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Big Exhibition Opens Today

Victoria's Annual Fall Fair Now In Full Swing At Oak Bay.

A Fine Line of Exhibits And a Good Showing of Livestock.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

All day yesterday the exhibitors and their assistants and the officers of the Agricultural Association were very busy getting the exhibits into shape for today's opening. The stock was in place in good time and the poultry will all be there by this morning. Unfortunately the rain was so heavy and continuous accompanied as it was by a very high wind, that the building in places leaked very badly and some of the stands were badly soaked. The children's school exhibit, Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., Carter & McCandless and D. Spencer were the worst sufferers, the latter firm having to reconstruct the ceiling of their booth during the afternoon. The ladies' work exhibit also on the first floor got a drenching. In the afternoon, however, the weather brightened up considerably and the prospects for a most successful exhibition are very bright.

The main hall is well filled on all floors. On entering in the centre are three large tables with the flower exhibit, pot plants, etc., This exhibit has a very pleasing effect, giving color to the whole setting. To the right at the foot of the stairway A. Henderson, of Nanaimo, B. C., has an exhibit of Texas marble, which is very fine and shows beautiful grain; the exhibit is under the supervision of Alderman Stewart. Further on, on the same side is a remarkably fine showing from the experimental farm, Agassiz. This is certainly one of the features of the agricultural portion of the exhibition. Along the same side in the north wing of the main hall, Weiler Brothers have a magnificent display of art furniture most cleverly arranged and alongside them in the same wing is located the exhibit of the Victoria Glass Works which is also very fine and very interesting, showing as it does one of the home industries not yet thoroughly known and appreciated. Further along the B. Wilson Co., Ltd., have a great display of hams and alongside a Cocoa-Menier booth at which this delightful beverage will be on tap to those desirous of partaking. The next stand is occupied by R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., in which is a stove from the Albion Works which will be used for baking biscuits made from Enderby and Vernon flour. These will be given away, as will also samples of the various grades of flour. Coming back to the main entrance, on the south side of the building are located the B. C. Pottery Co., Ltd., with a full exhibit of their ware and the Brackman & Ker Co., Ltd., with a very artistic display of rolled oats and kindred foods. In the south wing M. W. Waitt & Co., are located and David Spencer; the former had not their goods in place yesterday afternoon, but D. Spencer's manager and his staff were very busy getting a very handsome display of furniture, etc., in place, sadly handicapped, as before stated, with the water which came through the ceiling in streams during the forenoon. Further on Turner, Beeton & Co., Ltd., have a stall which was not fixed up until late in the day, and at the foot of the stairways on the south side is located the exhibit of the Silver Spring Brewery and on the north side that of Chris. Morley, aerated water manufacturer. Situate in the various booths on the main floor are Fletcher Bros., facing the main entrance; the Chilliwack district exhibit, Hinton Electric Company, Ltd., West End Grocery Co., Ltd., B. C. Paint Co., Carter & McCandless, the Saanich district exhibit, Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., Geo. Millet, B. C. Anchor Fence Co., of Vancouver, Colonist Printing & Publishing Co., Ltd., at all of which there were busy workers getting the various exhibits in shape. On the first floor the fruits, vegetables, bread, ladies' work, art exhibit and others, not yet in place, are located, and in the southwest corner the Manual Training department of the public schools have a splendid practical exhibit of a dozen benches at which the scholars from the various schools will be at work daily from 2 to 6, Saturday included. This should prove one of the most interesting features of the exhibition, proving as it undoubtedly will do, the practical advantages of the technical education to the lads in the schools.

In the dome is one of the best displays of the exhibition, the school children's exhibit, and in this connection too much praise cannot be given to the City Superintendent, teachers and scholars who have united and put up one of the most interesting and taking exhibitions of the everyday work of the schools imaginable. Unfortunately here, too, the rain helped to undo a great deal of work which was done by willing hands on Saturday. In spite, however, of these discouragements the spoiled material was taken away, replaced with other work and everything was finished by evening. Only two schools failed to get in exhibits, viz: Victoria West and the Boys' Central. Comparisons are odious, the saying goes, and the judges will no doubt decide which of the schools have done best. To the lay mind the matter of judging would be a work of considerable difficulty; the work all through reflects the highest credit on all concerned, on the scholars whose work it is and on the teachers who have taught them how to do it and who have placed the exhibits on the walls. Taking the schools as they come the Kingston Primary are at the entrance, and Miss Lawson, Miss Jesse and Mr. Fraser have between them put in place a really artistic display of the work of the scholars who are all, of course, in the primary divisions. The North Ward and Girls' Central have each a very fine display, among the latter the free hand crayon work, three views showing a ball and socket joint, the ear and the heart and a map by Miss Frances Tyrwhitt-Drake are deserving of special mention. The South Park School are also exhibiting, but the work seemed in an unfinished state at the time of the visit of the reporter and comment on the same is reserved. The Rock Bay school which is entirely composed of little ones, has a distinctly creditable display, the work of the six-year-old tots, who have only been to school for two or three months being simply a revelation, the same applies to the work of the Kingston and the Hillside schools. One department deserving special commendation is the illustrated composition work of the junior classes, that of Hiawatha in Miss Lawson's class being especially interesting.

The sign of the Kingston Street Primary school was a very artistic affair, made of real pansies and filled in with brush work. The sign of Hillside school was natural leaf work and very pretty. The exhibit consisted of Senior, Intermediate and Junior class exhibits and embraced the following branches; penmanship, free hand and object drawing, brushwork, drawing from nature, original drawings, geometrical design, anatomical drawing, collections illustrative of nature study, maps, illustrated composition, number work and clay modelling, while the Rock Bay school had a very interesting display of paper work. Another interesting feature was the display of bouquets of flowers of the children's own growing. In this department Miss Lawson's pupils had the "bulge" on the others, the garden being three years old, while that of the Rock Bay school was only planted last spring, and for the amount of time it has been in existence showed excellent results.

Taking the children's exhibit altogether it is certainly a distinctive feature of the exhibition and is well worthy of a visit from everybody going to the show, and while it has entailed a great deal of labor on the school authorities which no doubt could have been better employed, is well worth the amount of time which has been expended on it.

There is also an individual exhibit in which Mr. L. S. V. York, the crack cricketer, has entered—a map drawn when he was under 15 years of age. There is also a very fine exhibit of work from Cumberland and Duncans, B. C.

The stock is a splendid exhibit this year, far surpassing that of former years and it embraces some of the very best bred stock in the whole of Canada.

E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd., are located in the same shed as heretofore and have a fine display of buggies, engines, etc.

Judging will start today at 9:30 a. m. and the exhibition will be officially opened by his Honor the Lieut.-Governor at 2:30 this afternoon.

Secretary Swinerton and staff were busy all day yesterday and up till a late hour last evening getting everything in readiness and given fine weather there should be a better show and a more successful one than ever before.

Among one of the most interesting articles in the whole exhibition is an Indian idol, which was ploughed up last spring on Mr. Thompson's ranch, "Bannockburn," South Saanich. The article in question is in splendid condition and was found about six inches below the surface. It is in the South Saanich district exhibit.

Appended is the full programme for the week.

TWO ALLEGED SWINDLERS.

American Cartoonist of Denver Offers Reward for Their Capture.

Edward P. Bostwick and Forsham Howard have been working in the Coast cities, claiming to represent the American Cartoonist Magazine of Denver, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and that publication sends out a warning that the men are swindlers. Their plan of work is to call upon leading business men and show them caricatures made by artists of recognized ability, and upon the representation that the subscriptions are for local newspaper men, secure various sums of money.

Howard is described as a man 29 years old; height, 5 feet 9 inches; weight, 175 pounds; smooth face, thick neck, brown eyes, good looking, good dresser, face slightly freckled. Bostwick is 45 years old; height, 5 feet 11 inches; weight, 155 pounds; smooth face, or possibly a stubby mustache, brown eyes, good dresser, dark hair and pallid complexion. The Cartoonist offers a reward of $100 for information that will convict these two men.

With Grips Full Of Rich Gold

A Calgary Man Astounds Victorians With Display of Rich Mineral Specimens.

Shows Wonderful Collection of Gold Rock Samples From Poplar Creek

(From Sunday's Daily.)

A visitor to Victoria on Saturday was J. J. Young, M. P. P., of Calgary, Alberta, who spent the day in the city on business after taking in New Westminster's fair. Mr. Young had with him two small valises containing the more valuable of the gold quartz and telluride specimens from Poplar creek, which were loaned to the New Westminster people for their exhibition. "They were too valuable," said Mr. Young, to a Colonist reporter, "to leave behind, or to check as baggage, so I had to bring them along."

Imagine a piece of yellow quartz not much larger than a man's fist, but worth $200 in gold, and a jagged sample broken with a sledge hammer, but held together with hinges of gold and containing over $400. Such specimens are beyond the dreams of old gold miners, but they were visible on Saturday at the Dominion hotel, where many interested citizens called to see them. Altogether there were between fifty and sixty pounds of specimens and they were all studded with the unmistakable yellow metal, both fine and coarse, some of the gold sticking out nearly as big as walnuts.

"How big a ledge is there?" was asked.

"From two to six feet," Mr. Young replied, "where the richest quartz was taken from, but on both the Lucky Jack and Swede properties several other ledges have been found, all carrying high values in free gold. These two properties, which are considered the best in the camp, were acquired by Mr. W. B. Pool and myself shortly after they were located. We are doing systematic development work on both groups. Our tunnel on the Lucky Jack is in about sixty feet on the ledge, which cuts the mountain almost vertically. The tunnel is all in rich pay ore. We have also blown off the face of the ledge for about sixty feet where it crops out. We did this to save the expense of keeping armed guards, but there is still so much gold showing that it has to be watched night and day. Notwithstanding all precautions several hundred dollars' worth has been stolen. We expect to have a stamp mill put in at once, though we may ship a few tons to our mill at Camborne, on Fish creek, which has just been installed to treat the ore from the Oyster Criterion."

"Is the gold found over a large area?"

"Yes, from Poplar creek to Fish creek is some twenty-five to thirty miles and the free gold belt has been traced between these points and also a considerable distance north and south of them. Three stamp mills, each of ten stamps, have been already erected at Camborne and it will not be long before they give a good account of the big gold ledges of that camp. But Poplar creek," concluded Mr. Young, "will beat them all, if the sensational discoveries are any indication—and there is every reason to believe that the values will continue."

The Colonist is informed that Messrs. Machin & Clarke of the Victoria branch of the Provincial Mining Association made every effort to have the Poplar creek specimens exhibited at the fair here this week, but Messrs. Pool & Young had previously promised to loan them to the Spokane fair, which opens on the 7th. An urgent invitation was sent to these gentlemen a week ago, but it could not be accepted for the reason already stated.

Toronto, Ont., Oct 5 (Special).—The some sympathy is being shown by the by-elections in Moskota and Sault Ste. Marie. Polling, October 27th, nominations a week earlier.

BOLD DAYLIGHT ROBBERY.

Young Lady Relieved of Money on Brooklyn Streets.

New York, Oct. 5.—Miss Lizzie Hunter, cashier of a Brooklyn grocery, was the victim of a bold daylight robbery in Brooklyn today. She was on the way to the bank to deposit $241, which she was carrying in an envelope, when a young man passed her, stepped behind her, wrenched her hand behind her back, snatched the envelope, threw her to the sidewalk and escaped.

Australia has the largest duck farms and the largest incubator in the world. The incubator has a capacity of 11,400 ducks' eggs and 14,080 hens' eggs.

Gordon Acquitted By Assize Jury

Frank Munoz For Attempted Murder Sentenced to Seven Years.

Grand Jury Submits Voluminous Presentment For Judge's Consideration.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Yesterday morning the business of the Assize Court was resumed with a good attendance of the public, who throughout have evinced a deep interest in the various cases in the docket at this Assize.

Alexander M. B. Gordon, charged with the theft of a pocketbook and $10 in cash, the property of R. D. Gordon, in the Union Club, in June, 1899, was brought up for trial before Mr. Justice Irving and jury in the Assize Court yesterday forenoon. Deputy Attorney-General McLean appeared as crown prosecutor, Mr. George Powell defending. The following composed the jury: Alex. Adam (foreman), Thomas Jacklin, George Baker, E. J. Ure, A. E. Collis, A. McIntosh, C. E. Goodenough, Hy. Hart, E. Wegg, George Maidmant, J. W. Dubald and F. Clanton.

Evidence in no way different from that submitted in the preliminary hearing in the police court was given by the witnesses for the prosecution, R. Higham, J. L. Tait, Detective Palmer, and George Gardiner, who told of finding the stolen property and handing same to prisoner who shared it with him and told him not to say anything about the matter. Those who were called by Mr. Powell were Col. Holmes, A. C. Boyce, J. G. Brown and J. Hughes. Colonel Holmes and Mr. Brown spoke very favorably of prisoner's previous character.

The jury did not take long to find a verdict, finding the accused not guilty, as charged. The prisoner was accordingly acquitted.

Frank Munoz was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for attempted murder.

From the following interesting presentment of the grand jury, submitted to Mr. Justice Irving yesterday by that body, it will be seen that the grand jury have been turning a good deal of attention to matters demanding the attention of law and legislature. Some old ground is covered and some new broken. The presentment is as follows:

We, the members of the grand jury of the Assizes now in session, beg to submit our report on the condition of the public institutions of Victoria, B. C., inspected by us in order to ascertain to the best of our knowledge the condition and emciency to the public weal.

Our first inspection was the Victoria jail. We made a thorough examination of the premises in all departments, and, from appearances, are satisied that the rules and regulations governing this institution are carried out in a satisfactory manner, cleanliness both in the buildng and in the persons of the prisoners being apparent. From observation and enquiry we believe the prisoners are treated in a firm but humane way, and that they obtain all they need, and are attended to according to regulation. Our attention was called to the worn-out hammers now in use. If tangible results are required in rock-breaking, we would recommend that a fresh outfit of hammers be furnished. On the whole, our investigation of this institution was very satisfactory, reflecting much credit on the warden and his subordinates.

Our next visit to the so-called Reformatory presented a very painful contrast to the well-kept jail, with its clean whitewash walls and general wholesome appearance. On being admitted to this abode we came abruptly into contact with about ten dirty, unkempt young ragamuffins, seated round a table with soiled books in hand, a sight that the immortal Dickens could alone do justice in delineating. The lads had begrimed faces and hands, one little fellow, just returned from a surreptitious outing, had celebrated the event by tatooing his hand with, as he expressed it, "Sut and a pin." The bodies of these lads appeared to be as dirty as the miscellaneous clothing which covered them. All their surroundings had an air of gross neglect, as well as themselves. The premises are altogether inadequate and much too small. If reformation is really intended for these young offenders, very different methods are requisite on the part of those responsible. Under the present treatment and environment, having all the characteristics of an ill-kept prison, the boys have nothing but a hopeless future in store. The sleeping cells, which are in the feeding apartment, are comfortless, and the system of having two beds in each is decidedly objectionable, productive of a contaminating moral influence. A reformation of the government's culpable mismanagement and neglect in not hastening the completion of a fitting building, which is supposed to be under way, is highly deplorable. No time should be lost in procuring capable officers, experienced in dealing with young offenders, in the meantime, immediate steps should be taken to clean up the place with ample facilities for washing the lads, or better still, to teach them to wash themselves. We would recommend that they be dressed in uniform, washable clothing, and above all something to occupy their minds and bodies in some useful occupation that may fit them for some honest employment when discharged.

To the boys under sentence for long terms, it is problematic what will become of them after leaving the place.

For the crime of insubordination and breaking away, we would recommend whipping with the birch rod, judiciously applied, although scarcely any precaution seems to have been taken to prevent the boys gaining their freedom, the walls of the yard or exercise ground being easily scaled by an active boy.

We do not wish to condemn those at present in charge. We believe they are acting under a system and are hampered by many disabilities, and possibly under the circumstances do their best; but vigorous efforts are necessary. Justice should be done to the fallen boys; it is a duty we owe to ourselves and the public to rescue them if possible while young from a life of future infamy.

Our next visit was to the Jubilee hospital. We were courteously conducted over this excellent institution by an official. We were pleased to observe the high state of efficiency of this meritorious establishment for the relief of suffering humanity. We inspected both the male and female wards, cleanliness being general, and the patients express satisfaction as to treatment, diet and attendance. We are glad to observe that the construction of the new building is in progress, and when finished will, with its additional wards, be a great acquisition. The management of the hospital reflects much credit on all concerned.

We inspected the city lock-up. We have much satisfaction in observing that this department is kept in a very cleanly and efficient manner, and that on the recommendation of a former grand jury, a useful brick addition has been completed. We would strongly recommend that a patrol wagon be added to this establishment as soon as possible.

During our present work the case of Rex vs. Munoz reminds us forcibly that the liquor law, particularly that relating to the Closing Act, requires immediate attention. The act, as it stands at present, appears to us to be quite inoperative, and in justice to all parties concerned, we would suggest that the act be amended so as to operate in some such manner as is now in force in England, and that persons found in saloons during prohibited hours could be prosecuted as well as the party who supplies the liquor.

Marine hospital. We visited this institution and found that at the present time there are four patients in the hospital, and in conversation with one of them we learned that he had been brought in with a broken leg for treatment, and that fourteen hours elapsed before a doctor could be procured. We would strongly recommend that the hospital be put in telephonic communication with the city without delay. We would also strongly recommend that the electric light be installed and that an operating room be added to the establishment. We would advise that the bedding be renewed, as the blankets looked rather old and worn, and that an additional attendant be provided who could do duty at night.

Finally we would recommend that our report, as above, be retained and a copy furnished to the next subsequent grand jury.

His lordship, in thanking the grand jury for their labors, promised that the various recommendations would be forwarded to the proper authorities. The grand jury was then discharged.

SUPREME COURT SITTINGS.

Mr. Justice Irving will preside this morning at 11 o'clock at the October sitting of the Supreme Court for trial of civic causes. Following are the causes:

Fraser vs. McQuade; E. E. Wootton for defendant.

Massam vs. Standard Copper Co.; J. H. Lawson for plaintiff. E. E. Wootton contra.

Board of Trade vs. Tupper et al.; A. L. Belyea for plaintiffs, J. H. Lawson, jr., contra.

Victoria Lumber Manufacturing Co. vs. Vaughan Rhys; J. H. Lawson, jr., for plaintiff, Chas. Wilson contra.

Monte th vs. Johnson; S. P. Mills for plaintiff; J. H. Lawson, jr., contra.

Davidge vs. Kirby; H. B. Robertson for plaintiff, S. P. Mills contra.

Barrett et al vs. Elliott et al; R. T. Elliott for plaintiffs, H. B. W. Aikman, contra.

IN CHAMBERS.

Mr. Justice Martin in Chambers disposed of the following cases yesterday:

Dier vs. Martin et al—Application for examination of plaintiff de bene esse refused, with costs to defendants in any event. J. H. Lawson, jr., for plaintiff, H. D. Twigge contra.

Levy et al vs. Dier et al—Application for examination of defendant de bene esse granted, costs reserved for decision of trial judge. H. D. Twigge for plaintiffs, J. H. Lawson, jr., contra.

Re estate of G. E. Rudlin, deceased, Probate of will granted on application of H. McLean.

H. D. Helmcken, K. C., in his capacity of a bencher yesterday morning presented Oscar C. Bass and L. B. McLellan to Mr. Justice Irving in the Supreme Court. The former took the oath for barrister and solicitor, and the latter that for solicitor, and both signed the rolls, entitling them to follow their profession.

PRIZES IN THE SCHOOL EXHIBITS

Awarded Yesterday By Judges Who Warmly Praise the Display.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The award of prizes for best collective exhibits of the work of the city schools at the provincial exhibition was made by the judges yesterday afternoon. Only three schools were in the senior and intermediate grade competitions—North Ward, Girls' School and South Park, and the first prize of $10 was given to the North Ward, and second prizes of $5 each to the Girls' school respectively in each of these competitions.

The two prizes of similar amounts, $10 and $5, for the best exhibits of primary work were awarded, the first to Hillside and the second to Kingston Street school. Primary work from the North Ward, Rock Bay, South Park and the Girls' school was also shown. The judges had considerable difficulty in deciding between the splendid exhibits of Kingston street and Hillside for the first place. The Rock Bay and North Ward primary exhibits are also of a very superior character and in the opinion of the judges deserving of the highest commendation.

MILITIA MATTERS.

School of Instruction—Church Parade Will Be Held.

The following regimental orders by Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, C. A., have been issued from the regimental headquarters:—

A meeting of the officers of the regiment will be held in the officers' mess at the drill hall on Thursday evening, October 8 at 8.30 o'clock. Dress, walking-out dress.

Lieut. W. N. Winsby is posted to No. 4 company until further orders.

Office will be held on each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the orderly room at the drill hall, commencing October 7th.

The regimental school of instruction will be under the charge of Capt. McConnan, who will be responsible for drill instruction, attendance and discipline.

Drill instruction will be given by the regimental sergt.-major. School will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings. Drill, 8 to 9.15. Lecture, 9.20 to 9.50.

The object of this school being to train non-commissioned officers, no man will be allowed to join who cannot satisfy the adjutant that he knows sufficient drill to profit by the instruction given.

Lectures will be given as follows:—

October 5 and 7, Major Hibben—Duties of non-commissioned officers in reference to interior economy, parades, guards, camps, etc.

October 12 and 14, Capt. W. H. Langley—Artillery definitions, rifling, trajectory and causes influencing accuracy of shoot.

October 19 and 21, Capt. B. H. T. Drake—Six-inch B. L. gun, its mounting, ammunition, fuses, etc.

October 26 and 28, Capt. A. W. Currie—13 pr. R. M. L. gun, carriage instruction, ammunition, fuses, etc.

November 2 and 4, Capt. W. Ridgway Wilson—D. R. F. and means of communicating ranges.

November 9, T. P. Patton—Maxim gun and mounting.

November 11, Lieut. C. E. Stephens—Battery and key test and firing electric and percussion tubes for 6-inch B. L.

November 16 and 18, Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall—Fire discipline.

December 7 and 9—Written examinations.

Examiners—Lieut.-Col. Hall, Major Hibben and Capt. McConnan.

Officers commanding companies will immediately notify non-commissioned officers of their companies holding acting rank, that they must attend this school and obtain the necessary certificate or forfeit it. They will also forward to the adjutant a list of the non-commissioned officers so notified not later than October 7.

Officers commanding companies will notify all men of their companies who have not passed the recruit class to attend same, and will furnish the adjutant with a list of the men so notified not later than October 7th.

Officers commanding companies will furnish on or before the 14th inst., names of two or three men from their respective companies for signallers. These must be keen men who are willing to put in the numerous extra duties required to become proficient signallers.

The regiment will parade at the drill hall on Sunday, October 18th, at 10.30 a.m., for the purpose of attending divine service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Staff and band will attend. Dress, church parade.

(Signed) By order,
D. B. McCONNAN, Capt.,
Adjutant.

Deucalion In From Europe

Big Liner Brings Heavy Cargo From Liverpool---Empress Sails

Queen City Returns From West Coast---Annie E. Campbell Drags.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The steamer Deucalion, one of the monster steam freighters of the Ocean S. S. Co., which are giving Victoria a monthly freight service between Liverpool and this port, and the ports of Puget Sound, arrived yesterday morning from Yokohama after an uneventful passage. The big liner, which brings a heavy cargo, including a thousand tons of general merchandise and five hundred tons of naval stores, left the Japanese port on October 4th and had a dirty passage across the Western ocean. She sailed from Liverpool on July 25th, and steamed outward via the Suez, Colombo, Singapore and China and Japan.

On her way into the Straits the steamer sighted the sealing schooner Enterprise—at least so Captain Keay, who is unfamiliar with the sealing craft, judged her to be. The vessel sighted was probably the Enterprise, which is now about due from Behring Sea.

Capt. Keay, who is in command of the 7,300-ton steamer of the Blue Funnel line—visited Victoria many years ago. Twenty-two years ago he was mate of the bark Spirit of the Dawn, a British sailing vessel, which loaded a cargo of British Columbia salmon at Esquimalt. Capt. Keay, in speaking of his impressions of the city he now sees after an absence of 22 years, says he sees a great improvement. Why, he said yesterday, one would hardly realize that the Victoria of today is the same city which I saw so many years ago, when the Marquis of Lorne was being so loyally received here.

The steamer Deucalion will be in port discharging cargo for several days, having a large amount of steel rails and other cargo mostly heavy merchandise, to discharge at the Ocean docks. The naval stores will be discharged at Esquimalt.

The steamer Oanfa, of the China Mutual line, has just sailed from Liverpool for this port with general cargo, having left the Merse on September 29th, via the Suez, Colombo, Penang and other ports. This will be the Oanfa's second trip outward, having but recently completed her maiden voyage.

The China Mutual's big freight steamship Ning Chow finished loading salmon at Seattle on Sunday and sailed for Tacoma. From Seattle she took 60,000 cases consigned to European dealers by the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company. The Ning Chow returns to Europe by way of the Orient. She will leave the Sound the latter part of the week.

ORIENTAL LINERS.

Olympia and Iyo Maru Are Due—Empress of India Sails.

Steamer Olympia of the Northern Pacific line, and the steamer Iyo Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, are both expected to reach port today from the Orient, both vessels having sailed on October 6th for Yokohama. Both steamers are bringing fair cargo and a number of Chinese, there being 145 in all for Victoria on the Japanese liner. The steamer Empress of India sailed outward from Vancouver for the Orient last night, with a total cargo of about 1,800 tons of general merchandise and a large number of saloon passengers, amongst whom were the following: Miss M. Andrews, Fred Andrews, Miss Alcorn, J. G. Bulen, G. L. Brighton, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown, Rev. W. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Campbell, Misses Campbell (2), C. S. Carey, Rev. G. Cousins, M. Campollion, J. T. Donnelly, Miss Alice Durzel, Miss S. R. Rurzel, H. D. Derbyshire, Col. Foster, Maj. J. A. French, the Griggs party, J. G. Goodbody, Mr. and Mrs. Govett, Mr. Graef, G. Hatfield, Stafford Hill, J. F. Holdsworth, A. B. Howard, J. P. Headley, Capt. Jardine, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk, Miss H. Lewis, Miss Freda Lazzan, J. P. O'Bryan, Thomas Peacock, Mrs. Pitcher, Mrs. Pyke, Mrs. Porter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pease, E. L. Palmer, H. M. Richardson, Maj. and Mrs. T. M. Robinson, H. P. Thomas, Capt. C. Vincent, Sir, C. P. Warren, Misses D. E. and E. Warren, Mrs. Woolmutt and child, Miss A. M. Wilson, E. G. Williams, Miss Watson, Miss Jane Wells, W. A. Zangerb and friend.

ABYSSINIA IN TROUBLE.

Was En Route to Chemainus to Load Lumber.

The Norwegian bark Abyssinia, which started from Tacoma on Sunday for Chemainus in tow of the Vancouver tug Etta White, is in trouble. The tug had trouble with her charge from the start, and spent nearly the whole day in trying to get out of Tacoma harbor. The bark was being towed out stern first, when the hawser broke, and the Abyssinia drifted helplessly past the steamer Dix into the port side of the Tacoma tug Echo.

Walter White, mate of the Echo, was just climbing up the ladder from the Echo to the dock when the crash came. The tug was listed over on to the dock and her house jammed against the dock by the ship's stern. By almost a hair's breadth White escaped being crushed between the side of the house and the dock piling. The force of the collision smashed in the port side of the Echo's texas and pilot-house, damaged the forward part of the lower house, and is thought to have done some damage to the hull. Both texas and pilot-house will have to come off, and other repairs made.

As soon as she could the Etta White got the ship out of her predicament and started on with her tow. The tug Elk, also belonging to Captain Olson, was sent after them, carrying the advice from Captain Olson that the Etta White and Abyssinia had both better remain in port until papers could be served, otherwise they would be forced to return to port before they could get out of American waters, and would thus be put to extra expense. Both Captain Anderson, of the Etta White, and Captain Hansen, of the Abyssinia, decided to remain in port for the time being.

Captain Anderson wired his owners for advice and, as a reply was expected hourly, tug and ship spent the day in the bay, cruising about to avoid entering at the customs house. No instructions came and they tied up at the buoy on Sunday night and left yesterday for Chemainus, after being libeled for $4,000. Once in British waters both the tug and the Abyssinia would have been beyond the reach of the American courts.

ORIENTAL FREIGHTS.

Opposition to the China Commercial Line and Its Effects.

The old steamship lines operating on the Pacific are in hopes that the China Commercial Company's steamers will be refused permission to land coolies in Mexico, as is reported likely, as the agents believe that this will end the opposition of the Chinese line. In anticipation of this event the steerage rates on the Chinese from San Francisco, which were cut to $8 by the Chinese line, have been again advanced to $47.50. A meeting of the northern steamship lines, operating from Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, is being called for this week at Seattle, when the question of the recently cut freight rates, another result of the opposition of the Chinese line, will be considered.

In view of the present status of the matter, as particularly regards the November business, no freight is being taken except with the understanding that it will be subject to the tariffs as regulated by the conference of Northern lines, which means that at the first sign of the China Commercial Company restoring old rates, the companies of Portland, the Sound and British Columbia will place the former charges in effect, and all cargo tendered will be paid for under the old classification and basis. The space now reserved for November does not compare favorably with that for October. The low tariffs apply to the present month's freight, but shippers are wont to await further developments. Because there is a likelihood that developments will materialize which will change the phase of the strife, space will not be engaged before it is known what will be done for November.

YESTERDAY'S GALE.

Lumber Laden Schooner Has a Narrow Escape From Stranding.

The first gale of the season occurred yesterday. On Sunday the wind was blowing very heavy from the eastward, blowing at the rate of sixty-five miles an hour off the Columbia river and yesterday morning the gale raged off Cape Flattery at the rate of sixty miles an hour. At noon yesterday the gale veered to the southeast, and with increasing violence, swept over Victoria after changing to the southwest. Hats and umbrellas were torn from pedestrians, and the James Bay flats had quite a collection of lost headgears, both masculine and female, showing where the storm had torn the hats from those crossing the bridge. Several fences were blown down in the outskirts, and on Government street one of the large plate glass windows of the Second story of Spencer's Arcade was blown out and splintered into thousands of pieces on the cement paving. Fortunately no one was injured.

The fishing schooner Eva Marie, Capt. Jacobsen, which started for the Cape yesterday morning, was forced to run back to the harbor for shelter owing to the gale, and the schooner Annie E. Campbell, a lumber vessel chartered by W. A. Ward, which is loading props for Santa Rosalia at Cadboro Bay, dragged her anchors during the heavy blow and had a narrow escape from going ashore. The vessel was blown very close to the beach and was in imminent danger of stranding. Word was sent hurriedly to her agents and the tug Albion sent out to tow her into a safe position.

QUEEN CITY RETURNS.

Steamer Queen City, Capt. Townsend, returned to port yesterday morning from Ahousaht and way ports on the Vancouver Island coast. The steamer brought a small complement of passengers, and a light freight, including a quantity of fish shipped by the brigantine Blakeley and the other vessel operating on the island coast for the Western Fishing Company, located at Barnet. The steamer proceeded to the Mainland soon after her arrival with the fish.

ISIS ARRIVES.

The Kosmos line steamer Isis passed up yesterday morning from Hamburg via San Francisco, to load bunker coal at Nanaimo. The steamer will thence proceed to Seattle to load cargo for Mexican and Central American points—but will take no cargo for points in Chili and Peru, and beyond having secured a full cargo from the West Coast for Hamburg.

The next steamer of the Kosmos line expected is the Nicaria, which is bringing nitrate for the Victoria Chemical Works, and sugar for Vancouver. The Nicaria has been delayed in quarantine in South America. She is expected to arrive about a week hence.

Situation in The Far East

Russia Is Not Prepared to Evacuate Manchuria as Agreed.

Japan Unwilling to Cause Crisis Pending Outcome of Negotiations.

London, Oct. 5.—No apprehension exists in official circles that the Far Eastern situation will bring forth any immediate serious developments. This feeling of temporary security on the eve of the date that Russia should, but admittedly will not, evacuate Manchuria, is due to assurance on the part of Japan that so long as negotiations now proceeding between herself and Russia present a reasonable prospect that settlement will be reached, Japan will take no action hostile to Russia in the matter of Manchuria. It is further learned that these negotiations looking to a final settlement of the Russo-Japanese spheres of influence in the Far East, especially dealing with the situation in Korea, are progressing satisfactorily at Tokio. The negotiations will probably not be concluded by October 8, the date on which Russia was to evacuate Manchuria, but this will not precipitate a diplomatic crisis. Such elements of immediate danger as the Far Eastern question presents, appears to be confined solely to the popular agitation in Japan against Russia after October 8. This, however, is being taken into consideration by the Japanese government, whose diplomats have warned Russia that while the Japanese government will not allow its hand to be forced to the extent of entering hostilities over the Manchurian evacuation, Japan cannot prolong the present negotiations at Tokio in the face of expected popular clamor indefinitely.

From the Japan embassy in London the Associated Press has secured a statement of the prevailing conditions, which says: "We are forced to believe it is impossible for Russia to fulfill their promise to evacuate Manchuria by October 8, but we do not anticipate a crisis. We have hopes that a final settlement may be satisfactorily reached between Russia and Japan which will settle at once our outstanding trouble. How long it will be before an understanding is reached it is impossible to say.

"Though we realize that it is scarcely likely that the treaty can be signed by October 8, we have clearly indicated that after that date, haste becomes more and more essential from Japan's point of view. The crux of the whole situation is Korea, and Russia knows that we will fight to the death rather than let any foreign power occupy Korea. Russia's timber concessions there and the other recent initiative she has exhibited in Korea render the present negotiations extremely difficult, but the horizon shows no cloud so dark as to threaten war. Great Britain, as our ally, is cognizant of the tenor of our present negotiations, all of which look toward peace. We have reason to believe that Russia's action in securing dock yards for her Far Eastern fleet is not actuated by any intention to prepare for hostilities any more than are our own necessary provisions for the best equipment in our navy and army."

HAWTHORNTHWAITE POSITION.

Nanaimo, Oct. 5 (Special).—A private message received here contradicts the report that Smith has been elected in Fernie, stating that Ross leads, with McPherson eight behind and Smith third.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite, approached on the subject of his allegiance, was very noncommittal, but apparently he would not vote McBride out to put the Liberals in.

The vote polled here was 1,111 out of a register of 1,196, or 93 per cent. This is a record breaker for the city in numbers, and the province in percentage.

Lightning Artist.—The interest increases constantly about the Westside's show windows, and everyone is asking, "Have you seen the Westside's lightning artist?" Outside the store and on the opposite side of the street, can be seen men, women and children eager to catch