

HANDSOME RECEPTION.

Li Hung Chang the Guest of London's Merchants—The Queen's Message.

Cretans and Armenians—Affairs in Rhodesia—Italians in the United States.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—There was a large gathering at the reception tendered by the merchants of London to Li Hung Chang to-day. The assemblage occurred in the Fishmongers' hall, and among those present was the Japanese minister. Through an interpreter the Chinese envoy replied to the address of welcome, and said in part that it was a wrong principle for a statesman to make promises, adding, however, that he would endeavor to extend the railroads and commerce of China.

Sir Donald A. Smith, Canadian high commissioner in England, had an interview with Li Hung Chang this afternoon, and on behalf of the government of the Dominion of Canada, invited him to visit Canada. Li Hung Chang accepted the invitation and added that he had been looking forward to a visit to Canada with great interest.

The Times report of the visit to the Bank of England yesterday by Li Hung Chang says that he observed with interest the question of bi-metallicism could only be settled by the silver using and producing countries, and that therefore China, Japan and America must decide the question. It was also stated that the Chinese statesman, "we must make a proposal for a fixed ratio. But we shall fail unless Europe approves. England could settle the question if she wished, but she has her own interests to protect."

Queen Victoria has issued a message to the nation, thanking them for their expressions of loyalty and affection as the period approaches when the length of her reign will have exceeded that of any other English monarch, but asking that any national celebration be reserved until she has completed sixty years of her reign. Queen Victoria was crowned on June 28, 1838.

The House of Commons last night considered the formation of the select committee to investigate the administration of the British South African Company and the Jameson raid. It rejected all proposals to change the composition of the committee.

It is stated that the revolutionary assembly which has been established in Crete under the presidency of Morokostas, the well-known Cretan leader, now 92 years old, will issue a proclamation shortly, which will be a signal for a general uprising in the island. A state of absolute anarchy now prevails in the district of Heraklion, where the Mussulmans have burnt four more villages.

A dispatch from Crete, Crete, says that the Cretan revolutionary assembly includes many men of considerable property and tried experience, and that it intends to await the decision of Europe regarding Crete before forming a government.

The Chronicle learns that England and Russia are on the point of agreement to save both Armenia and Crete from Turkish oppression without disturbing the peace of Europe. An editorial in the same paper hints that the agreement will involve the presence of a Russian army in Armenia, and of a British fleet at Crete, to guarantee Turkish compliance with the terms of the agreement.

A hastily called cabinet meeting was held in Downing street this morning, at which the situation in Crete was under discussion for two hours.

A dispatch to the Times from Cape Town says that a proclamation has been issued which extends the time of grace for the surrender of the Matabele rebels to Sept. 28.

The Times announces that the appointment of the special committee to examine into the administration of Rhodesia and the Jameson raid has been postponed until the next session of parliament.

Sir William Harcourt, the Liberal leader in parliament, has been notified that the negotiations between London and Washington continue. The Standard thinks it doubtful "whether the opposition will raise a debate in parliament on the subject of the Venezuela question."

The Popolo Romano recalling the lynching of Italians at New York, in 1891, and referring to the lynching in that city of three Italians on Sunday last, urges the Italian government to call the attention of the European powers to the strange position of foreigners in America, and to promote the collective action of the powers. The Don Chiscoteo says that a repetition of the horrible events obliges the Italian government to demand satisfaction, in order to prevent the authorities of other countries from tolerating attacks upon Italians.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador to the United States now in this city, had an audience with the Marquis of Salisbury to-day.

A fatal accident occurred last night at Novelty theatre, where the play "The Sins of a Knight" is being produced. Mr. C. Rosier was playing the part of the villain, and the plot provided that he should be stabbed in the last act. The play ran along as usual until the stabbing scene, when instead of a harmless blow being delivered, the dagger penetrated Rosier's breast, inflicting injuries which caused his death in a few minutes.

A Singapore dispatch to the Times says that the small body of Japanese on the island of Formosa are behaving splendidly and have completely defeated the rebels in the island, so that peace has been restored.

A dispatch to the Standard from Paris says that the police have seized 10,000,000 francs worth of counterfeit French bank notes in three houses in Tunis. The bank clerks were unable to detect the fraud. Several arrests have been made.

The Daily News says that a committee has sat for seven years will against compulsory vaccination.

Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says that the Czar has written to the Sultan on Crete, and that the Spanish Chamber of Deputies has the ordinary budget as the out-

come of the compromise arranged yesterday with the Liberals concerning the amendments for the renewal of the tobacco monopoly, upon which the principal opposition of the Liberals was based.

FOR THE KOOTENAY.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 11.—(Special)—Two prominent mining engineers from England, who have been in the city a few days, have left for the Kootenay country to assist in opening and developing a mining property which was recently transferred to an English syndicate for the consideration of \$1,000,000. Hon. Col. McMillan, Manitoba's provincial treasurer, leaves shortly on a trip to the Kootenay.

EFFECTS OF THE HEAT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—To-day's report of deaths and prostrations overshadows the record of any other day in many years in this city being at midnight more than 180. Brooklyn adds about 20 to the list. In Jersey city there were 12 deaths and 20 prostrations; on Staten island, 14 deaths and 19 prostrations; in Newark 9 deaths and 28 prostrations; Long Island City, 4 deaths and 13 prostrations; Paterson, 4 deaths and 6 prostrations; Hackensack, 2 deaths and 5 prostrations; Passaic, 23 deaths and 6 prostrations; Hoboken, 7 deaths and 16 prostrations.

Accounts from Chicago show that there were 51 deaths Monday, while the toll of Tuesday's victims bade fair to be even greater than that. In Philadelphia the mercury on Tuesday climbed up to 95°; at New York, 94°; at St. Louis, Indianapolis and other important centres, the victims of the heat were unparalleled in numbers. At points of less importance, particularly in Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, sufferers dropped off in alarming numbers. At Chicago Very Rev. Prior Vaughan, of London, lies at the point of death at the Auditorium annex, having been overcome by the heat. He is a brother of Cardinal Vaughan, and was making a trip around the world.

WRECK OF A STEAMSHIP.

MONTREY, Cal., Aug. 11.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Co.'s steamer St. Paul, bound for San Francisco, ran ashore at 10:30 on Saturday night near Moss Beach in a dense fog, and is now wedged in the rocks on which she struck. The forty passengers on board were safely landed and most of them took the afternoon train for San Francisco. The first news of the accident was brought to the company's offices in the city by seven passengers who walked from the beach. W. B. Craig, of the University of California, one of the passengers, tells the following story of the wreck:

"As near as I can judge the boat struck about 10:30. I thought nothing of this and went to sleep. I was awakened by a heavy jar which I at first thought was the usual bumping of the steamer at the Monterey wharf. Capt. Taylor came rushing into my berth and informed me that we were ashore, and said to dress hurriedly and go forward without causing any excitement. By the time I was dressed everybody was up and there was a small panic among the passengers and crew. Everyone was half dressed and nearly everyone had a life preserver.

"Capt. Downing gave First Officer Hall instructions to lower a boat and go in search of a landing. This was done, but after a fruitless search toward Point Pinos lighthouse the boat returned. The captain had all the boats lowered and the women placed in the first one. The men were then lowered into the other boats. In one boat under him were myself, Captain Taylor, Purser Chrisman and three others whose names I did not know. The fog was so thick that we could not see 15 feet ahead of us, and it is a mystery to me that we ever came out alive. About 1:30, after bobbing around on the water for hours, we ran into a cove at Pebble Beach and landed in safety. We went to a farm house and informed the inmates of our condition, but the man would not get up, fearing we were parties trying to rob him. We then managed to find our way into Monterey."

As to the cause of the disaster, one story is that the captain struck a rock, and fearing the boat would sink ran ashore for safety. Others say the captain mislaid his bearings, mistaking Point Cypress for Point Pinos, and ran ashore under the impression that he was going into Monterey.

Capt. M. F. Taylor, of San Luis Obispo, who was aboard, gave this version of the wreck. "I cannot attach the blame to anyone. When I came aboard I found the ship crowded. Capt. Downing induced me to take his berth, as he did not intend to turn in on account of the unfavorable weather. I know that he never came into the steerage, but once, when he came to look at the chart, I had scarcely got to sleep when the boat struck the rocks, and I could clearly hear the signals to reverse the engines, which was promptly done, but to no avail. The boat was already fast. I was induced to accompany the first officer to go in search of a landing, which we could not at first find. We returned to the boat and were instructed to go south in search of a landing. After rowing hard for two hours we ran into a cove at Pebble Beach. Too much praise cannot be given to First Officer Hall for the skill and coolness he displayed in feeling his way into this little cove on such a dark and dismal night."

The boat is lying on her port side and is constantly raising. It is feared that she cannot be pulled off. In her position and in the manner of running ashore the St. Paul greatly resembles the wrecked Colombia. The officers have been instructed not to say anything regarding the wreck. On board were 200 head of cattle and 6,000 sacks of wool and grain. The passengers were very crowded.

One Honest Man.

If written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter particulars of a genuine, honest home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and manly vigor after suffering from nervous debility. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but, thank Heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness, and promise perfect secrecy. Please address, simply: P.O. Box 388, London, Ont.

OFFICIAL SALARIES.

Mr. Daly's Report on Immigration—Free Ammunition for the D. R. A. Meet.

The Two Wings of the Conservative Party Unite to Defeat Controller Paterson.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Aug. 11.—It is understood that the employees of the civil service will receive their month's pay on Saturday, as another warrant went down to Caspascadia yesterday for His Excellency's signature.

Hon. T. M. Daly, ex-Minister of the Interior, is busy with the preparation of his report on immigration and has submitted an interim report to the department. The report is likely to be a very long one.

Mr. Macfarlane, chief Dominion analyst, is expected home from Europe about the 33rd instant. He has been engaged in looking into, among other things, the question of the disposal of sewage in large cities.

Hon. Mr. Borden is considering a proposal to furnish free ammunition for the Dominion Rifle Association meet.

The North shore line of Lake Erie is being topographically surveyed by Dominion government surveyors.

Lady Tupper has arrived from England.

Hon. Mr. Costigan will attend the Irish National convention in Dublin, on September 1.

Li Hung Chang, the great Chinese statesman, has not been asked to visit Canada as the guest of the Dominion government, but to utilize the Canadian route in his way home, for which purpose the government will furnish him with the necessary transportation.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 11.—(Special)—The Free Press says: "There is an impression among the Liberals in the city that the leading portfolio will not be filled by Hon. Mr. Laurier until the school question has been settled. There is also talk of the portfolio being abolished and the work placed in the hands of a commission, whose acts and recommendations, especially with regard to financial matters, would have to be first approved by council before being put into effect. This would, in a measure, be following the suggestion of the Winnipeg Immigration convention held in Winnipeg last week."

HALIFAX, Aug. 11.—(Special)—A letter from Premier Laurier to Rev. E. H. Burgess, of Stellarton, concludes with the following paragraph: "With regard to the fear of dismissal, which is entertained by some of the railway employees, I firmly endorse your statement. As you put it, those who have been good and faithful employees have nothing to fear. I would not say a word of those who have been offensive partisans."

OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—Sir Charles Tupper has caused an urgent circular to be sent out to the Conservative senators and members of the House of Commons asking them to attend the party caucus to be held in this city next Wednesday. At this meeting the question of the party leadership will be decided, and the policy of the party, especially on the school question, discussed.

In connection with a newspaper report that a large slice of the Yukon district containing valuable mines has recently been appropriated by Canada, I did not know. The fog was so thick that we could not see 15 feet ahead of us, and it is a mystery to me that we ever came out alive. About 1:30, after bobbing around on the water for hours, we ran into a cove at Pebble Beach and landed in safety. We went to a farm house and informed the inmates of our condition, but the man would not get up, fearing we were parties trying to rob him. We then managed to find our way into Monterey."

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Doings of Vancouver Board of Trade—The Salmon Run Keeps Up.

Bush Fires—The Hall Mines Smelter—The Anti-Mongolian Agitation—Accident.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Aug. 12.—The Fifth Regiment bugle band are practicing under the instructions of Bandmaster Rennie.

The matter of the petition to the Dominion parliament in reference to the restriction of Japanese immigration was again taken up by the Anti-Mongolian Society last night. It was decided to adopt all the recommendations of the recent anti-Mongolian meeting at Nanaimo. The drafts of the petitions dealing with the Japanese and Chinese question were decided upon after discussion.

Five hundred copies of each petition will be printed for circulation broadcast. A sub-committee was appointed to prepare a pamphlet dealing with the Mongolian question for circulation in Canada.

A dense wall of smoke blocked the Narrows last night, rendering it necessary for Captain Lee, of the steamer Empress of Japan, to remain in English Bay until this morning.

The Vancouver Board of Trade met last night and decided to cordially support the proposal of the Ottawa Board of Trade to establish a Dominion Board of Trade. The board also decided, in the matter of the request of the London Chamber of Commerce, that they would use their influence with the home government in regard to the forthcoming exhibition at Brussels, to forward the correspondence on the subject to the provincial government, asking their favorable consideration.

Hon. James Baker enclosed letters from members of the Grocers' Association at Hull, asking the British Columbia boards of trade to co-operate in the grocers' exhibition at Hull. A committee was appointed to confer on the matter. The secretary of the Vancouver board has reported that the twenty gentlemen coming to British Columbia from Toronto are not members of the Toronto board of trade. The question of the recent Skeena river strike has been taken up by the Vancouver board of trade, and a resolution passed that the government be asked to have a police patrol the waters of British Columbia, and that to prevent smuggling, now so prevalent in northern waters, and for the further protection of the fishermen, a special steamer be provided.

Mr. Bell Irving, president of the board of trade, expressed the opinion last night that the fisheries were responsible for the big run this year. It was decided by the board to remind the authorities at Ottawa of the government's promise to build two more hatcheries. The business before the next meeting of the Vancouver board of trade will be a request to the government to devise means to prevent the floating of wildcat mining schemes, and to discuss the alleged necessity of having the small debts court re-established.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 12.—Three large sturgeons, weighing 1,850 pounds, were brought in by a steamer yesterday.

The buildings threatened yesterday at the north end of the city by bush fires have been saved by the heroic efforts of the firemen. The escape of some of the buildings was almost miraculous. So close were the flames at one time that the occupants of the houses mentioned had everything removed as a precaution. The work of the firemen is highly praised. Many people think that the danger is not yet over.

The salmon run keeps up well, and has much discredited the "every four years an off year" theory. The big run has surprised the oldest fishermen. All the canneries have more fish than they can conveniently handle. They are all working two shifts. To-day the Gulf of Georgia cannery had 33,000 sockeyes piled on their wharf. Business men are overjoyed, as many hundred thousand dollars will be put into circulation that were not counted on.

The fishermen's annual sports will be held in a couple of weeks and the city has contributed \$50 towards the event.

The Westminster council are considering a resolution of censure for the alleged careless treatment of Westminster citizens on the occasion of the recent Agassiz picnic. It is alleged that the C.P.R. promised to transport intending excursionists to Agassiz and return without change of cars, while a change of cars was made at Westminster Junction, and a number of excursionists were obliged to stand in the baggage car from the junction to the city.

The house of Donald Stewart, milkman, Brownville, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The house was built in 1874 and was one of the oldest buildings in repair in that part of the district. There was no insurance on the building or its contents.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Aug. 12.—All the preparations have been completed for the Foresters' celebration at Wellington on Saturday, and if the weather continues fine a delightful time will doubtless be spent. The foresters at Victoria are said to have chartered six special cars for the brethren and friends from that city.

Thomas Renwick, while chopping wood on Gabriola Island yesterday, accidentally brought the axe down on the instep of his foot, cutting an ugly gash and severing one of the arteries.

QUESNELLE.

QUESNELLE, Aug. 6.—Quesnelle Mouth is the centre of attraction for dredging.

On Monday, the 3rd instant, the new steamboat built by the C.P.N. Co. to run between this point and Soda Creek was launched. Mr. James Reid christening her Charlotte. It was a very pretty sight. This steamboat is constructed to carry passengers and freight, and will be a great convenience to this upper country. It is many years since a steamer plied between Quesnelle and Soda Creek.

There are now three dredges built. The Alexandria was launched last week,

and will be in operation in a few days on the Fraser river. The Pittsburg dredger has been prospecting for the past two weeks, but the result is not known yet. She is a powerful scow, and has cost about \$40,000. Everyone here is sanguine as to her capabilities for cleaning up the gold from the river-bed.

Rain has subdued the terrible forest fires which have been raging in this vicinity for the past two months. They extended for fifteen miles in one direction, and many thousands of acres of valuable timber were lost.

The intense dryness of the atmosphere has injured the crops, and a very light crop is expected.

The Hotel Cariboo has made extensive improvements and additions during the last month, which will be appreciated by guests and the travelling public generally.

NELSON.

(From the Nelson Tribune.)

Eli Carpenter made four locations on Twelve-mile creek. Assays from one of them show 259 ounces silver and \$62 gold. About ten claims have been staked in this vicinity, within two miles from Slocan lake.

The blast furnace at the Hall Mines smelter has been running continuously for the past three and a half months, and during this period has treated 13,700 tons of Silver King ore. During the same period the shipments from the smelter have aggregated \$250,000, and there is a great quantity of matte at present on hand awaiting shipment.

D. C. Clark, speaking of the Ruth mine, says: "The main tunnel is now in 700 feet. The second tunnel is in 200 feet, and the air shaft is down 156 feet. The company is building a wagon road which will cost \$1,400, and is putting up a bunk house to accommodate seventy-five men. The ore runs \$120 and \$130 to the ton. Considerable grey copper is now being found in the ore. The company owns an adjoining claim to the Ruth. It is thought a rich vein lies on this property."

The Bondholder Group Mining Company, a British syndicate recently organized, will commence work on a large scale next week. The principal holding of this company is the Bondholder group of mines on the divide between Ten-mile and Springer creeks. These claims are located on the same lead as the Enterprise. It is reported that the company will put a force of forty men to work next week. The same syndicate has control of the Two Friends on Springer creek, and the Crusader on the north fork of Lemon creek. John A. Finch made a shipment last week of forty tons from the Enterprise on Ten-mile. Finch is reported to be dickering for the Dalhousie group, the bond upon which was allowed to lapse by Marpole & Co. Nothing is being done upon the Arlington.

(From the Nelson Miner.)

Paul Johnson, superintendent of the Hall Mines smelter, returned from Butte on Wednesday evening, where he had been to order machinery for the enlargement of the smelter. The additions consist of a water jacket blast furnace with a capacity of about 170 tons a day, one reverberatory furnace and one calcining furnace. A second reverberatory furnace will probably be required early in the spring. The order for this plant has been placed with the Western Iron Works, of Butte.

Eighty-seven men are employed on the Slocan Star, at the mill and in the mine.

The ledge on the Two Friends has been tapped 80 feet from the surface by a tunnel 206 feet in length.

A large body of concentrating ore has been discovered on the Speculator, a claim lying between the Arlington and Enterprise on Ten-mile creek.

Eleven feet of dry concentrating ore have been found on the Lily B, a fair showing of black sulphurates and galena on the Little Bear, and four feet of carbonate streak of galena on the Florion Hope.

BULL FIGHTING BY WOMEN.

MARSEILLES, Aug. 10.—A bull fight conducted entirely by women occurred here to-day. The spectators clamored for the espadas to kill the bull, but, in obedience to a recent decree, the women declined to deliver the coup de grace. The people became incensed at their refusal, and first wrecked and then fired the building, which was destroyed. The popular resentment is intense against the prefect for enforcing the decree forbidding the slaughter of bulls.

The authorities tried last September to put a stop to bull-fighting in the South of France. A fight at Bayonne was stopped, and a celebrated Spanish bull-fighter engaged for the occasion was escorted to the Spanish frontier by the police. A number of senators and members of the chamber of deputies and the municipal council tried to induce the police to allow the performance to go on. Upon the police insisting on stopping the fight, the municipal council met, and the members decided to resign, which caused the inhabitants to give them an ovation.

HALIFAX, Aug. 12.—Between twenty and thirty men who had been employed about the deep water terminus of the Intercolonial railway have been paid off and discharged.

Catarrh of Ten Years Standing.

Cured at a Cost of \$2.40.

Remarkable Evidence of What Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder Will Accomplish.

Catarrh that becomes embedded, as it were, in the system, is usually pronounced chronic and incurable. But that all depends on the treatment. Henry W. Francis, an employee of the Great North Western Telegraph Co., of Brampton, Ont., had been greatly troubled with catarrh in the head for ten years. He says: "I tried every remedy during these years, and also called in the assistance of doctors, but little or no benefit came to me. I saw Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder advertised, and secured a sample, which gave such speedy relief that I continued the use of the medicine up to four bottles, when I found myself absolutely and completely cured. For these four bottles I had to pay \$2.40, where for ten years I had been spending dollars upon dollars every year getting nowhere."

Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

WINNIPEG, Aug. 11.—(Special)—A letter was received at St. Boniface to-day from Archbishop Langevin, who is in Rome. His Grace is in good health, and has had a long interview with the Pope on the Manitoba school question, the result of which was very satisfactory to His Grace. He will return to the city the last week in September. After leaving Rome he goes to Notre Dame de Lourdes, Paris, London and New York.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—James Griffith, R.C.A., is dead, aged 83. He was one of the best known Canadian painters. A number of his pictures were exhibited at the World's Fair.

CHATHAM, Aug. 11.—The three-year-old daughter of James Moore, of Chatham township, is dead from the effects of drinking a quantity of fly poison.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 11.—Sunday night's storm did damage estimated at \$75,000 in this section. In Western Ontario many barns were fired by lightning, and a conductor on the Michigan Central railway reports having seen twenty-six fires between St. Thomas and Windsor.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 11.—Richard Riley, aged 63, a farmer suffering from heart disease, died yesterday from the effects of the intense heat. The temperature was the highest known in thirty-seven years.

MONTREAL, Aug. 11.—The heat here during the past few days has been torrid in its intensity. The thermometer has ranged from 85 to 90, and the humidity also has been excessive. A large number of cases of prostration have been reported.

CORNWALL, Aug. 11.—Michael O. Con, an Italian, was stabbed yesterday by a fellow countryman named Minica, this afternoon in a dispute over a board bill, and is not expected to recover.

KINGSTON, Aug. 12.—Fifty thousand rounds of Martini ammunition were shipped to Toronto to-day, and 500 Lee-Enfield rifles were sent to the military store at Ottawa. One million rounds of Lee-Enfield ammunition are on the way here from England.

ATLANTA, Aug. 12.—William Hickey, aged 66, a manufacturer of this place, died yesterday from heart disease while rowing across Charleston lake.

BIRTH.

WHITELY—At 16 Rupert street, on the 11th inst., the wife of J. J. Whitely, of a daughter.

HOBBS—At Strawberry Lane, Burnside road, on the 8th inst., the wife of Edwin Hobbs, of a son.

HORN—In this city, at 28 Bellot street, on the 8th inst., the wife of T. H. Horn, of a