irish leader has denied in toto the authenticity of the letters, human curiosity is left very much where it was at the beginning.

An Ambassador Recalled.

Sir R. D. Morier, British ambassador at St. Petersburg, is about to come home. It is rumored that his departure from the Russian capital is connected with negotiations between Russia, Germany, and England, looking to the establishment of definite status for Bulgaria.

Parnell Denies He Concurred with O'Donnel.

The cable news has been authorized to contradict the assertion made by Mr. O'Donnel to the effect that his conduct in regard to the action he brought against the *Times* was suggested by Mr. Parnell. Parnell will be in his place in the house of commons to-morrow and will make a personal explanation of the matter.

Banqueted by the Lord Mayor.

A banquet was given at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor last night to the bishops who are here in attendance upon the Pan-Anglican conference in behalf of the American and colonial bishops. The Bishop of Minnesota made a speech in which he said that Christians in America stood shoulder to shoulder with the churches in the United Kingdom in the Christian work before them.

A Plague of Locusts.

The locust plague in Algeria has somewhat abated. Pestilence and famine is feared, however, from the terrible effects of the plague. Sixty thousand workingmen and ten thousand soldiers are powerless to do anything.

Denies the Authorship.

Eagan has telegraphed to Mr. Labouchere as follows: "The letters introduced by the *Times* in the O'Donnell trial from me to Carey and dated Oct., 1881, and the letter from Mr. Parnell to me, are villainous concoctions of the *Times*." The verdict of the jury was clearly in accordance with the facts and the principles of justice.

The Newmarket.

This was the third day of the Newmarket July meeting. The race for the Midsummer Plate was won by Lord Londonderry's chestnut colt "Hazelhatch." Lord Lurgan's bay colt "Cotillion" was second, and Lord Calthorpe's chestnut filly "Devote" was third. The race for the Chesterfield Stakes resulted in a dead heat between Prince Soltikoff's chestnut colt "Gold" and Mr. Douglass Baird's bay filly "Hamptonia," Lord Rosslyn's bay filly "Lady Ford" second.

The French in Alsace.

PARIS, July 5.—It is stated here that Germany is about to adopt more stringent measures in regard to French citizens in Alsace-Lorraine