ANADIAN NEWS.

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FISHERIES.

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Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1887.

From the Daily Colonist, Feb. 12, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

THE *Overland Monthly* for February is at hand and is an excellent number.

THE ELECTRIC light was in a state of collapse this morning and the city was in darkness. Why is this thuaiy?

IT IS SAID the Hudson Bay Company will build a large brick block in Vancouver as soon as their business will warrant the change.

IT IS stated that the new C. P. R. Hotel at Vancouver will have to be entirely rebuilt, as the mortar is oozing from beneath the bricks.

POLICE NOTES.—Ah Chung, charged with attempting to stab Wm. Smith, was remanded until Monday. Bail was allowed in the sum of $50.

CONSTABLE LEWIS brought down from New Westminster jail last night two of the Metlakahtla prisoners, named Edward Matte and Frederick Poidley.

THE W. U. WIRES "bobbed up serenely" at six o'clock last evening for the first time in two weeks. The operators were paralyzed here when they heard Seattle call, but got even on him by stating that they had been "calling him for two weeks."

MAINLAND GUARDIAN: Twenty emigrants arrived by train from the east on Thursday, and intend to settle in the district bordered by Mud Bay. As soon as the cold weather disappears we shall see hundreds of farmers from the east looking for homes along the golden shores of the Pacific.

Manitoban: Mr. W. J. Macauley, of the Minneapolis and Ontario Lumber Company is in the city. He states that his company has purchased fifteen hundred million feet of timber in British Columbia. Mr. Macauley's visit to the city is in connection with some legal business in which he is interested.

LUCKY.—The Calgary *Tribune* says that Mr. T. Fullerton, of the Elbow river, has by the death of an uncle in Australia, fallen heir to a large amount of money. The estate is valued at half a million dollars and is to be divided between six persons, of whom Mr. Fullerton is one.

FANCY DRESS BALL.—It is suggested that a grand fancy dress ball be held, and the proceeds devoted to the funds of the Royal hospital. It is the intention this year to erect new hospital buildings, and the holding of a ball would not only give great pleasure, but would materially forward the project.

Slop! Slop! Slop!
Whatever direction you go;
And O for one lick at the man
Who calls this "the beautiful snow."

Wade! Wade! Wade!
Wade on through the slush and the ice;
Wade on till you measure your length
Ker plash! down on your back in a trice.

Slush! Slush! Slush!
'Tis wrong to get angry, we know;
But O for one lick at him
Who dares to say "beautiful snow."

A Gramble From the Police Court.

The virtue of punctuality should be strictly observed at the police court, as it is rather annoying for lawyers and others concerned in the proceedings to be compelled to wait for the court to convene when there is no necessity for it.

A Proposition.

The Seattle *P.-I.* proposes a new way to settle the fisheries dispute, and asks: "Isn't it possible that Sir John Macdonald would be willing to settle the fisheries quarrel by a yacht race? Our vessels are all better at going than they are at fighting and we ought to have a fair show."

Terrible Accident.

The *Post-Intelligencer* says: A dispatch was received on Saturday from Ellensberg stating that the roof of the Cascade tunnel had caved in at the east end. The company has sent to Ellensburg for surgeons. No particulars can be had until the surgeons return. It is believed the loss of life is considerable.

Dr. Milne Declines.

It is understood that Dr. Milne has declined to be the nominee of the liberal party. The doctor apparently thinks that some one more ambitious than himself should go through the ordeal of an election—at a cost of $200. Capt. McCallum of Esquimalt, being of a more speculative turn, will probably carry the reform banner on Mr. McLagan's thirteen planks.

C. P. R. Fire at Yale.

Our correspondent at Yale, it seems, was misled in reporting the damage sustained by the company at the late fire. He now says that "a thorough examination has been made by Mr. J. R. Johnson, and that gentleman estimates the loss of machinery, two flat cars, one caboose and injury done to a box car, at $12,000."

Pacific Squadron.

The admiral will leave Coquimbo for Esquimalt on the 23rd inst., calling at Callao and San Francisco, arriving here early in April. The Pelican joined the squadron at Coquimbo on January 10th. It is stated that a number of H. M. ships now comprising the squadron will come to Esquimalt to celebrate the Queen's jubilee.

Chinese Tax Returned.

The sum of $50 imposed under the Chinese Regulation Act, on Mr. C. F. Moore on account of his wife on his arrival in the province in November, 1885, has been returned. It is perhaps but fair to state that this is a poor return for the trouble and expense to which Mr. Moore has been put in connection with this matter.

Chinese Perjurers Committed.

The perjury case against Hee Wing, Ah Kie and Ah Lum, which has taken up considerable of the time at the police court for the past three weeks, was ended yesterday, Judge Harrison having committed the defendants for trial. Hoc Hou will have to remain in durance vile until the assizes meet unless some kindly disposed person decides to bail him out.

Too Much Fire-Water.

A man named James Arthur, *alias* James A. Stewart, was arrested last week in a drunken state and locked up in the gaol with a charge to that effect recorded against him. The man has a respectable appearance and claims to be a nephew of the late Sir Francis Hincks. Several kindly disposed citizens are interesting themselves in his behalf and will endeavor to make him turn from his downward path.

Booming Our Resources.

The Canadian Pacific exhibition car has returned to Montreal from its trip over the New England States, where the products of the Manitoba and the Northwest astonished the dwellers in the cities and farmers in the country districts. As evidence that the management will push its efforts to diffuse intelligence regarding the Northwest and British Columbia, Ernest Ingersoll, of New York, the well known magazine writer, has been engaged as chief of the publication department of the company, with headquarters at Montreal.

Completely Paralyzed.

A telephone message was received at the police barracks yesterday from Russell station on the E. & N. Railway, to the effect that a man, who was either dying or helplessly drunk, was lying a short distance from the station. Officer Lewis of the provincial police was detailed. He proceeded to the place and putting the man into a vehicle brought him to town. While waiting in the outside room of the gaol the poor fellow had a fit. Dr. Helmcken was called in and soon brought him around. The case is evidently that of a protracted drunk. A few days in the "cooler" will no doubt set the fellow on his feet once more it is hoped a wiser and better man.

An Incipient Fire.

An alarm of fire was sounded last night at 8 o'clock, when it was found that the roof in the rear of Mrs. Leigh's residence, Douglas street, was burning. The firemen arrived on the spot in a short space of time. They quickly extinguished the fire which, but for the damp state of the roof, would have soon developed into a large blaze.

Funeral of the Late Capt. Walker.

The mortal remains of the late Capt. G. G. Walker were buried yesterday in Ross Bay cemetery. The funeral services were conducted in Harmony hall under the spiritualistic order of this city. The hall was crowded by friends of the deceased, the ceremony although plain being impressive. Miss Johnston delivered an address, being under the influence of the spirit of the deceased gentleman. The following acted as pall-bearers: E. B. Marvin, Henry Saunders, John Jessop, J. H. Turner, J. H. Todd, S. Duck, J. Dorman and R. Nuttall.

The Coal Returns.

The coal report of the minister of mines gives the total output as 326,000 tons against 365,000 in 1885, and 110,000 in 1875. Besides the Vancouver Coal Co.'s and R. Dunsmuir & Sons' mines, R. D. Chandler has at last succeeded in striking a fair quality of coal and during the year exported over 25,000 tons. There were 27 accidents during the year, three of them fatal. Of those seriously or slightly injured 16 were whites and 8 Chinamen. Of the three killed one was white and the other two Chinese. In no instance could blame be attached to anyone.

More of the "Beautiful."

A surprise greeted Victorians on Sunday morning when they arose from their warm beds. Throwing up the blinds they were rather taken aback at the sight of the deep snow covering the ground. The night before had been exceptionally mild, and those who ought to know predicted a change for the better in the weather. A large number of ladies and gentlemen intended to pass the day on the ice and their disappointment can easily be imagined. However, many made up for their loss by securing sleighs. The roads were in splendid condition, and everything from a hack down to a packing case was placed on runners. A large number went to Metchosin, Saanich and other points in the district and pronounced the sleighing excellent.

MARINE.

Bark Darra which is loading lumber at Moodyville for Melbourne will be ready for sea on Thursday.

Bark Bundaleer has arrived at San Francisco with coal from Nanaimo.

Steamship Geo. W. Elder, Capt. Ackley, sailed for San Francisco at 1 o'clock yesterday.

Following is a list of 31 vessels that are now due and on the way from foreign and coastwise ports to British Columbia ports:

VESSELS BOUND TO VICTORIA.

British ship Titania, Dunn, from London.
British bark Viola, Price, from London.
German bark Dorothea, Moller, from Callao.
British bark Nanaimo, Bruce, from Shanghai.
British bark Goldstream, Kendall, from Liverpool.
Chilian bark Berwickshire, Capt. Elbe, from Callao.
American bark Alden Besse, O'Brien, from Hongkong.
British bark Oban Bey, Cook, from Middlesborough.
British bark Hausquina, Anderson, from London.
American schooner Walter Rich, Rich, from Provincetown.
British schooner Lottie Fairchild, Bainjay, from San Francisco.
Total—11 vessels.

VESSELS BOUND TO DEPARTURE BAY.

American ship Bohemia, Capt. Trask, from San Francisco.
American bark Otago, Guptil, from San Francisco.
American ship America, Harriman, from San Pedro.
Bolivian bark Bundaleer, Williams, from San Francisco.
American ship Thoms M. Reed, Starkey, from San Francisco.
American ship Kennebec, Ford, from San Pedro.
American ship Commodore, Jordan, from San Francisco.
Total—7 vessels.

VESSELS BOUND TO BURRARD INLET.

American ship William A. Campbell, Capt. Hawthorne, from San Pedro.
British bark Columbus, Nickerson, from Antifogasta.
British ship Shannon, Blinus, from Penang.
British bark Dilbur, Norris, from Iquiqui.
British bark Alice Muir, Yarnall, from Townsville.
British bark St. Lawrence, Mitchell, from Sydney.
British bark Braemar, Carr, from San Francisco.
Total—7 vessels.

VESSELS BOUND TO NANAIMO.

American ship Challenger, Thompson, from Panama.
Bolivian bark Don Nicholas, Howard, from San Francisco.
American ship Solitaire, Sewell, from San Francisco.
American ship Ocean King, Sawyer, from San Pedro.
American ship Rosie Welt, from San Francisco.
Total—5 vessels.

BOUND TO PORT MOODY.

British bark George, Grant, from Yokohama with tea.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That the "liberal party" ought to hold another meeting and charge a big entrance fee. It would pay.

That a popular young gentleman, who took a prominent part in last night's burlesque, could not hide his blushes. If he continues in his present company he will never be a Q. C.

That Mr. McLagan, the too-too grit of the *Times*, has *thirteen* planks in his political platform. This is a very unlucky number—but then no luck ever followed any undertaking in which he was engaged.

That many excellent citizens, who formerly were liberals, left the hall last night in disgust. One prominent gentleman was heard to remark: "I have always been a liberal, but in this province I am one no longer. I am ashamed of my party."

That Ritchie, president of the local government board, has announced to the house of commons the appointment of a committee to consider and report upon the advisability of establishing a London hospital for the treatment of persons afflicted with hydrophobia. The institution is to be conducted upon principles established by Pasteur.

That a young blacksmith of Louisville has invented a process for hardening and tempering steel making it elastic. He has made a drill that penetrated a safe made of steel plates warranted to test burglars' tools in twelve hours. He claims that he can make steel plates so elastic that they will turn aside a ball thrown by the heaviest gun.

That Cardinal Gibbons was entertained at dinner in Washington last week by Marshal Wilson. The table presented a beautiful appearance. Down the middle ran a broad band of cardinal plush, at either end of which were tall silver candelabra. The centrepiece was a mound of ferns, studded with cardinal tulips, while a small boutonniere of clove pinks lay at the place for each guest. The fish was served in the shape of small hearts, half red and half purple, the ecclesiastical colors being used in compliment to the distinguished guest. Small cards ornamented in raised and emblazoned figures of fish, flesh and fowl lay at each plate, bearing the name of the guest.

FUN AND FROLIC.

The Liberals Hold a Meeting and Give a Free Show—One of the Most Ridiculous Affairs on Record—Dr. Milne to be Sacrificed.

The tidings having gone abroad that a grit meeting would be held last evening, about ninety-five voters and non-voters, loyal subjects of Her Majesty the Queen and highly respectable citizens of the neighboring republic, assembled in Denny's hall by eight o'clock, the hour appointed for opening. During the evening the attendance was sometimes greater, sometimes less, till the exceedingly amusing nature of the proceedings came to be spread abroad, when people began to crowd into the hall till there was scarcely room to receive them. The meeting however could not be called a representative one.

Mr. Thos. Burnes having been voted to the chair with due form and ceremony, informed the meeting that he did not know much about "politics in Canada," but he had come to the conclusion that Sir John Macdonald should be defeated because he had increased taxation to $62.50 for every head in the country. After a few other remarks, on behalf of the Hon. Edward Blake, he requested anyone who was not a supporter of that gentleman to "evacuate the room," otherwise he would "evacuate the chair." Mr. Richards would now address the meeting and tell what Mr. Blake intended to do.

Mr. Richards pointed out that from a grit point of view it was very desirable that a reform association should be organized in this city. A resolution setting forth this desire was moved by him, seconded by Mr. C. F. Beaven, and carried.

The meeting was then asked to subscribe to the following pledge: "We, the undersigned electors, are desirous of forming a liberal association for the purpose of advancing the liberal cause in this electoral district."

Chairman—All the liberals who want to help the Hon. Edward Blake sign this. You see, gentlemen, we want to know how many we can get in this "league" in order to tell how many "two bits" there will be to pay expenses, etc., [laughter].

A leading grit, taking a book, was about to go round the meeting to receive signatures to the grit pledge when about thirty electors left their seats and walked out. The l. g. however continued his circuit and received some eighteen or nineteen signatures.

On motion of Mr. Gideon Robertson, Mr. Richards was appointed president of the reform association.

Mr. McLagan wanted to see an enthusiastic staff of officers and nominated Mr. Thos. Burnes for vice-president who was enthusiastically elected. Mr. McLagan in making the motion declared liberalism to be "the christianity of politics."

Mr. Burnes on being elected thanked the meeting on behalf of the Hon. Edward Blake for the high honor conferred on him. Said he was a pioneer. He came to British Columbia on the 11th of May, 1858, when he was a better looking man than he was now. (No; no!) He was against this government because it cost $62.50 a head to run it. He was against it anyhow. (Laughter.)

Dr. Milne moved and Mr. Robertson seconded, that Mr. Bodwell be appointed secretary-treasurer of the association. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Dempster, the president, vice-president and Dr. Milne were appointed a committee to draft a constitution for the association.

Chairman—I am informed that there will now be addresses on public opinion of the day, the finances, and the election in the east [roars of laughter].

Mr. Richards came forward. The fact of the matter was he believed the majority of the people of the province were liberals!

Chairman, addressing a party standing at the door—Walk up this way, old man, and take a seat.

Mr. Richards, continuing—Talked over Canadian politics from the time of confederation and coming to the Canadian Pacific railway moved that "this meeting is in favor of legislation limiting the Canadian Pacific railway charges and making them uniform throughout the Dominion."

Chairman—Here Mr. Beaven second this resolution, "All in favor say aye (aye, no) contrary no, so ordered Mr. Secretary.

Dr. Milne moved that this meeting believes if the rapidly increasing public indebtedness be not checked it must lead to national disintegration, therefore be it resolved that we instruct our representatives in the commons to disapprove of any measure in parliament tending to increase our indebtedness. During the last ten years he claimed the public debt of the United States had been divided by two, but in the Dominion it had been multiplied by three. He was referring to the railway—

A voice—Who owns the railway?

Chairman—The syndicate, I suppose.

Voice—Well, if we don't own it, how can it be called a public debt?

Resolution seconded by Mr. Hursey. Carried.

Mr. McLagan moved that in the opinion of this meeting a customs tariff is necessary, but as the present one bears unfairly on certain classes it therefore requires to be amended that these "anamalies" may disappear.

Here a dog-fight took place. "Sic him;" "come here;" "lay down;" "sic him;" "lay down."

Order having been restored, Mr. McLagan, in the course of his remarks, described in a very clever manner, as if he knew all about it, how constituencies were bought up, etc., by the present government.

Mr. McClymont was the next orator. He always liked to be on the weaker side. He was a philosopher from away back. He said "the higher the revenue the lower the tax; the lower the revenue the lower the tax," (laughter,) and if the audience did not understand that they should learn something. The luckless Chinamen having been attended to, the speaker concluded, after expressing his regard for Mr. Blake, whom he called a new Moses.

Resolution carried.

Mr. McLagan next introduced a platform with thirteen planks, which gave him an opportunity of making thirteen speeches. The first plank was provincial rights, which was duly adopted by the meeting. The second plank was manhood suffrage.

Chairman—Are you all ready for the second franchise? (Roars of laughter.) I mean second platform. So ordered Mr. Secretary. Next.

The third plank was representation of the province in the cabinet, which the mover admitted the present representatives had done their best to obtain. Some one interrupted the speaker, who retorted that one dog was enough to bark at a time.

The platform having been disposed of the chairman announced that a candidate would be brought out to support the Hon. Ed. Blake.

Mr. Richards moved seconded by Mr. Robertson, the nomination of Dr. Milne as the liberal candidate for election to the Dominion house of commons for this district.

Messrs. Blackett and Calhoun did not think one candidate would do and proposed to nominate Capt. McCallum.

Mr. Beaven moved that Mr. McLagan be nominated, but the latter declared he would have to decline the honor.

Mr. Richards was then nominated, but begged to retire, and as it was doubtful if Capt. McCallum could qualify, the first named gentleman alone received nomination. The doctor, in returning his thanks for the honor, said he did not draw party lines so tightly as some people, and did not believe the association would expect him to bow down and worship Mr. Blake.

Someone proposed the appointment of a committee.

Chairman—I propose three cheers for the doctor. The cheers having been given a large committee was appointed to meet at the call of the chairman, and the first grit meeting was brought to a close.

I. O. O. F.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows' Banquet at the Clarence.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia wound up its annual session on Friday evening, when, after the installation of its officers in "ample form," the brothers participated in a grand banquet, prepared by mine host of the Clarence. Full justice having been done to the most excellent repast the chairman (Joshua Davies, Grand Master) having disposed of the usual loyal toasts in a most satisfactory manner,

P. G. Master Waller proposed "The Sovereign Grand Lodge," which was responded to by the representative to that august body, P. G. Master Evans, who in a most excellent speech explained its usefulness and constitution.

The "Grand Lodge of British Columbia" was next proposed by retiring Grand Master Carne, and was responded to by Grand Master Davies, who said the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge brought together in closer relationship representatives from all the districts in the province, and tended to the establishment of that mutual good feeling which was so necessary to its permanent advancement. It was gratifying to note that the present session had been characterized by its useful legislation and by the very harmonious spirit prevailing in its debates. He especially congratulated the lodges at Nanaimo and Wellington on their numerical and material progress during the year and commended the officers for their zeal. At the present time there were eight lodges in this province, with a membership of 710. During the year $6,544.70 had been paid out for relief of sick members and the support of the widows and orphans. The total amount paid out for these beneficent purposes since 1874 amounted to $55,684.75. The assets of the various lodges were estimated at $64,500. He felt confident that the good work would go on prospering and to prosper.

Chaplain Bro. Mixer proposed "The Legislature of British Columbia," coupled with the names of Bros. T. Davie, N. Bole and E. Allen.

Bro. Bole, of New Westminster, in responding said he was unaccustomed to public speaking, but he was an Irishman and had therefore the right to speak twice, but being a Connaught man it was generally conceded that he had the right to speak until he made himself understood. He was proud of the honor of being there as the representative of the important city of New Westminster in the provincial parliament, and also that he could by general consent, pose as the "Dude of the House." [Laughter.] He was anxious, however, to do some good, and the junior member for Victoria and himself were often found together as anxious enquirers after the truth. He would confess that they signally failed in their purpose. He supposed it was because they looked for it in the wrong place. [Laughter.] He congratulated the city of Victoria on its unrivalled hospitality, but could say nothing in favor of its port. The honorable gentleman concluded a very amusing speech amid loud cheers.

Bro. Theo. Davie congratulated his Hibernian friend on the facility with which he could say so much and mean so little. He had no pretensions to be able to follow in his footsteps. He was pleased to acknowledge the kind way in which the toast of the legislature had been received. Notwithstanding difference of opinion amongst the honorable members as to who should hold the purse strings, and the many and often questionable efforts by one party to wrest them from the other, he was assured that the whole body was doing its best for the material interests of the country [applause].

Bro. E. Allen of Lillooet, also responded in his usual happy style.

Representative Hayward of No. 1, in proposing the toast of the "Mayor and Council," said that the very first lesson taught on the threshold of Odd Fellowship was respect to the laws and institutions under which we live, and with this feeling he approached the important toast entrusted to his care. It was a common observation that the training received by Odd Fellows in the work of their lodges; their punctilious regard for all proper recognized forms, and the invariable courtesy insisted upon in their debates, qualified them to fill with credit to themselves, almost every department of public life except, perhaps, parliament, for there these rules do not apply. He was, therefore, glad that our worthy mayor was an Odd Fellow. His early training was calculated to make him useful in that sphere. No one questioned his ability to well fill the chair, and he thought it would be a matter for general regret if he should ambitiously aspire to leave it.

Mayor Fell in responding said he was embarrassed at the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. The present council was a good one and one of which the city should be proud; no axes were ground there now, although he confessed that he had strong suspicions that quite a business had been done in that respect in days gone by. The revenue of the city was large and required judicious handling, but he thought he was the man to do it. He had been misunderstood and was not sure that he was yet properly appreciated. He wanted to serve his country and would then die happy. He would not further trespass on their time, and amid loud cries of "hear, hear," sat down.

"The Ladies," by Supt. Roycraft and several volunteer toasts then followed in rapid succession interspersed with excellent songs by Messrs. Bishop, Mixer, Bole, Davie, Allen, Hawkins, Robinson and others, after which a highly successful gathering was brought to a close.

PERSONAL.

Dr. J. D. Helmcken was slightly better yesterday.

Hon. W. Smithe is, we are glad to learn, constantly improving in health.

B. Van Volkenburgh and G. Leiser were passengers from Vancouver by the Louise last evening.

INCOMING PASSENGERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—The following passengers sailed to-day on the steamship Mexico for Victoria: Mrs. F. D'Arcy, L. Dickinson, G. P. Haddens, D. Mills, Mrs. Houghton, R. Dunn, C. Lovejoy, Mrs. Meson, J. Jackson, Mrs. C. Hutchinson, Mrs. B. Heally, Mrs. M. Ilson, Mrs. E. Cartmel.

OUTGOING PASSENGERS.

The Geo. W. Elder, which sailed yesterday at noon for San Francisco, took the following passengers from this city: Rev. Geo. Brown, James Allan, J. A. McGhie, Mrs. Davidson and child, Jos. Selwood and J. W. Moyes.

PROVINCIAL COURT.

(Before Edwin Johnson, P. M.)

James Slattery and John Snyder, charged with stealing some oak staves from the Lenevue estate, were discharged.

The proceedings were decidedly interesting for a time, as counsel for the defense, Mr. T. Davie, and E. M. Johnson entered upon a discussion which bid fair to end in a pugilistic encounter.

MARINE.

Ship Harry Morse was towed to Cape Flattery on Sunday by the Pilot, bound for San Francisco with coal from Nanaimo.

Steamship Mexico arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning at 7 o'clock with 20 passengers and 143 tons of freight for this port.

British bark Dilbur, Norris, from Iquiqui, arrived in Royal Roads on Sunday morning. The bark will load lumber either at the Hastings or Moodyville company's sawmill.

American ship Thomas M. Reed arrived in Royal Roads on Sunday night from San Francisco. She was immediately taken in tow by the Alexander for Departure Bay where she will load coal.

JAMES BAY DRILL SHED.

What it Contains—$150,000 Worth of Stores—Necessities Required by Our Volunteer Force.

It will, no doubt, be a matter of surprise to many of our readers to know the amount and value of military stores contained in the Drill Shed, James bay, for use by the volunteer corps of this city. For the purpose of ascertaining what really is there, a representative of THE COLONIST called upon Lieut.-Col. Holmes, acting D. A. G., and requested his permission to make a tour of the building. The colonel graciously consented to afford him every opportunity of seeing for himself what there was of importance. He was first directed to the offices where are kept sections of ammunition, such as fuses, projectiles and cartridges procured

FOR "G." BATTERY,

pending its establishment. These are now used for the instruction of the local militia. These are of great value, but contain no explosives, coal dust being substituted for gunpowder. A stranger going into the room and seeing several large cartridges standing in a corner would naturally wonder why such apparent carelessness was permitted. An examination proved that an absence of powder rendered them perfectly safe, they being only models and used exclusively for instruction during the school terms.

After an inspection of this department a visit was made to the drill hall where three

NINE-POUNDER BRONZE FIELD GUNS,

Mounted on carriages, meet the eye. These have lately been brought out from Kingston and will be used for drill and saluting purposes only. A 64-pounder gun was made very noticeable, for the simple fact that it is mounted on a dilapidated wooden carriage, which is perfectly rotten by age and entirely unfit for even drilling the men. The armories were the next point of interest, and one is here struck with the neat and cleanly appearance of everything. Mr. Chas. Ireland, the efficient caretaker, it is evident, is never idle, and carries out his duties in a manner which does him credit. He is highly spoken of by those with whom he is brought in contact, and for his diligence and faithfulness deserves the highest commendation. His quarters adjoin the shed and he is thus able to guard with ease the valuable government stores.

In each of the armory rooms are forty sets of uniforms and rifles complete, the rifle in use being the short Snider.

THE STORAGE ROOMS

Are a sight to behold. Zinc cylinders for storing cartridges in the batteries when filled, tents, blankets, arms, accoutrements, and camp utensils for the use of about 1,000 men, 1,200 new short and long Sniders, and a number of muzzle-loading Enfield guns, now obselete, are neatly packed away. These stores are held in reserve in case of war. The Enfields were used before confederation, but were replaced by the Snider, which is in every way a superior rifle. Many competent military officers consider the Snider a superior weapon to the Martini, by which it has been replaced in the army. A considerable sum might be realized if these Enfields were sold, as they now take up valuable space and are of no earthly use to the service.

Upon enquiring the actual value of the stores, the reporter was informed that they were

WORTH ABOUT $150,000.

It seems strange that the government allows so great an amount of valuable property to be stored in such a place without a suitable guard. Any ill-disposed person or crank who had unpatriotic feelings toward the Queen and her government could very easily set fire to the building, which nothing could save from destruction, as it is gingerly built. Proper barracks should be constructed and the stores removed to them, and a guard to watch over them might be the means of saving the government from any attack from that direction. In case of a fire no blame could be attached to the caretaker, as one man cannot be about at all times watching for accidents or incendiaries. All loose powder or made-up common cartridges are kept in the magazine or in the batteries at Beacon Hill.

Complaints are made from time to time that the present situation of the drill shed is unsatisfactory, being so far from the centre of the city and it has been suggested that a

MORE CENTRAL SITE

be selected. Such a move would be in the right direction and also be the means of increasing the number of members and the efficiency of the city militia. There is no doubt, if proper representations were made by the municipal and provincial authorities, a suitable site could be secured. The building now in use is only 35x100 feet, being altogether too small for any extended drill being carried on, whereas the shed should be at least 80 x 100 feet. It is of the utmost importance that the men of British Columbia be thoroughly drilled in matters pertaining to war, particularly at the present time, when the whole of Europe is in a state of excitement and expecting to hear of war being declared at any time. There is every reason to believe that our young men

WILL FIGHT VALIANTLY

when the time comes, but in order that their efforts be well directed it is necessary that they be well drilled and disciplined. It is evident, if we wish to have our local force efficient, that no time should be lost in providing a proper drill shed and all other requisites by which our volunteers may become a credit to the city and province.

POLICE COURT.

[Before Judge Johnson.]

Frederick Bishop, charged with vagrancy, did not appear.

Officer Smith and Acting-Sergeant Shepherd testified to the man's character, and said he had no visible means of support. A fine of $50 or three months' imprisonment was recorded against him.

PERJURY CASE.

Judge Johnson then retired and Judge Harrison, before whom this case has been tried, resumed his place upon the bench.

Hee Wing, Ah Kie and Ah Lum, charged with perjury in the case of Hoc Hou, charged with passing a confederate note.

James D. Robinson, city clerk, sworn, proved the depositions.

He closed the evidence for the prosecution.

Mr. Taylor said that he had two witnesses for the defense, but would not be able to produce them at that time. He would like to produce one of them later on in the day, if his honor would be pleased to adjourn the court. His honor consented and adjourned the court until 1 p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.—David Doig—Am teller in the Bank of British North America; remember a Chinaman coming into the bank between the middle of November and New Year's; he presented a $50 confederate note, in appearance like the note produced; saw Hoc Hou in the police barracks last week with three other Chinamen; would not swear that Hoc Hou was the Chinaman who came into the bank, but from his appearance am under the impression he is the man; when I saw him in the barracks his demeanor attracted my attention, as he was nervous and rolled his eyes about wildly.

Mr. Doig's evidence closed the case, and his honor then bound Hoc Hou over for trial, on a charge of passing a confederate note, in bonds of $400, in himself and two sureties. Hee Wing, Ah Kie and Ah Lum were also bound over to appear at the next assizes in the same amount each.

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

President of liberal club Richards—To whom does the C. P. R. belong? Why, the people of course—it was their money that built it.

A voice—Who owns the railway anyway?

Vice-President T. J. Burnes of liberal club—Why, hang it, the syndicate, of course.

CABLE NEWS.

Lee-Burton Rifle Adopted.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The war office committee have decided to recommend the Lee-Burton magazine rifle.

Refuses to Surrender.

Advices from Mandalay say that the rebel leader Thanba of Woonthoo, refuses to surrender and is destroying the villages where the inhabitants are suspected of inclining towards the British.

A Disabled Steamship.

Steamer Holland, from London for New York, reported yesterday morning at Queenstown with the loss of propeller, was towed past Kinstle this morning.

Ireland's Government.

The cabinet held a session this afternoon to consider the proposed bill for the government of Ireland.

Portugal Bristles Up.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Advices from Zanzibar state that the sultan has refused to comply with the demand of the Portuguese government of the Mozambique to surrender the territory claimed by Portugal, but recognized in the Anglo-German agreement with the sultan as belonging to Zanzibar and has referred the matter to friendly powers. Portugal has on this account upturned domestic relations with the sultan and has hauled down the Portuguese flag from the consulate at Zanzibar. In addition to this a number of Portuguese men of war have proceeded to Tungi, the bombardment of which is threatened.

The War Cloud.

Paris papers continue to publish details of the movement of German troops in Alsace, vouching for the accuracy of their statements.

The French Preparing.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The government is purchasing timber in Bohemia for the purpose of constructing barracks.

Sounding the Czar.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: Gen. Von. Schweinitz, German ambassador to Russia, recently sounded the czar as to whether he would remain neutral in the event of war between Germany and France, and that the czar refused to make any engagement respecting the matter.

Rows to the Press.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—The *Vossiche Zeitung* says Emperor William will issue a manifesto on the 19th inst. It also says that the government hopes the lateness of its appearance will prevent its discussion by the press.

A Fort Destroyed in 48 Hours.

A fort created at Commersford, an exact fac-simile of French frontier forts, was destroyed in forty-eight hours by a new explosive.

Arming and Mobilizing.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 12.—It is announced that all forts in Belgium along the frontier of France have received complete war armaments. Preparations have been carried to the extent of mobilizing the troops. King Leopold will be commander-in-chief of the Belgian forces, with General Briolmont as chief of the staff. The Count of Flanders, brother of the king, will command the first army corps and General Vandaermiss the second.

The Deadly Cholera.

VIENNA, Feb 12.—Cholera has made its appearance in Esserg Slavena. The average is eight deaths daily.

Tizza Confers with the Emperor.

VIENNA, Feb. 12.—Herr Tizza, Hungarian premier, arrived here yesterday afternoon and has been conferring with the Emperor. He attended a meeting of the council of ministers called to consider the question of the early assemblage of the delegations and the amounts of credit to be asked.

Repeating Rifles for the Army.

The staff of the Stey rifle factory has been quadrupled and work has been given to other factories. Repeating rifles cannot be supplied for the whole army until the end of May.

Italy's New Ministry.

ROME, July 12.—*L' Opinione* says: King Humbert asked Count Derobelant, minister of foreign affairs in the late cabinet, to form a new ministry. It is not believed he will accept though, more probably Signos Depretes, prime minister of the retiring government, will finally be entrusted with the task. *L' Opinione* advocates the construction of a cabinet which shall have for its three most important members Depretes, Derobelant and Dernden, vice-president of the chamber of deputies. The Italian press generally violently attack Derobelant finding plenty of stimulus in the articles published in German and Austrian papers.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Commanded by Spirits to Kill.

NAPA, Cal., Feb. 12.—David Jones, a patient in the asylum, killed his roommate, Christopher Thorn, with part of an iron bedstead. After the deed he slept till morning when the attendants found the body with the head battered. Jones said the spirits commanded him to do the deed.

A Heavy Rainfall.

ST. HELENA, Cal., Feb. 12.—There has been the heaviest rain of the season during the last thirty-six hours. The Napa river is overflowing its banks. There was a heavy hailstorm to-day and it still continues to rain with no signs of abating.

Fought a Duel.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 12.—A duel was fought to-day between Robert Roman, son of Judge Alfred Roman, and Sidney L. Th