

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND
PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A
CONDENSED FORM.

—The meeting of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday evening next will be given up to a discussion of the scheme of the appointment of a Federal Agent and a special transportation committee of three to further the shipping interests of this city. In suggestion to carry out such a scheme the chairman proposed to extend the franchise of the line in the interests of the city of Victoria. To further the prompt distribution of merchandise from this port to the United States, the British Isles, throughout British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, the Federal Government is endeavoring to foster the gathering of trade relations with South America, Australia and Oriental ports, making this city the operating base for the Dominion. The Chamber is sponsoring fast vessels assisting in the development of industry and the natural wealth of the islands and the West Coast. The equalization of freight rates and the grant of a special franchise for the development of transportation facilities along lines of efficiency and economy.

—An important deal in theatrical matters was consummated Monday morning which practically concerns the whole of the Northwest. A majority of the theatre owners in the Northwest are anxious to give their audiences a show of merit. The meeting this morning had representatives from Spokane, Portland, Seattle, Vancouver, West Westminster and other local theatre centres. The session was to place the very best vaudeville talent before the public. It was also decided to send a representative to New York at once for the purpose of securing the best talent. The owners are now assured that in the future they can see as good a programme as is presented in the largest Eastern cities. The sole booking of this big circuit has been secured by the Northwest's own energetic booking agent of the Savoy and patrons of this theatre, as well

—“On Tuesday night the First Baptist church of this city will be en fete, a night marking the occasion of the grand opening ritual of the magnificent oratorio, *Ben Hur*, which will be given in aid of the Canadian Red Cross by Jesse Williams, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. “There will be many attractive musical and instrumental numbers on the programme. “The church has been engaged for the inaugural singing of the oratorio by the choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church of Victoria, who is British Columbia's best instrumentalist. The ‘Big Four’ quartette of this city will render some of the most popular songs of the day. Local vocalists will assist in the programme. The ceremony will doubtless be commenced promptly at 8 o'clock with a few inaugural and appropriate songs by the worthy pastor, Rev. J. J. Roland, and will be followed by a hymn supplied by the celebrated K. J. Somers Company, of Ontario, and presented

20 Cases Neg

The following reports were received from the meteorological office this morning:

Quesnel, 5 p. m., 21st—Water has fallen eight inches since 5 p. m. Saturday.

Quesnel, 8 a. m., 22nd—Water has fallen six inches since 5 p. m., Sunday; heavy rain last night, also in mountains.

Yale, 5 p. m., 21st—River fell six inches in last 24 hours.

great cause to be thankful to Almighty God for permitting you to occupy your sacred office for so many years, the thousands who were under your charge here fully as much, if not more reason to the

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work of making a score similar to that made against Victoria at Warrington. The game commenced well, making a pretence of hitting the pitcher's head and capturing the ball safely. Rithet went out on the second but Chase knocked

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