

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

An Inquirer was held yesterday morning in Requitant on the body of George Crute, carpenter's mate on H. M. S. Sutlej, who died suddenly on Sunday last. It appeared that deceased who, although a large stout man, had been subject to fainting fits, went out with some comrades to walk, and calling in at Bland's, had a glass of cider to drink. He shortly after complained of a pain in his bowels, and went out, returning in a few minutes and asking for a drop of ginger brandy, which he thought would do him good. After drinking it, he went out, when he immediately fell down. His comrades picked him up, and were horrified to see that he was dying. A vehicle was procured and he was at once conveyed to Requitant, but the poor man died before he could be taken on board his ship. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from a rupture of the pulmonary artery."

No PILOTS ABOARD.—Three English ships with valuable cargoes are now overdue at this port, and may be hourly expected, yet the pilot boat has been snugly moored opposite Lang's wharf for the last four or five days, and the good ships, if perchance they have reached the Straits, are left to the mercy of the winds and tides, to find their way in as best they may. This ought not to be the case; if the pilots are dissatisfied with the requirements of the new bill let them say so, and let the matter be gone into at once, otherwise the loss of a fine ship and the serious injury of the character of our port may be the result. The gentlemen who form the Pilot Board are surely rather remiss in their duty when such a state of things is allowed to exist.

THE VACANT SEAT.—Dr. Dickson and Mr. J. T. Fiddell are energetically canvassing the voters in Victoria district. It is rumored that two other Richmonds will be in the field. Mr. Southgate, so far, has no opponent for the borough of Esquimalt, nor Mr. Cochran for Methuen and Esquimalt districts. A deputation of the friends of Mr. D. Levenue quest him to stand for this district, but Mr. Levenue, as he has done before, declined the proffered honor. By the resignation of Mr. C. A. Bayley, a vacancy occurs in the representation of Nanaimo. Mr. Chas. W. Wallace is mentioned for the seat.

THE VOLUNTEER CONCERT.—If exertion tends to success, the concert to-night should be a brilliant affair, since the officers and members of the Victoria Rifle Corps have spared no pains in rendering all the arrangements as complete as possible. That they will have a large and respectable audience is certain, and it now only requires the vocal and instrumental performances to be in keeping with the labor bestowed in perfecting the arrangements to make the evening thoroughly enjoyable to all.

ANOTHER VACANT SEAT.—Mr. C. A. Bayley, member for Nanaimo, informs us that he intends to resign immediately his seat in the House for that constituency, being unable from press of business to attend to his legislative duties. We trust that his constituents will accept his resignation graciously, and that another gentleman may be found with more leisure to attend to the interests of that important and flourishing town.

COLONIAL BARRISTERS' BILL.—Mr. De Cosmos has again brought before the House the bill to enable colonial barristers and attorneys to practise in the law courts of this colony. The absurd prohibition which has so long disgraced our statutes and insulted the intelligence of all our fellow-colonists in other lands will doubtless soon be removed by the passage of the bill.

STEALING CLOTHES.—A clean sweep of a quantity of clothing was made from the yard of Mrs. Estal, on McClure street, on Sunday night. The thieves are supposed to have been Indians, as a few articles dropped in their haste showed that they had taken the direction of Beacon Hill, where they doubtless had a canoe in waiting. Homeholders in the outskirts should keep a sharp look-out after anything of value exposed within reach of these prowling miscreants.

THE UNION QUESTION.—It will be seen from our parliamentary report that the important question of a union of the two colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island is again about to be brought prominently before the country. It is stated authoritatively that the two governors have direct instructions from the Imperial Government to do all in their power to bring about so desirable a consummation.

FROM SOOKE.—The steamer Caledonia arrived from Sooke last night with 16 passengers. The news from the mines continues most favorable; the miners are all at work and succeeding well. Digging has been struck on the north fork of Leech, prospecting 5 cents to the pan. A number of Chinamen returned by the steamer bringing with them a considerable quantity of dust, taken from the lower part of Sooke river.

THE MOUTH OF THE FRASER.—The steamer Union, now lying in this harbor, has been chartered by the British Columbian Government to proceed to the mouth of the Fraser and replace the buoys which have shifted from their proper position. She will go up to-day.

VESSELS OUTSIDE.—A large full-rigged ship was seen outside yesterday afternoon. Pilot Pike went out in a small boat to board her, but she stood off towards the opposite shore, so that she could not be made out. A bark was also seen coming round Race Rocks.

COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday, Sept. 7.

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FROM PORTLAND.—The steamer G. S. Wright arrived yesterday morning from Portland with 40 passengers and a cargo of produce, fruit, &c., as below.

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LOADING AND SAILED.—The Franklin Adams and T. W. Lucas were loading at San Francisco on the 25th Aug. for this port.

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