



ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

The Gladstonian Victory in Wisbech a Surprise to both Conservatives and Liberals.

Obituary Reconstruction—Chamberlain, Lord Hartington and Gerst to Accept Portfolios.

Baptists and Congregationalists Disagree—Cannibalism in the Congo States—LeCaron's Awful Fate.

Le Caron's Awful Fate. LONDON, July 24.—Le Caron, the informer, who testified against Mr. Parnell, and the Irish patriots generally, during the sittings of the so-called Parnell commission, has been at the point of death from a tumor in the stomach. He was operated on through an operation and the physicians gave him up. The tumor finally broke of its own accord and a temporary improvement in the sufferer's condition is reported. However, the abscess will form again and prove fatal. Le Caron is at a seaside resort nursing his strength as much as possible. His worst enemies could hardly wish him a worse fate than is hanging over his head.

Copyright Correspondence. LONDON, July 24.—The official correspondent which passed between the English and American Governments on the subject of copyright has just been issued. It consists mainly of formal notes concerning the proclamation of President Harrison. Lord Salisbury's communication to Minister Lincoln, under date June 16, says the contemporary publication in a foreign country does not prevent the author from obtaining an English copyright, nor is residence in an alien Majesty's dominions necessary to an alien author in order to obtain an English copyright.

Administration of Peter's Finances. ROME, July 24.—The result of the investigation of the administration of Peter's penes will soon be made public. The Vatican has been requested to publish an official statement of the position of the funds to tranquilize Catholic opinion, which is at present much agitated over the recent revelations. Monsignor Folchi, who is reported to have written a pamphlet, justifying his position in respect to the funds, but at the Vatican it is thought exceedingly improbable that Monsignor Folchi will commit such an error of judgment.

Russia Banquets France. ST. PETERSBURG, July 24.—A grand banquet was given to-day at the French Embassy, in honor of the officers of the visiting French fleet, by the Grand Duke Alexis and Admiral Gervais, commander of the marine, interior, finance and commerce. The French Ambassador toasted the Czar of Russia, and the Grand Duke Alexis responded by toasting President Carnot and the gallant "French squadron."

Another Crown in the Family. VIENNA, July 24.—The New Free Press says that the Crown Prince of Roumania will shortly visit England, when he will be formally betrothed to a daughter of the Prince of Wales.

Behring Sea Arbitration. LONDON, July 20.—In the House of Commons, to-night, Sir James Ferguson said that the Government had reason to believe that satisfactory arrangements would shortly be made with the United States in the matter of arbitration of the Behring Sea questions.

Russia Hoarding Grain. VIENNA, July 24.—Russia has made heavy purchases of corn, and the Government is storing large quantities of grain supplies. The rise in prices in cereals in Germany is partly due to Russian buyings.

Sixteen Lives Lost. VIENNA, July 24.—The tower of a church in process of erection, at Szalatin, Hungary, fell to-day, killing 16 workmen.

ALASKA'S GREAT RESOURCES. An Exploring Party Proves That They Are Not Inaccessible.

SEATTLE, July 21.—Last April Lieut. E. J. Glave and Jack Walton started from here to explore the interior of Alaska. Glave was in Africa with Stanley, and with the expedition for founding the Congo Free State, and Walton is an experienced Alaska prospector. In 1890 they were with Frank Leslie's expedition, and explored the country between the Yukon and South Coast, going north and south. This year they go east and west reaching an entirely unknown region. They discovered rich mineral deposits in 1890, and the great object of this year's expedition was to find the first trail by which packhorses might be taken to the interior of the mountains. A letter from Lieut. Glave was received here yesterday, written June 9th, at Neke, Ta. He, in central Alaska, sent to sea by an Indian runner and posted at Chitkat, July 10th. The letter says: "We have been entirely successful with the venture of taking packhorses into the heart of Alaska. The attempt was considered by many quite quixotic, but I can assure you that it is not. We are enjoying wild timothy, blue top and bunch grass growing thickly everywhere. Alaska's accessibility has kept the country undeveloped; but now that we have improved transportation facilities, practically nothing is to prevent Alaska assuming an important position as a mineral-producing region. Alaska is encircled at all limits by rugged walls. When difficult barriers are crossed, we find a wide, fertile valley, well watered, with streams and lakes, all well stocked with fish, and fine pasture and wild fruits are in abundance. The winter is severe, but not so dreadful as generally supposed. With the practicability of the pack-horse transport proved, nothing should hinder an important mining development in Alaska."

Bank Failure in Melbourne. LONDON, July 24.—A dispatch to the Times says the Imperial Bank at Melbourne has suspended. The liabilities are £160,000. It is stated that the depositors will be paid in full.

The Earl of Wicklow Dead. LONDON, July 24.—Ceil Ralph Howard, sixth Earl of Wicklow, died to-day. Lord Clonmore succeeds to the title.

Lightning's Deadly Bolt. BERLIN, July 24.—A hay cart, returning from a field near Liechom, was struck by lightning, to-day, and six laborers riding therein were killed. Four others were injured.

Obscene Literature. LONDON, July 24.—Ed Head, the wholesale dealer of the programmes of the Kaiser's Guild Hall procession which contained advertisements of Malchusian literature, had a trial in court, to-day, brought by the government for selling immoral books. The magistrate decided that the advertisements contained on the covers of the programmes were disgusting and obscene, and sentenced Head to one month's imprisonment. The man, who sold the pamphlets at retail on the streets were also arrested, cautioned and discharged.

A Festive Wedding. LONDON, July 24.—Charles Clarke yesterday was fined in court for creating a disturbance while being married. Clarke was in a festive mood during the ceremony and

THE FIRST SEIZURE.

Schooner Marvin Captured by the Rush and Handed Over to H.M.S. Nymph.

Returns to Victoria, by Order, and is Followed by the Walter L. Rich and Ainoka.

Threats Made to Seal on the Russian Side, and Defy both Nations.

Sealing is certainly stopped in the Behring Sea, and all of the Victoria fleet are now on the way home. The entrance to Behring Sea is effectually blocked, and is now patrolled by five American and two British war vessels. The latter are the Nymph and Phœnix, and the United States vessels are the revenue cutters Bear, Rush and Corwin, and the gunboats Thetis and Mohican.

Last night the Victoria sealing schooner, E. B. Marvin, arrived about 8 o'clock from the north, and is now anchored at James Bay, having been seized by the U. S. revenue cutter Rush and turned over to H.M.S. Nymph, who gave her orders to sail direct for this port, and remain here.

The Marvin was notified at Sand Point by the Rush that sealing in the Sea was prohibited, and after being furnished with a copy of the proclamation of President Harrison, was ordered not to attempt to go to Behring's Sea under penalty of seizure. No attention was paid to the warning, and Capt. McDougall sailed for the Sea determined to wait until notified by a British vessel. He was overhauled at Ouanakasa afterwards by the Rush and taken captive. The schooner was turned over by the Rush to the Nymph, which ordered Captain McDougall to proceed here and await further orders. The Marvin's officers say that nearly every schooner has received the notice, and any of them will certainly be seized if they attempt to enter the Sea after being warned.

THE RUSH COMES HOME. Three hours after the arrival of the Marvin, the schooner Walter L. Rich, Captain Martin Pike, arrived and anchored in the bay, alongside the Marvin. The Rich was about to enter Behring Sea on the 25th July, at Unimak Pass, the entrance to the sea, when she was met by the United States gunboat Thetis, and handed a copy of the proclamation. Her captain was then warned of the consequences should he ignore the warning. The Rich cruised about, off the Pass, for several days, and then set sail, notified by a British vessel after being notified by the Thetis. One of the men, Albert Radford, was taken ill with cramps a few days ago, and is sick on board.

The American schooner Albert Walker, owned in Kodiak, was also warned at the same time with the Rich. Several of the schooners are said to be already in the sea, and a number of them are intending to go in and defy both the United States and British men-of-war.

STILL ANOTHER. Like rats in a trap, seventeen British and American sealing schooners were caught, on the 30th June, off Alitak Bay, by the United States man-of-war Thetis and her consort, the British schooner Phœnix, and the British schooner Phœnix, endorsed by the British Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington, Sir Julian Pauncefote, as read by the boarding officers from the war vessel. Among the names of the schooners were the Ouse, Belle and City of San Diego. All of the schooners had presented to their respective captains a letter of warning from Commander George C. Reiter, U.S.N., in command of the Thetis, notifying them that they must not enter the Behring Sea, and that they would be closely watched. The letter also warned them that if found in Behring Sea after the notification with any seal skins on board, or if any evidence was found to indicate that they had attempted to enter the Sea they would be seized and the vessels confiscated and seamen and seal hunters imprisoned. It stated in plain terms that every British and American man-of-war would be watching them, and informed of the name of each schooner warned and instant seizure would be the result of any defiance of the order. The schooner acquiesced with the best grace they could show, and were working in a prospect of the mias worked on the long wall system, but these men, Griffiths, McBrooms and Bradley, were employed aboard the long wall. The exact place where the gun lighted was in an old airway that had been disused for some time and was barred off from the main level. Griffiths, who set the gas off, went into the old airway for the purpose of nature, carrying a lighted lighted stick, and was fairly roasted from the middle up. Bradley sustained severe burns from the upper part of his body, and was on the head, and McBrooms suffered about on the head and neck. This air-way has been viewed with suspicion and carefully examined, and the same place in which two men named Stevens and DeWitt were burned some time ago. It was tested for gas last week and none found, but it was always barred off from the rest of the level.

Mr. A. Dick, mine inspector, went down the mine to make an official examination while the report was there, but he said he expected to be below three or four hours, so nothing could be learned from him. No damage was done to the mine nor any stoppings, curtains, or doors blown out, and it is safe to assume that the accident was confined to the pocket of gas accumulated in the roof. Dr. Walkam, colliery surgeon, and Dr. Davis were on spot, and rendered assistance. At 6 o'clock, this afternoon, the report was made to the hospital, and the men were being tended, and it was expected that the cases are critical at present.

TO COLONIZE THE JEWS. Elaborate Plans for Their Settlement Throughout the United States.

PHILADELPHIA, July 23.—The Jewish Alliance of America, to-day, issued the following appeal and plan of action with regard to Russian immigration: "It may be stated beyond question that if the annual influx of the many thousands of immigrants could, by some effective system, be quickly distributed through the vast interior of the Union, they would prove a valuable acquisition to the localities in which they settled, and also, possibly better their own condition. It is, however, manifest that the assimilation of these emigrants is retarded through their concentration in the larger communities. If some outlet in the more thinly populated districts could be devised, by which the number placed throughout the country, particularly in the Southern and Western States, which are soliciting new settlers, could have their needs supplied from the overcrowded districts, a great desideratum would be accom-

AMERICAN NEWS.

The Great Northern Secures a Market in London for its \$10,000,000 Bonds.

A Helena Editor Imprisoned for Contempt of Court—New Rifled Gun.

Helena Editor in Jail. HELENA, Mont., July 25.—The editor of Russell B. Harrison's paper is behind the bars of the jail of Silver Bow county to-night. The paper is the Helena Journal, and the editor is James H. McKnight, formerly of New York. Recently he printed an article to the effect that no judge or jury could be found in Silver Bow county that would give the contestants in the Davis will contest a fair trial, and that unless a change of venue was secured the jig was up with them. It also said that the Democrats and Republicans combined to elect J. J. McHatton district judge, because he held the "Butte vote of the case." The matter was in the nature of gossip talk, and the words were put into the mouth of "An Old Montanan." McKnight refused to divulge the name of the "Old Montanan" and was committed until he should answer. Habeas corpus proceedings will be begun to-morrow.

Murdered for 24 Cents. ATLANTA, July 24.—Charles M. Ozburn was hanged here, to-day, for the murder of John M. Bradley, May 5, 1890. The drop fell at 22 minutes to 1 o'clock. The execution took place in the county jail before about forty witnesses. Ozburn was a merchant of this city. He lived well and was highly respected. He had a dispute with Bradley about a barrel of potatoes which he had sold him, and on which Bradley claimed there was 54 cents overcharge. Ozburn went to Bradley's store and shot him dead. Desperate efforts were made to prevent the execution, an appeal being made to the legislature, yesterday, to interfere in his behalf, but the legislature refused to do so. This morning the governor finally refused to reprieve the prisoner a second time.

Woolen Mill Destroyed. PHILADELPHIA, July 24.—Campbell & Elliot's cotton and woolen mill, at Washington street and Twelfth street, was burned to-night, the loss being estimated at between \$60,000 and \$75,000, believed to be covered by insurance.

A New Projectile Thrown Twelve Miles. NEW YORK, July 24.—The first heavy ordnance 12-inch rifled gun designed for coast defense, and made in this state, was fired at Sandy Hook for the first time to-day, with a satisfactory result. With 250 pounds of powder the gun expelled a 3,000 pound shot five miles and a 400 pound shot 12 miles.

Sought for a Woman. ERIE, Pa., July 24.—Robert Carruthers of Baltimore lies, to-night, in the Erie county infirmary horribly cut, and Lewis Derry lies in the same institution with a bullet wound in his groin, the result of their meeting to-day. Derry, several weeks ago, married a young woman to whom he and Carruthers were both paying attention, and she must cease receiving the attention of his rival, threatening that if she did not he would cut her ears off. Carruthers, ignorant of Derry's threats, came down a few days ago from Columbus, Ohio, where he works, and while on his way to call upon the young lady he set upon and stabbed slightly by Derry. To-day the young men met again unexpectedly near the young woman's home. Carruthers drew a revolver and Derry a knife, and being at close quarters they fought with the desperation of fiends. Derry's most serious wound is that in the groin, while his rival is disabled for life and is in a very critical condition.

A Woman Raped in Her Coffin. SPRINGFIELD, O., July 24.—Last night, Mrs. Catherine Cooper, thinking she was going to die, sent for Rev. D. B. Green, got into her coffin and was baptized by the reverend gentleman. Mrs. Cooper is an elderly woman, and is in the last stages of consumption.

Collision on the Hudson. NEW YORK, July 24.—Passengers on the steamer Dred, which collided with an excursion barge in the Hudson river, near Crown Bay, were drowned. They claim that when the boats came together three people were thrown by the force of the shock into the water. One of these was a woman, the other men. One man was saved by the other man's deck hand, but the other man and woman sank beneath the waves. The captain of the Dred admits that it was a peculiar accident, and that possibly some lives were lost.

Great Northern Bonds. BOSTON, July 24.—Cable advices announce that the Great Northern has secured a market for its \$10,000,000 bonds, which would seem to indicate that the European situation with which Wall street's prosperity is so intimately connected is mending very fast.

Disgusted With Sluggers. ST. PAUL, July 24.—The president and secretary of the Minnesota Athletic Club have issued a statement that their club will have nothing more to do with the Half-Tonsimons fight; that so pugilistic entertainments will hereafter be given by that club and no arrangements for one would be made. It has been known that the law prohibited such exhibitions. The cases of Jimmy Carroll and Smith, arrested for training Fitzsimmons, have been continued until to-morrow morning, to give Judge Carey time to decide as to the legality of the complaint, which the defence claims to be void on the ground that it contains three distinct charges.

Two Brutal Murders on a Mars Hill Butcher. PARIS, July 23.—Within a week two murders of the Jack the Ripper type have occurred in Marsailles. On each occasion a man giving an Italian name, accompanied by a woman, took a room in a lodging-house. In each case the woman was found dead in the morning, having been immovably strangled to death and the body afterwards horribly mutilated. A letter has been received by the police authorities, purporting to have been written by the murderer, and in it the crimes were the beginning of a series.

CAPITAL NOTES.

New Kootenay Mining Enterprise—The Duty on Lead to be Increased—Improved Business.

Toronto's Resolution of Sympathy with Lady Macdonald—The Budget Debate still on.

Fleeing the Sub-Contractors—How and Why the McGreevy's Fall Out—An Interesting Story.

From our own Correspondent. OTTAWA, June 25.—Edward Greenfield, Peter A. Peterson, Richard Smith, Fred Fairman, William Irwin, Edwin Hanson and Robert Hopper, Montrealers, are seeking incorporation as the Montreal and Kootenay Mining Company. Capital, \$200,000.

Mr. Mars has interviewed Hon. Messrs. Powell and Foster, to urge the increase of the duty on lead, in the interest of the mines of the Kootenay country. He was informed the matter would be taken up in a few days.

The exports of the Dominion last month show an increase of \$480,000, compared with June, 1890, and for the year an increase of \$1,018,000. Despite the fact that the McKinley tariff is operating severely against Canadian Agricultural produce, the imports of the year show a decrease of \$415,000, and the revenue from customs duties a decrease of \$791,000.

The revenue cut from burnt timber under lease in Manitoba and the Territories has been reduced from 5 per cent to 2 1/2.

A civic deputation from Toronto to-day presented a resolution of condolence with Lady Macdonald. The resolution was laid in album form and beautifully illuminated.

The Budget debate still drags along. Sir Adolphus Caron has been interviewed by a strong deputation to urge the formation of a Highland regiment in Toronto. The Public Accounts Committee is doing good service in probing irregularities in the public departments. Further evidence has been taken, showing that Charles G. Macdonald, contractor for the Langvin Colliery, literally took the sub-contractors by the throat and bled them. Messrs. Bousseau and Mather, of Montreal, declined to take the roof contract rather than to submit to Charles's extortions.

J. R. Arnoldi, mechanical engineer of the Public Works Department, has been placed in a bad light by the revelations of certain witnesses. It appears that he earned the steam tug Joe, for which he had been drawing from the Government at the rate of \$100 per month in another person's name. It is expected that Arnoldi will get his walking ticket, but that the Tarte investigation devoted all yesterday to a recital of the quarrel between the two McGreevys. It put Hon. Thomas McGreevy in a bad light. Robert said Thomas complained, which led to the management being proved to be guilty. The witness had not accounted to him for his share as a silent partner in the British Columbia mining deal.

OTTAWA, July 25.—As the result of the recent parliamentary developments the office hours of the Civil Service have been extended until 6 p.m. Hereafter all the extra charges will be covered by a holiday at the expense of the department.

The Cabinet had a protracted session to-day. The political situation generally was under discussion. The feeling is now that the Government ought to stick to Sir Hector Langvin until he is proved to be guilty.

The published announcement respecting the forthcoming issue of Sir John Macdonald, now being written by Col. Pennington McPherson, has called forth a contradiction from Lady Macdonald.

AN EMBEZZLER CAUGHT. He Took a \$500 Note to Cash and Was Not Seen Afterwards. OF BUFFALO, N.Y., July 21.—Detectives late this afternoon arrested Josiah W. Brien, the missing Philadelphia architect, whose operations in Philadelphia created a big sensation in New York and Philadelphia. Brien is accused of embezzling \$33,000 from John W. Post of New York, the general manager of the Steel Tubular Co., of Bradford, Pa. The story as told in a follow-up man in New York. Last winter he embezzled Brien to go to Bradford and supervise the construction of the Steel Tubular Co., which is among the biggest in Pennsylvania. During February, March and April, Brien was entrusted with 475 shares of the company's stocks at \$100 per share, and he was to receive a 200 share, obtaining \$38,500. Post demanded the sum of money on several occasions, but Brien neglected to give it up. They met in the Girard house at Philadelphia one day, and Post had a \$500 note that he wanted to cash. Brien took it to cash and that is the last seen of the note. Three or four days ago Post went to Bradford to find Brien, but he was not there. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest, but the efforts of the New York and Philadelphia police failed to locate him. The police all over the country were notified to watch for him. This afternoon he was located on Main street by Detectives Quinn and Merchal and arrested. Brien confessed his identity, and will be taken to New York city. Late to-night the Express received advices from Bradford, stating that Mr. Post will be arrested in New York, to-morrow, upon the same charge as that made against Brien. His share will be placed at \$180,000. The stock of the steel company has been disposed of, and the directors are anxious to know who has the money yet. Post has it, and the latter says it is the former who is in possession.

THE NEW CROFTER SETTLEMENT. MONTREAL, July 23.—Major Clark, formerly of the Ninetieth Winnipeg Rifles, and Col. Eggleston, of the Royal Engineers, call on the Ettrick to-morrow as commissioners appointed by a syndicate formed in connection with the new crofter settlement on Vancouver Island, under the auspices of the Imperial and British Columbia governments. They will make suggestions to the provincial government to carry on a fishery and other commercial undertakings in connection with the settlements.

When a girl is in love she inevitably compares the object of her affection to the heroes of romance. She reacts against the hero's disadvantages—Somerville Journal.

THE CROFTER COLONISTS.

Three Thousand Will Settle in British Columbia—Mr. Bagg Arrives in Ottawa from London.

OTTAWA, July 24.—Alex Bagg, agent of the British Columbia government in Scotland, has returned from England and is in Ottawa. He states he has made arrangements with the British government for a loan of \$2,500,000 for colonization purposes. This will be advanced in sums as required and repaid by the British Columbia government, who in turn will collect it by instalments from settlers. They get three years in which to repay the loans, not having to pay anything for the first five years. The scheme provides for the settlement of about 6,000 crofters and fishermen.

From \$120 to \$150 will be expended on each family, and a syndicate is being formed in England to carry on fishing and mining operations in British Columbia, to afford employment for settlers.

They will ask the Dominion government to locate them and assist in developing the fisheries of the coast. The scheme yet lacks the confirmation of both governments, but Bagg is of opinion that it will be secured. He reported, to-day, to Hon. Mr. Robson, the premier of British Columbia, who is here.

MONTEAL, July 23.—The wholesale millinery and fancy dry goods firm of John McLean & Co. has assigned on demand of the Merchants' Bank for \$300,000. The Merchants' Bank is a creditor to the extent of \$150,000. Other principal creditors are European houses.

NEW FRANCISCO, July 23.—The well-known local oarsman Nick Long and Jas. Sullivan, will leave this city, on Tuesday night, for Vancouver. They will take with them a large sack of American dollars, which will be placed on Henry Peterson's boat for the race which will take place August 8th.

THE BEST AD.

It is greatly to be hoped that the gardeners, the fruiterers, and those of our industries on this Island best to help it to make Autumn Exhibitions of no more effective mode cover Island, and British, than by a has exhibit. The produce demonstrate its resources more effectively than any other way. Books and lecturers may just in such a done erroneous impressions of a country, but that is not the way to do so truthfully as to the most sceptical and obtuse spectator. That which bright and developed and finely of the duller can fully gauge. It was not grain and his fruits, minerals, her manufactures, her dairy products to Great Britain that caused to be by its inhabitants the Dominion produce a cold and barren count and ice for seven months. Now they know seen productions from be raised where the so climate genial—and as is believing. And it is this part of the Dominion be many false impressions abroad. The trouble, impressions at all with thing will dispel their leave in its place an in country, as a fall and of its productions. That all who are interested ought to be interested, Vancouver Island, will further the work which undertaken.

THE PROFIT. We are glad to see that the "reforming moralists" of the re-joining over the being unearthed at Ottawa, the evidence of these scandals simply bonanza, by means of these days, to get a things. The chief object of the party, when direct to the way in which dealing with the offend proved to have practised better employed than not joyous jubilation of their. Commenting on the Government is pursuing tends to pursue toward.

"One thing stands connection with the in a of allegations of irrefutable, is the faithfulness which the Government enquiry and express the evidence of the from the bitter partisans that their opponents satisfactory to show. formers throughout the of evidence of the played by the Govern- ment to set right whatever wrong. There is no fact, of concealment of of wholesale denial of of country, there is in searching enquiry, any Minister of Justice chiefly "acting for in the matter, in the admiration of his feature of the case is to justice in Sir John Thel- Seldom has a Minister of the Crow circumstances, to win a deep respect of the peo- trust that he will do just."

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WONDERFUL IN. Balfour's policy in In to be more successful the Government dared to the Balfour regime and even political ag- greatly that it is now gone and even boy part of the history of have been convinced their enemy and that it is not half so red as he was, tempered by jud brought about this res- sible that the unmark- doings in Ireland. The selfishness of some of the wickedness of others has the people, finding that the most part made of indeed, have ceased to do their hiding. It well has fallen never ago

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THE BEST ADVERTISEMENT.

It is greatly to be hoped that the farmers, the gardeners, the fruit-raisers, the manufacturers, and those engaged in other industries on this Island will do their very best to help it to make a good show in the Autumn Exhibitions of the East. There is no more effective mode of advertising Vancouver Island, and British Columbia generally, than by a handsome, well-arranged exhibit. The products of a country demonstrate its resources and its capabilities more effectively than is possible in any other way. Books may exaggerate, and lecturers may handle their subject in such a way as to produce erroneous impressions, but the products of a country, natural and manufactured, speak for themselves so eloquently and so truthfully as to carry conviction to the most sceptical as well as to the most obtuse spectator. There is no doubting what bright and plump grain and well-developed and finely colored fruit, say, and the dulcet and fully comprehended their language. It was not until Canada sent her grain and her fruits, her fish, timber and minerals, her manufactures, her meats and her dairy products to the exhibitions of Great Britain that Canada began to be understood by its inhabitants. Until they saw what the Dominion produces, they believed it to be a cold and barren country, covered with snow and ice for seven months of the year, at least. Now they know better. They have seen productions from Canada that can only be raised where the soil is fertile and the climate genial—and seeing, as we all know, is believing. And it will be the same with this part of the Dominion. There may not be many false impressions about this Island abroad. The trouble is that many have no impressions at all with regard to it. Nothing will dispel their ignorance so well and leave in its place an intelligent idea of the country, as a full and well-selected display of its productions. We trust, therefore, that all who are interested, and all who ought to be interested, in the prosperity of Vancouver Island, will do what they can to further the work which Mr. Gosnell has undertaken.

THE PROPER STAND.

We are glad to see that the Toronto Empire has ceased to bother about the "shrieking moralists" of the Liberal party, who are rejoicing over the scandals which are being unearthed at Ottawa. They regard those scandals simply as to them a political bonanza, by means of which they hope, one of these days, to get any number of good things. The chief organ of the Conservative party, when directing public attention to the way in which the Government is dealing with the offenders who have been proved to have practiced irregularities, is better employed, than in denouncing the noisy jubilation of the elated office-hunter. Commenting on the course which the Government is pursuing, and which it intends to pursue towards offenders, it says: "One thing stands out prominently in connection with the investigation at Ottawa—allegations of irregularities and fraud—that is, the faithfulness and vigor with which the Government are pursuing the inquiry and expressing determination to probe all charges to the bottom. And this is the chief reason why the public are so accounted to him for his partner in the British Empire."

ZZLEER CAUGHT. Vote to Cash and Was Not an Afterwards. July 21.—Detectives late arrested Josiah W. Brien, a Philadelphia architect, whose Philadelphia created a big scandal in New York and Philadelphia. He was fined \$33,000 and of New York, the general Steel Tubular Car Co. The story as told is as follows: Brien was arrested by met in the Grand Central station, and Post that he wanted cashed. Brien and that is the last three or four days ago. Brien was arrested in New York. A warrant was sworn out by the efforts of the Philadelphia police failed to get Brien for him. This afternoon on Main street and arrested. Brien's identity, and will be taken to the city. Late to-night Brien was arrested from Bradford. Brien will be arrested in New York, on the same day against Brien. His bail is \$180,000. The company has been dissolved. Brien says it is the possession.

WONDERFUL IMPROVEMENT.

Balfour's policy in Ireland is turning out to be more successful than the friends of the Government dared to hope. Ireland under the Balfour regime has become quiet. Agrarian crime has almost wholly ceased, and even political agitation has cooled so greatly that it is now almost lukewarm. The occupation of the agitator will soon be gone and even boycotting has become part of the history of the past. The Irish have been convinced that Balfour is not their enemy and that the "bloody Saxon" is not half so red as he was painted. Firmness, tempered by judicious kindness, has brought about this result. It is just possible that the unmasking of Parnell and some of his co-agitators had something to do with bringing about this better state of things in Ireland. The shallowness and the selfishness of some of the patriots and the wickedness of others have been exposed, and the people, finding that their idols were for the most part made of very common clay, indeed, have ceased to respect them and to do their bidding. It is evident that Parnell has fallen never again to rise and he has

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Bush Fires in South Westminister Assuming Alarming Proportions—Much Timber Destroyed.

Hiram Lodge No. 4, A.F. & A.M., Instituted at Comox—Infatidide at Vancouver.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, July 25.—About noon, today, while Mr. Rae White was going along the North Arm road, near the cemetery, he noticed what he took for a heap of rags on the side of the road. On investigation it proved to be a basket nearly filled with earth and containing the body of a newly-born infant. Information was immediately given the authorities.

The Cambie street bridge across False Creek was finished to-day. Yesterday and to-day very heavy hush fires are prevailing on the north side of the inlet.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 24.—During a thunderstorm this morning a Japanese fisherman, employed by the English, was struck by lightning. The unfortunate man was sitting in his boat, which was drifting out with the tide, and was in the act of lighting his pipe, when a flash of electricity descended, and laid him, completely paralyzed in the bottom of the boat. Strange to say, he was not killed, but every muscle in his body is paralyzed. His recovery is doubtful. The partner of the Jap was dazed by the flash, but soon recovered, and pulled the boat to shore. The victim is now in St. Mary's Hospital.

J. Peck MacSwain, editor of the Morning Glory, of Lynden, Wash., arrived in the city last night, and will remain until such time as a severe storm raging at present in Lynden has subsided. The paper, which lasted only five issues, attacked the private character of a Lynden clergyman, whose enraged friends started after the editor with serious intentions. MacSwain got an inkling of what was coming and escaped by a back door and reached the boundary with his scalp intact, and finally Westminister. Here he will take much-needed rest, and his future movements will be governed by news from Lynden.

A young man named Brennehy, who has been a resident of New Westminister for five or six years, and until a few months back employed in a hardware store, has been obliged to leave the city in disgrace. He was concerned in the seduction of an unfortunate girl, and leaving the consequences, is supposed to have flown south of the boundary.

The by-laws voted upon Friday were all carried, the majorities were as follows: The Lulu Island By-Law, 39; the Land Sale Confirmation By-Law, 35; the Street Improvement Debenture By-Law, 1. Owing to the extremely hot weather the vote was not large.

The fires on the bush covered hills around South Westminister are assuming dangerous proportions, and do not seem to be abating in any more bearable in the city. It is rumored that the timber lands of the B. C. M. & T. Company are in great danger of being burnt over. The fires have got such a headway that nothing short of a deluge will stop them now.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, July 25.—James Ryan, aged 20, a native of Nova Scotia, died at the hospital to-day from the effects of burns received a few days ago while clearing land near Wellington.

Marcus Wolfe, Grand Master of the Masons, assisted by members of Ashlar Lodge, instituted Hiram Lodge, No. 14, at Comox, on Wednesday, and on Thursday at the corner stone of St. Peter's Episcopal church.

REBELS ON THE RACK.

The Cards are beginning to Run for Balmaceda—Many Recent Victories.

In Several Marine and Land Engagements the Government Downed the Fo.

New York, July 24.—Agent Leman in this city, with extensive business interests in South America, has received a letter from a correspondent in Santiago in which many facts hitherto unknown are given. The letter bears date of June 10. Matters, it says, has assumed a better aspect for the government. The enemy has allowed them to prepare and thoroughly equip its army, and now instead of 20,000 raw recruits the government has the same number of thoroughly disciplined men.

The insurgents have received several hard blows of late. The most recent occurred in the Argentine Republic, where a house in Buenos Ayres in which 50 to 75 Chilean refugees resided was raided by the police.

About 20 arrests were made and a great deal of important correspondence was secured. The several insurgent leaders in this country are wild, because the letters found by the police were very compromising.

As a result several arrests have occurred here. Passengers on board the steamer Seneca state that in Arica, the Rembrandt regiment revolted. The regiment was quickly surrounded by the rest of the garrison troops who shot at the revolvers, killing several. This was effective in quelling the disturbances. It is also reported that a regiment revolted and, but for the energetic measures taken, there would have been serious trouble.

It is stated that six prominent citizens of Calera were put to death because it was believed they were in the plot to blow up the Blanca Encalada. The congress had appointed a committee to study and formulate a plan for a bank which will serve the general interests of the country. The bank will have the protection of the government.

The insurgents have captured the little city of Quinones, but nothing of value was found by the rebels and they accordingly left the place. Several prominent persons are said to be involved in the recent attempted poisoning of the president and his cabinet. The police are doing everything possible to trace the crime home. A young English woman is said to have been engaged in the plot. She was to have been the attraction, and by her wiles, was to have

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE.

Inhabitants of a Drop of Water Described by a Red-tailed Hawk.

"You asked me the other day why I entertained such a prejudice against water," said a gentleman with a trolley-blossom on the end of his nose to a Washington Star reporter. "If you will kindly gaze through this microscope I shall be able to explain without having recourse to windy argument. I will take a drop of water from the tap here at the water-stand. There! You observe I let it fall upon this little piece of glass. It is ready now for examination under the instrument, which I adjust to a high power. Let us see if, in swallowing this pure Potomac fluid which the people of Washington are obliged to consume, they do not imbibe very many extraordinary and unwholesome creatures. Let us turn the reflector a little. Now there is a certain specimen right in the field of vision. Apply your eye to the microscope and drink him in, in imagination. Isn't he lovely?"

"That, my dear sir, is a beast known scientifically as the 'bosmina longirostris.' The latter part of its name signifies long-beaked. Observe the coquetish pose of its hind leg. You drink lots of those fellows every day at meals."

"Let me move the glass a little, so as to bring into view another part of the drop. There are two rather unpleasant-looking fellows for you."

"That wormlike one, which you see squirming around in a transparent sac as if anxious to get out, is called an 'angulilla.' Cyclops is the name of the other, which resembles a young six-legged baby somewhat. I think it is young, too, being newly hatched; but it will grow much bigger, which is a comfort. You yourself consume ever so many such."

"But look here! Now that I have moved the glass a trifle the other way, I have brought into view still another part of the drop, in which you may see cowering the 'cyclops quadricornis,' so-called because it is a one-eyed monster, with four horns and ten legs. Take a look at him."

"I won't bore you with any more just now, but I could show you more than two hundred species of microscopic creatures in the water, each of them with a scientific name of its own. I might mention, for example, the vorticella of formidable jaws; the clostridium, precisely the shape of a pair of cow's horns; several species of hydras, with waving tentacles; and the 'amphipraxis' in the shape of an ornamental letter O. There are no end of things which these creatures imitate in form. One looks like a fish, but is not. Another resembles a broom; still another a coal scap, and so on ad infinitum."

"Now, it is all very well for persons who are not acquainted with these things to drink water, but a microscopist like myself ought to know better. And when you consider the disease germs, like those of typhoid, which are so apt to envelope each sport by patrolling these creatures imitate in form. One looks like a fish, but is not. Another resembles a broom; still another a coal scap, and so on ad infinitum."

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

The thermometer reached 90 degrees today, the highest that has been recorded here for eighteen years.

The Third of the Empress. Mr. Allan Cameron received a telegram yesterday, stating that the Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of China, had arrived at Naples, and left there, yesterday, for Suez.

It is reported that Morrison, who was drowned on Sunday last by the boat accident in the Straits, had in his pockets something like \$1,500, one of the other men having a very valuable diamond ring.

Water Commissioner Summerfield has tendered his resignation to the Mayor and Council. His resignation is the result of a resolution introduced by Ald. Richards and passed by the Council, Wednesday night, which gave authority to the City Engineer to the Chief of the Department.

It has been suggested, and the suggestion is a good one, that in view of the present hot weather, the vacation be extended for a fortnight. The vacation is altogether too short, and while the warm weather continues, children should not be confined in a close school room.

A very interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday night at the residence of Mr. Clarke, Discovery street, uncle of the bride, by which Mr. Donald McMillan and Miss Mary Jean Evans were made happy for life. Miss Millie Pickard and Mr. Neil Campbell acted respectively as bride's maid and best man. The officiating minister was Rev. J. H. Best, pastor of the Olivet Baptist church, New Westminster.

Installation of Officers. Court Northern Light, No. 5,335, took place last evening, when the district officers conducted the installation of the new officers. The officers installed were: Chief, Ralph J. March, S.C.R.; Bro. G. Phillips, Treasurer; Bro. H. L. Salmon, Secretary; Bro. J. W. Munford, S.W.; Bro. C. Pike, J.W.; Bro. W. R. Scafe, S.B.; Bro. A. W. Misher, J.B.

The contract for the new mission school at Port Simpson has been awarded to Mr. T. H. Matthews, of Fort St. John, the price being a little over \$50,000. The contract proposes to complete the work as rapidly as possible, and will send up ten men by the steamer Bosowitz this evening. The bulk of the lumber required will be obtained at Hartley Bay, and the sashes and doors from Victoria.

Mr. W. J. Goyel received a letter from Mr. M. S. Davis, last evening, stating that he had forwarded one gold bar by express, containing 31 ounces of gold. This was extracted from 87 tons of rock in a run of 143 hours. It was the result of the first run of ore on the Whitewater gold claim, on Rover Creek, West Kootenay district. It is also the first gold bar shipped on the Kootenay this year. The mill is a 34 foot Huntington mill, equal to a five stamp mill.

Following is the list of cabin passengers, who left on the steamer City of Puebla, for San Francisco: Mrs. E. Goodwin and two daughters, Mrs. E. Bailey, Mrs. Wm. Gillmore, Miss A. Simmons, Miss Dwyer, Miss McDonald, Miss Ratten, W. S. Clayton and wife, H. Purvis, F. C. Morgan, Mrs. Flair, Robert Mill and wife, E. Urquhart and wife, Chas. A. Keefe, W. H. Olloway, Rev. P. Yorke, D.D., Master Clarence Matthews, C. E. Flagg and wife, and Mrs. Sole.

The attendance of visitors at the Provincial Museum continues to be large, the number of old friends who pay a visit to the display, one gentleman of some prominence in the United States remarking that it was the finest and most instructive collection of the kind he had ever seen. He strongly advised that specimens from it be sent to Chicago. Among the latest additions to the exhibits is an interesting lump of petrified iron, from Texas Island, formed by the dropping of iron water upon sticks and leaves, and displaying various formations in the same way as they are elsewhere found in stone and coal. It is remarked that there are no specimens of the raven or of the turkey buzzard in the museum, the birds being those who may shoot them and have no special use for them.

The British Columbia Gazette announces the incorporation of the Hixon Creek Hydroelectric company, limited, with a capital of \$100,000 in shares. The principal place of business will be Quessellmouth, the objects of the company being hydraulic or other process or processes of mining; to own and construct, ditch, flume or pipe, and systems of waterways, to purchase, own, operate and sell mines, minerals and water-powers; to build, own and operate mills, machines, or other processes for the reduction of ore, and to sell the same; and to do and perform all such other acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them. The trustees are Messrs. James Reid, Thomas R. McInnes and James Wilson.

Mr. G. M. Callender, secretary of the Burrard Inlet Rowing Club, came over from Vancouver, last evening, to attend the meeting of the protest committee. Mr. Callender says the item in last evening's Times, stating the members who were protesting are coming rather late, as the meeting was called for 8 p.m., does not do him justice. On the 10th July, he received a letter from Mr. Lindley, secretary of the committee, notifying him that the meeting would be held on the evening of July 23rd, and he accordingly was on hand at the time specified.

Hon. Mr. Robson in Sarnia. Hon. John Robson, Premier of British Columbia, paid a flying visit to Sarnia, last Wednesday, arriving on the Pacific Express at 8:50. At the station he was met by a number of old friends, who by about 10 o'clock he was in the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. Jas. Major. On Thursday, accompanied by Mr. Chas. Mackenzie, M.L.A., he went through the St. Clair tunnel. In the evening a reception was held in the hall of the Commercial Hotel, which was attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen who considered it a privilege to meet and honor an old resident of Sarnia, who has risen to eminence in another part of the Dominion.

The following is a summary of the semi-annual report of J. C. Braham, secretary of the Alexander Lodge, No. 116, Sons of England Benefit Society: "Our membership in good standing—clear on the books—71. Owing three months' dues, 16; owing six months' dues and over, 13; and one honorary member, making a total of 101. We have in the bank \$800 cash; in treasurer's hand, \$90.70; value of realty and furniture, \$133.60; making a total, \$1,024.30; with liabilities, and the Grand Lodge and surgeon's dues all paid up to date. In our beneficiary department we have six members insured for \$1,000 each. In our W. R. degree lodge, we have 12 members, with cash balance on hand of \$16.10, with no liabilities."

W. C. T. U. Officers Elected. The W. C. T. U. had a very important and pleasant meeting, yesterday afternoon, in Temperance Hall, a very large number being present. The annual election of officers took place. Mrs. Grant, the president, thanked the ladies for their support and help during the past year, she declined accepting the office of president for another year. Special mention was made of the efficient services of Mrs. R. Weir, the recording secretary, who also felt compelled to ask for a re-election. The following officers were then elected: President, Mrs. Spafford; vice-president, Mrs. Hamber; corresponding secretary, Mrs. McCrease; recording secretary, Mrs. (Dr. E.) Hall; treasurer, Mrs. W. Williams. Nine delegates were elected to attend the annual convention of the W.C.T.U., which will be held in Vancouver, August 4th, 5th, 6th, and which representatives from all parts of the

VICTORIA WATER WORKS.

Annual Visit of the Civic Board to the Source of Supply. Yesterday morning the aldermen, civic officials and invited guests, to the number of altogether of about thirty, started from the city hall in carriages, on the annual visit of inspection to the water committee to the source of supply at Elk Lake. Mayor Grant was unavoidably detained from accompanying the party, but joined it late in the afternoon. After a short stay at Steven's Hotel, on the way, the filter beds at the end of Bever Lake (swamp) were reached shortly after eleven. The party walked through the sheds and along the line of the main, for a short distance. The water in the former did not look at all tempting, and a sample of it was the reverse of satisfactory. Owing to the late rains this season, the water is a dark, heavy, yellowish color at the present time at the same date of the preceding year. Carriages were again taken, after a light lunch, and the south side of Elk lake reached. Here was pointed out the pump, extending from the main, the water that will be secured when the 24-inch main is completed to its centre and a dam placed across the entry to Beaver Lake. A few of the members of the party rowed into the lake on one of the city boats, but this luxury was not indulged in generally. Ald. Robertson and ex-Ald. Wilson endeavored to coax the fish to bite, but did not secure a nibble.

The waters of the party were the city water supply, although various civic matters were discussed. Extracts from all the pleasant things that are said after a good dinner, the practical conclusion arrived at by all present, was that the water supply of Victoria was deficient in quality and quantity, and would soon fail to meet the demand on the two present mains—the 12 and 16 inch—owing to the rapid increase in population.

The practical manner in which Commissioner Summerfield had carried on his department was favorably referred to, and it was pointed out that while a great deal had been accomplished, it was most necessary that the 24-inch main, which was laid yesterday on the Saanich road, a short distance from the fountain, should be carried to a speedy completion. For this work a considerable sum will be required, but it was generally conceded that the ratepayers would willingly grant it. Mayor Grant also referred to the necessity that existed for purchasing the water system and lands of the Esquimalt Water Works Co. With the 24-inch completed, and the Esquimalt water works, Victoria would possess a very large city, and would also own an asset that would be worth millions of dollars in value.

The plan of Mayor Grant in the early part of the banquet, Ald. Caughlan, chairman of the water committee, occupied the chair. It was seven o'clock in the evening before the speech was made. The last two days of the first banquet, the "Hot and Floated," Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens. Carriages were then again taken and a delightful drive through the picturesque district in the cool of the evening enjoyed.

DEBRIARY HOLDS THE CUP. Another Meeting of the Protest Committee to Decide the Matter, and it is Settled. An investigation of the alleged protest of Wats, the Vancouver amateur oarsman, who was defeated by the British Columbia team at the regatta, was held by the special committee, last evening. Once before the committee had met and decided the race in Debriary's favor, and the grounds that no protest had been entered by Wats. At the request of friends of the latter, the matter was reopened, and the latter given a hearing.

The committee met at the City Hall at 8 o'clock, and Messrs. L. M. McPhillips and Secretary G. M. Callender, of the Burrard Inlet Rowing Club were the gentlemen present from Vancouver. All evidence adduced materially agreed that Wats' only sign of protest was the stake boat when in starting, and that could scarcely by any stretch of imagination be construed into one. He asked the starter why the turn was to be made around Dead Man's Island, instead of a stake boat as in the previous year. The start was made, however, with no further objection from him.

The arguments advanced by the Vancouver representatives last night were that Debriary had entered the race at a half mile, and that such distance was the condition of length for the cup. Wats, they claimed, had won the cup over a mile and a half course last year, and should not be forced to lose it to the protest of a man who pulled a mile further. It was shown, however, that the course was virtually the same. Last year the turn was about a stake boat, which was anchored in a line between Dead Man's Island and the shore, and at this year's regatta it was around the island. The distance could not have been increased beyond a couple of hundred yards.

The committee, of whom Chairman Cornelius Booth and Mr. James Seely were present, maintained its former decision. Chairman Booth, in announcing it, said that nothing in the rules of either regatta indicated that the distance was to be one mile or half, and both races had been over materially the same course. He stated, however, and was joined in his expression by Mr. Seely and Secretary Lindley, that the course ought in future to be regularly laid out and measured.

Captain Cox, the other member of the committee, was not present, but his previous decision on the same evidence was that Debriary fairly won the trophy.

IN CHAMBERS. (Before Mr. Justice Drake. H. S. Rowling vs. Richardson, Hesthorn et al., and Rowling vs. Nelson and Clark—adjourned till Monday. Adams vs. the Electric Tramway and Lighting company, application for defendant to be allowed to plead as well as demur to plaintiff's statement of claims. Drake, Jackson & Helmsken for plaintiff, Mr. Belyes for defendant.

W. H. Bailie-Grohman vs. The Kootenay Valley company, limited, with a capital of 14,000, in which to deliver statement of case. Application granted, with costs. Walker, Pemberton & Dunlestan for plaintiff, C. E. Pooley for the defendant.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CORPORATION.

A New and Important Financial Enterprise—Its Objects and Monetary Facilities. A private cable received yesterday from London, England, announces the incorporation of the British Columbia Corporation, Limited, with a capital stock of \$300,000. This company was recently promoted by Mr. Robert Ward when in England, and is composed of general bodies of influence and capital who are materially interested in British Columbia enterprises, the object being to increase the confidence already felt in enterprises in this Province. Application was made to have the company's stock listed on the London Stock Exchange and on the financial markets of the world. The shares were placed at \$10 each, the first issue being limited to 15,000 shares, payable \$1 on application and \$9 in January next, it not being intended to call up, for the present, more than \$4 per share. The chief object of the company is to advance money on real estate and other desirable securities in British Columbia and Vancouver Island. The directors in London consist of Messrs. Henry J. Gardiner, of the firm of H. J. Gardiner & Co., merchants, chairman; W. N. Diggle, formerly of the firm of Dunlop & Co., and T. G. Gillespie, a director of the Bank of British Columbia. The British Columbia directors are Messrs. Robert Ward, Thomas Earle, M.P., and Hon. P. O'Reilly. The bankers in Vancouver are Messrs. H. J. Gardiner & Co., and the Bank of British Columbia. The legal adviser, is Hon. C. E. Pooley; the managers and agents being Messrs. H. J. Gardiner & Co., London, and Robert Ward & Co., Victoria.

The directors believe they will have no difficulty in obtaining good mortgages on suitable security at rates varying from six to eight per cent. It is intended to develop the company's business by borrowing at lower rates than the banks, and upon the securities thus obtained, and to increase the profits by the re-investment of the money at the higher rates prevailing in the colonies. The company will borrow either by specific charges upon their investments or by making issues of debentures, and the securities thus obtained, and to increase the profits by the re-investment of the money at the higher rates prevailing in the colonies. The company will borrow either by specific charges upon their investments or by making issues of debentures, and the securities thus obtained, and to increase the profits by the re-investment of the money at the higher rates prevailing in the colonies.

UPPER KOOTENAY. Opening of the New Branch of the Canadian Pacific. The new branch of the Canadian Pacific railway, which runs parallel with those of the triple alliance. Europe will henceforth regard the Driehund as a virtually backed, at least under certain circumstances, the moral and physical force of Great Britain. This places Russia and France at such an overwhelming disadvantage as to virtually bind them over to keep the peace, on penalty of utter discontinuity. It is not impossible that a combination so overwhelmingly powerful may make it possible to bring about a reduction of the costly armaments that are now destructively draining Europe of its resources.

Her Cargo Took Fire at the Marine Risks Co. SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—News was received here this morning that the German ship Kheronesse, which was reported a few days ago as having put into Montevideo in a disabled condition, was still burning at last accounts the vessel was still burning and that she would probably be a total loss. There are reports from San Francisco that the cargo took fire on the way, and she made a run for Montevideo.

IDENTIFICATION OF MORE ANCIENT CITIES OF THE PHARAOHS. Dr. Naville, the discoverer of Bubastis and of the Treasury City of Fihm, has just given the results of his work in identifying other cities and districts in Egypt, more especially some connected with the Exodus of the Israelites; and at the end of the month of June he presented these results before the largest meeting ever held by the Victoria (Philosophical) Institute, of Adelphi Terrace, London, the great hall in which the meeting was held being so crowded that many had to be accommodated in the vestibule. The chair was taken on the occasion by the President, Sir Gabriel Stokes, Bart., past President of the Royal Society, and the present occupant of Sir Isaac Newton's Professorial chair at Cambridge University. The business of the evening was conducted by Captain F. Peirce, the honorary secretary, reading the report, which showed that the Institute's members and Associates in England, India, Australia, China, and other parts of the world, had now risen to 1,400; a number which was being added to by the almost daily applications to join. The value of the transactions was shown by the increasing number of languages into which foreign papers translated them, especially those of number papers showing the error of those who argued that Science in any way contradicted the Bible. Sir Joseph Fryer, K.C.S.I., F.R.S., moved, and Dr. Monte, who had just arrived from China, seconded his first resolution, after which Dr. Naville's address was given. He illustrated

RIG GUN SHOOT.

Result of the Target Scores Made by the Garrison Artillery. The gun practice of the B. C. R. G. A., which commenced last Monday, was finished Wednesday afternoon. The honors were taken by No. 4 Battery, which made a total of 55, on Tuesday, it being the second to shoot. The biggest total made by any individual member was 13, made by Gunner Leese, of No. 3 Battery. Cannon No. 4, and Cannon No. 2, each scored 11.

MONDAY—NO. 3 BATTERY. Name. Shots. Total. Sgt. Norgate..... 0 0 0 Sgt. Ross..... 0 0 0 Sgt. Stansard..... 5 4 9 Sgt. G. W. Cullin..... 3 3 11 Sgt. Fawcett..... 4 5 9 Sgt. Williams..... 4 5 9 Corp. Tomlinson..... 0 0 0 Total..... 47

TUESDAY—NO. 4 BATTERY. Name. Shots. Total. G. Blake..... 3 8 11 Sgt. G. W. Cullin..... 0 3 3 Sgt. Holman..... 3 5 8 Sgt. G. W. Cullin..... 0 3 3 Sgt. Williams..... 4 5 9 Corp. Tomlinson..... 0 0 0 Total..... 55

WEDNESDAY—NO. 2 BATTERY. Name. Shots. Total. Sgt. Drysdale..... 0 0 0 Sgt. Leese..... 5 8 13 Sgt. G. W. Cullin..... 4 4 8 Sgt. Williams..... 5 9 14 Sgt. Newbury..... 4 5 9 Total..... 53

LITTLE LOCALS. The clipper ship Titania sailed from London, on Thursday last, with a general cargo for Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster. Mr. A. L. Belyes was gazetted a justice of the peace in yesterday's issue of the Government Gazette.

It was rumored last evening that Wm. Whyte, the defaulting cashier of the E. & N. railway office, was in town, but diligent enquiry failed to confirm the rumor. A young man was arrested, last evening, for retaining pay for a meal at the New York restaurant. He is said to be a stranger in the city.

The government steamer Douglas returned, yesterday, from Carmanah Point, where she conveyed materials for the new line of the Victoria and Nanaimo Railway. It is announced that the immense air compressor which is being built by the Albion Iron Works will shortly be ready for shipment to Wellington.

As might be expected, yesterday morning, taken to the city lock-up for acting, in a manner which gave reason to believe that he was insane. The Shipwrights and Carriers' association has had under their consideration the case of workmen being sent from England to repair H.M.S. Warspite, but did not decide to take any action in the matter.

One of the men employed on the sewerage works was overcome by foul air in one of the excavations, yesterday. He attempted to enter the excavation after a blast, and before the fumes of the powder had escaped. But for the timely aid of others he might have perished.

The hind wheels of John Drott's bread wagon were taken off by one of the tram cars, yesterday. The car, in coming along Government street, started a horse and driver, who were unable to get the horse to run, but collided with the bread wagon, the horse of which backed on to the track, when the vehicle was struck by the tram.

A Tacoma dispatch says the British tug Pilot has been libelled and released on bonds. The vessel is charged with towing vessels into American ports, the offense having been first brought to the notice of Collector Bradshaw some time ago. Judge Hanford at the time having dismissed the case on the ground that Bradshaw lacked jurisdiction. The Washington authorities will now attempt to make out a case against the Pilot.

The consignees by the steamer Michigan, from Port of Spain, whose arrival was noted in yesterday's COLONIST, were the B.C. Lumber and Trading Co., E. B. Marvin, and J. Rowbotham; and John Wilson.

The Royal Arch Chapter. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 23.—This morning the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons elected Joseph Horner, of New Orleans, as general high priest.

It was decided to hold the next convocation at Topeka, Kan., in July, 1934. The General Grand Council, R. M., will also be held there at the same time. Additional officers were elected as follows: Deputy high priest, W. George L. McCall, Baltimore; king, R. C. Lemmon, of Toledo, O.; scribe, J. J. Brown, of Louisville, Ga.; treasurer, Daniel Stickler, of Hastings, Mich.; recorder, C. G. Cox, of Buffalo, N. Y.; captain, A. G. Pollard, of Lowell, Mass.; principal squire, F. E. Dyas, of Paris, Ill.; royal arch captain, William C. Swartz, of Milwaukee.

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Our little boy broke out on his head with a bad form of eczema, when he was four months old. We tried three doctors, but they did not cure him. We then used your Cuticura Remedies, and after using them a few days he was cured. We feel safe in recommending them to others.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Capt. Frank White Committed For Trial at Vancouver—The Question of Bail.

Fatal Accident to a Railway Conductor at Mission—Nanaimo Happenings.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

WESTMINSTER. July 23.—Conductor Colin Purvis was killed on the C.P.R. Mission branch, near Abbotsford, this morning. He was sitting on the couple of the calaboose, when he was swept off by a branch of a tree, which had been felled and lodged against the telegraph wires. His head struck on the rail and crushed the skull. The train stopped and backed up to where the accident occurred. Purvis was still alive, but died in ten minutes. The body will be interred by the Odd Fellows, of which he was a member.

J. S. Chase, Inspector of Customs for British Columbia, has returned from Kootenay, where he had been for the purpose of making bonding arrangements for the Great Northern Railway. The road is being built into Bonner's Ferry, and they wanted to ship goods through British Columbia to that point from Little Dalles. All arrangements were satisfactorily concluded.

NANAIMO.

The thermometer registered 90 degrees in the shade in this city on Wednesday—the hottest of the year.

The Rev. D. Moore, of Victoria, has accepted the call to Nanaimo.

Mr. T. D. Jones' diamond drill has been moved out to the Huxford shales, where prospecting work will be commenced at once.

The contract for the erection of St. Alban's church, South Nanaimo parish, has been awarded to Mr. H. Olmstead, his tender, \$9,840, being the lowest. The work has to be completed by October 22nd.

Miriam Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, No. 3, in affiliation with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was duly initiated, Wednesday evening, in Diamond lodge room, by Mr. H. Walker, Special Deputy Grand Master, assisted by the Past Grand of Black Diamond lodge.

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, July 23.—Before His Honor, Judge Bole, of New Westminster, sitting in the capacity of stipendiary magistrate and justice of the peace for British Columbia, Captain White came up for preliminary hearing, this morning. Mr. E. V. Bodwell, of Victoria, acted for the C.P.N. Co., the private prosecutors, and Mr. Magee, of B.C. & N.W. Co., acted for the defendant. The first witness called, Mr. James E. Smith, purser of the steamer Yosemite, stated that, on the 29th of July, 1888, he was purser on the steamer which was on the Vancouver route, was acquainted with the defendant, on the day referred to, he handed Capt. White a letter containing a cheque; saw defendant open the letter and take out the cheque, which was for \$2,000. He and some conversation about the cheque, to the effect that the money was for the payment of the men on the steamer Premier.

Mr. Magee, for the defense, declined to cross-examine, as he said, he wished to reserve his case for the higher court. Francis Wm. Vincent, sworn—I am an assistant manager and cashier for the C.P.N. Co.; was occupying that position on the 29th July, 1888, and for some time prior to that date; knew the defendant, Capt. White. He was in the employ of the C.P.N. Co. at that time, as captain of the steamship Premier, which was chartered by the company. In addition to his duties as captain, he acted as agent. He had the general duties of captain of the ship, and also looked after all business connected with the ship. As such agent he had to do with the receipt and payment of moneys. The men were paid by the purser, and the captain had nothing to do with paying them. The practice was to send a cheque for the wages to the captain, who would get it cashed and hand over the money to the purser. On the 29th February, 1888, I sent Capt. White a cheque for \$2,000 enclosed in a letter, a letter-press copy of which I produce. The letter was sent to Capt. White in care of J. B. Smith, purser. The cheque was not applied to the purposes of paying the men, as he had no authority to do so. He had no authority to apply to paying the men, and he said he used the proceeds of the cheque for other purposes than those for which it was intended. Mr. Magee again declined to cross-examine.

H. J. Lipsett, sworn, said:—I reside near Port Angeles; am a general merchant. In the month of February, 1888, I was purser on the Premier. It was part of my duties to pay the men's wages. Captain White gave me the money to pay the January wages. In consequence of a conversation I had with Mr. Smith, who was on the Vancouver run, I went to Captain White and asked him if he had received a cheque for the wages for the men. He said he had, and would get it cashed to-morrow (Sunday) and give me the money. I did not get the money next day. We left on Monday for the Sound, and when we got to Tacoma, Captain White left the ship and did not return again, as captain. He had not at any time since received any money from the captain.

Mr. Magee again declined to cross-examine.

On His Honor Judge Bole deciding that, on the evidence, defendant should be committed for trial, Mr. Magee asked for bail. Then the court was adjourned until 2 o'clock, when the question of bail was argued. At 2 p.m. the case was again taken up, and after argument by counsel it was decided to take Capt. White over to Westminster, and on Monday next he would elect whether to ask for a speedy trial or have bail until the fall session.

Another naval corps has been added to the Russian Black Sea fleet. The building of four vessels for this corps will be expedited.

Str. Lorne left for Nanaimo yesterday to tow the bark Glory of the Sea, laden with coal for San Francisco, to sea.

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117-1 160 Acres, new and modern house, improvements, garden, orchard and cultivated land, river front, good fishing; close to railway. 12,000
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A KNOTTY QUESTION.

Chinaman Smuggled Through Canada, Claim British Protection.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—On account of the arrest of a Chinaman at Port Huron, Mich., for unlawfully entering this country interesting complications may occur. Assistant Secretary Spaulding's directions that he should be deported to China have been countermanded, and his action is held in abeyance until some agreement is reached with the minister who claims that the Chinaman is entitled to the protection of his government. Assistant Secretary Spaulding said to your correspondent today that the treasury would act directly according to Attorney-General Miller's decision, which declares that under the law all Chinese, whether subjects of China, Canada, or any other country, shall be excluded, and when orders of the law are captured they shall be returned to China unless they are "citizens or subjects of Canada, and not mere temporary residents or sojourners of Canada."

Now the question between British and American diplomats is—what constitutes a domicile? How long must he be in Canada and under what conditions is he recognized as a Canadian citizen or a subject even? When this point is settled, Sir Julian Pauncefote may decide that Canadian subjects, even though they be Chinamen, shall be excluded.

SHARK AND SWORDFISH ATTACK A WHALE.

San Francisco Chronicle.

Passengers on the steamer San Rafael on Wednesday afternoon, on the 23rd trip to this city from Sausalito, were treated to a novel sight. When near Alcatraz a large female whale was seen spouting and acting in a strange manner. The whale has been in the bay for over a week. Interest on the steamer became so general that Captain McKenzie changed his course slightly to allow of a good view. The whale was splashing the water with its tail, and the water was lashed into a foam all around. The cause of the trouble was soon apparent—a marine battle was in progress. A thrasher and a swordfish, the combined enemies of the leviathans of the ocean, were fighting the whale. The swordfish took up a position and thrust his natural weapon into the under parts of the whale, while the thrasher would from time to time leap into the air to a height of several feet and come down on the whale's head over the breathing organs, at the same time thrashing the whale on the back with his tail. 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War on the Turf. CHICAGO, July 21.—A war of extermination between Ed. Corrigan and George Hawkins, proprietors of rival race tracks on the West side, began yesterday.

A New York Defender Captured. NEW YORK, July 21.—Inspector Byrnes received advice, to-night, from Buffalo, that J. G. Bryan had been arrested there.

A Brave Miner's Death. MARQUETTE, Mich., July 21.—Peter Pascoe, son of Superintendent Pascoe, and James Dower were suffocated by smoke in the Republic iron mine, to-day.

Prohibition Revival in Kansas. TORREKA, Kan., July 21.—The prohibition ministers have declared war against drug stores and probate judges who issue them licenses to sell liquors.

W. C. T. U. Conference Adjourns. MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK, Md., July 21.—The conference of the Women's Christian Temperance Union has adjourned.

Fed Their Babies on Carbolio Acid. PITTSBURGH, July 21.—Last night Mrs. Mary McCaffrey and Mrs. Paris gave their infants carbolio acid in mistake for cough medicine.

Danger to the Erie Canal. BUFFALO, July 23.—A despatch to the Merchants Exchange here, says that the danger to the Erie canal near Schoenewald consists of the carrying away of the two center pieces and stone arch over the aqueduct.

Railroad Rumors. ST. PAUL, Minn., July 23.—It is learned on the very best authority that J. W. Abbott, assistant to President Hall, of the Great Northern, decided to tender his resignation, some weeks ago, and though no official announcement has been made, the matter is generally believed.

Fitzsimmons and Hall. ST. PAUL, Minn., July 23.—On behalf of the Southern Athletic Club, G. Frank, to-day, noon, made a full proposition to "Fitz" and Hall together in Crescent City, within ten days, for a purse of \$50,000 and all expenses, or a purse of \$10,000 and expenses for a fight in October.

Methodist Minister Murdered. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 23.—News of the assassination of the Rev. N. Williams, a Methodist clergyman, near Hober, Arkansas, has been received.

Marriage and Suicide. ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 23.—This afternoon George Anderson, a saloon keeper on St. Claire avenue, East St. Louis, walked across the street to where Dennis Ryan, a rival saloon keeper, was standing, and drawing a revolver shot Ryan through the heart, killing him instantly.

The Puget Sound Dry Dock. WASHINGTON, July 23.—The deeds for all the property included in the Puget Sound dry dock site, at Point Turner, Wash., have been signed, and the department is now making preparations to begin the active work of locating the exact site of the dock.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Fire at Lebanon, Oregon. LEBANON, Or., July 21.—About 11.30, last night, fire was discovered issuing from the back end of the grocery store of T. C. Peesler, and rapidly spread both ways.

Business in Portland. PORTLAND, July 21.—Business in Portland is improving, even if summer, with its supposed heat, is here. Very little complaint is heard from merchants.

Mexico Wants Guatemala. SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—"Mexico has designs on Guatemala and would like to annex that country and put it under Mexican rule," said a wealthy Central American passenger, who came up on the steamer Olympia, last evening.

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The Chilian Despot's Cruelty. LONDON, July 21.—The following advice has been received from Chili, via Buenos Ayres: President Balmaceda has had shot at Valparaiso Richard Cumming, son of an Englishman, who was born in Chili.

Russia Will Expel Foreigners. ST. PETERSBURG, July 21.—A ukase is being prepared that foreigners doing business, who fail to become naturalized citizens within five years, will be expelled from that country.

The Wesleyan Conference. LONDON, July 21.—At the Wesleyan conference, to-day, Dr. Stevenson was elected president. Dr. Upham, of Drew college, addressed the conference on theological training in America.

Chicago as a Seaport. LONDON, July 21.—The new American steel steamer "Charles Wetmore," which sailed from Duluth, Minn., in the latter part of June, arrived at Liverpool to-day.

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THE JAPANESE PRESS.

Opinions Expressed in the Columns of Some of the Papers in the Land of the Mikado.

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SEALING PROHIBITED.

Entrance to Behring Sea Blocked by Gunboats of Both Nations.

The Modus Vivendi in Operation and All Schooners Warned to Leave.

Serious Mistake in British Minister's Signature—Latest News from the Sea.

The entrance to Behring Sea is practically blocked, and nearly every vessel of the fleet, both Canadian and American...

When the document was handed to Capt. McDougall, of the E. B. Marvin...

is not to be taken as a precedent. The document was signed by the British...

Admiral Hotham, C. B., of the flagship "Weymouth," received a report from Commander Turner...

A PROPOSITION.

Terms Submitted by the Coal Miners to Governor Buchanan. No Answer Received Yet.

I tis not expected that the Governor will compromise the State.

KNOXVILLE, July 24.—The following is a copy of the agreement which the miners have come to, and which is considered a settlement of the mine trouble:

We, the undersigned committee, acting in behalf of the miners and their friends of Bryeville and Coal Creek...

First—Status quo to be restored, and the guards and convicts not to be molested on their return to the mines...

Second—Restoring confidence in our government, and believing the general assembly, when it meets in extra session...

Third—We do hereby express our thanks to Governor Buchanan for his kind consideration in holding the militia in this city...

Fourth—To the committee of citizens we also express thanks for the interest they have shown by their counsel and advice in the efforts to adjust the existing difficulties.

Capt. J. G. Cox, president of the Sealers' Association, and interested in the Marvin, is having prepared a protest...

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and, after being furnished with copy of agreement and proclamation, and warned, started for home. Captain Bissett says that he concluded that everything was up with the British Minister...

The Point had on board 1600 skins, the total of the season's catch, she not having sent down any on the Danube.

The Thetis has been the most industrious of all of the war vessels of the United States, and up to the date of the schooners leaving there, had boarded and notified 96 of them.

The Rush, Corwin, and H.M.S. Nympha had also warned a great many, and up to July 12th, 53 American and Canadian sealers had been warned.

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CANADIAN NEWS.

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Serious Fire. COLBORNE, Ont., July 26.—A fire broke out shortly before midnight, last night, in the hotel sheds in the village of Castleton, about seven miles north of here. It spread rapidly, and before it could be stopped, destroyed most of the business portion of the village. Loss about \$25,000.

Canadian Football Team. TORONTO, July 25.—The association football team to go to Great Britain, this year, has been chosen, and men composing it will sail from New York for Glasgow on August 6th.

A Factory Blows Up. PETROLIA, Ont., July 25.—A factory's boiler exploded this morning, the buildings being demolished. No one was injured.

The Auditor-General to be Investigated. OTTAWA, July 25.—J. Lorne Macdougall, Auditor-General, has been summoned to appear before the Public Accounts committee, to explain the meaning of certain extra payments, credited to himself, in the Auditor-General's report.

Battle of Lady's Lane. NIAGARA FALLS, July 27.—The 75th anniversary of the battle of Lady's Lane was observed on Saturday at Drummondville by the Lady Lane Historical Society. The graves of the fallen heroes, both Canadian and American, were beautifully decorated.

Coming to the Coast. WINNIPEG, July 27.—Hon. Geo. W. Ross,

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France-Russia's Fr St. Petersburg, July 27. Alexis banqueted the officers French squadron, yesterday heard the Russian flag, cordially prevailed. The a-illiant in the extreme. T visit, on Saturday, to sent a message of congratul-ent Carnot, who replied inly manner. The French visitors felt d-absence, in the speeches mad-sians, of all reference to. This is explained to them by that the Czar cannot drink democratic institutions so- was frequently heard from a not "Vive la Republique" The Novor Vremya decla-for the dread and for I but for Russia and France to will to Europe. Admir Gervais, of the F gave a luncheon to Grand mayor of Constantin, and the Russian squadron, on bo- flag ship Margate, to-day, or were entertained at dinn-stadt exchange.

Italy's Financial R Rome, July 27.—It is an Italian deficit for the year 78,000,000 lire, notwithstanding reforms introduced to further reduce. A sweeping reduc-tion in the salaries of the dip-lomatic officers. The number of officers, for economy's sake, was reduced. Thirteen thou-sand were, for economy's sake, reduced at this time unless for sundry reasons not give the army for the present heavy losses at the Vatica series of economical meas-

Smuggling Conspirac Vienna, July 27.—Se- custom frauds have been di-Duchy of Bukovina, which aia and Roumania. The o-cates some of the highest of the principal merchants. One member has already be-further arrests are contem-Bonanzas, of the customs a-wins, committed suicide as an office, that of director of the Institute of Infectious Diseases, which has been orga-nized by the German Govern-

English Cotton Tr London, July 27.—At a Manchester Chamber of president said that the man- especially that of the Man- is very bad. He added the condition of the South Ame- and the cheapness of cotton-fered with trade.

Member of Parliamen London, July 27.—In the day, Henry John Atkins, Boston, was expelled for a- ing the Speaker with abus- placing on the records that- frivolously challenged the divisions when the Prisons- dismission.

Empress William's B CRESSTANIA, July 27.— Germany, yesterday, per- religious services on board Imperial yacht arrived at- to-day, and proceeded south-

An Alchemist in Lon- London, July 27.—At- sions of the criminal court, Bailey, to-day, Edward "Sheeny Al," the Ameri- who is charged with havin- bound \$4,000 from Edwin- Bond Street Jewelry Com- ples of gold, and was sen- years imprisonment. Fr- frivolously challenged the divisions when the Prisons- dismission.

Dr. Koch's Ma Berlin, July 27.—Dr. K- to devote his whole time to of his bacteriological insti-

The Baccarat Scand London, July 27.—In a- ference at Nottingham to- delivered an address abou- the ep of gambling, and in- hained to the recent baccat- closed by offering a praye- sion of the Prince of Wal- members of the conferenc- land amens.

Royal Tim London, July 28.—Em- presents on leaving Englan- able either, for beaut- value, but the only visitin- the history of the British c- ents were really magnific

# The Colonist.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1891.

## A GLIMPSE AT THE PAST.

Have been shown, by Mr. James Col- lins, two most interesting historical relics. They are two American newspapers, one 121 years old and the other nearly 108. The Boston Gazette bears date March 12, 1770, and the New York Morning Post was published on November 7th, 1783. The Boston Gazette appeared before the Revolu- tionary War commenced and the New York Morning Post just after it had ended. The Boston Gazette was a weekly and that of New York a semi-weekly.

Both these periodicals show what a faithful record of the time newspapers are. These papers, printed in the two principal cities of North America, are small sheets, and would be regarded in these days as in- significant. They are both four-page pa- pers, and their size is 17 1/2 inches by 12, and even then a considerable part of the sheet is margin. The type is, of course, old-fashioned, the long s being liberally used. Our young readers would find it a little hard to make out what such words as "feanably," "fophrifry," "fafety," and "profufion" meant, but they would soon get used to the long s, and they would see very little of it, except the spelling of such words as public, that would strike them as strange. The English that our great grandfathers wrote and spoke differed very little indeed from the English that we hear and read now. There is some evidence in the papers before us that in spirit the old colonists were very much like the men of this nineteenth century. The first sentence of a letter on the first column of the Boston Gazette will sound strangely familiar to some of our readers. This is it: "A writer in the Boston Chronicle has not only been charged in direct terms, but proved by irrefragable demonstration, guilty of impertinence, absurdity, sophistry and falsehood."

And again: "Such profound ignorance of the laws and constitutions of our government is displayed in the last publication signed BOSTONIAN, that it is very difficult to refrain from expressions of contempt! Such trifling evasion and despicable arguments are below serious confutation."

It is very evident from these and other passages in the letter of "An Independent" that the art of pitching in was sedulously cultivated by the colonists on the eve of the Great Rebellion.

This little newspaper shows very clearly that in March, 1770, the citizens of Boston and of the towns and villages in its neighborhood were greatly agitated, and that the country was ripe for rebellion. Every one has heard of the resolu- tion of the patriotic Bostonians, and other inhabitants of what were then the British colonies, not to drink tea that had been taxed by the British Parliament. In this paper we find the reports of three public meetings in three different towns—Roxbury, Littleton and Acton—in which resolutions were passed not to use British goods and "superfluities." Here is the first resolution with its preamble passed by the meeting of Roxbury freemen:

"Whereas the residents and traders of the town of Boston and almost all the maritime towns of the Continent, from principle truly noble and generous, and to the sacrificing of their own private interests, have entered into an agreement not to import British goods (a few necessary articles excepted) until the Act of Parli- ment imposing certain duties on Tea, Glass, Paper, Painters' Colors, Oyl, &c. for the express purpose of raising a Revenue in America, be repealed; which agreement, if strictly adhered to, will not fail to produce the most salutary effects. Therefore

VOTED—that the inhabitants of this town do highly applaud the Conduct and Resolution to said Merchants and Traders. And we do take this Opportunity to ex- press our warmest Gratitude to said Mer- chants for the spirited measures which they have taken. And we do hereby declare that we will, to the utmost of our power, aid and assist said Merchants in every constitutional Way, to render said agree- ment effectual.

VOTED—that we will not make use of any Foreign Goods in our several families un- til the Revenue Acts are repealed. (Case of sickness excepted.)

The resolutions of the other two towns are to the same effect, and the editor in a note says that he has not for want of space been able to publish the reports of meetings that had been held in several other towns. We see in this paper another proof of the saying of the Wise Man that there is nothing new under the sun. People in these days have spoken of boycotting as if it were something unprecedented. They declared that it was an Irish invention, and they consequently gave it an Irish name. But the Boston Gazette proves clearly that the Irish are not entitled to the honor, or do not deserve the infamy, of having invented, what for want of a name has been called the boy-cott. We give below the true original boy-cott proclamation issued by the freemen of the Town of Roxbury, in the Colony of Massachusetts:

VOTED—that we do with the utmost abhorrence and Detestation view the little, mean and sordid Conduct of a few Traders in the Province who have and still do in- gress British Goods, contrary to said Agree- ment, and have thereby discovered that they are governed by a selfish Spirit, and are regardless of and deaf to the Miseries and Calamities which threaten the people.

VOTED—that whereas John Bernard, James McMaisters, John Mein, Nathaniel Rogers, William Jackson, Theophilus Lullie, John Dwyler, Amos and Elizabeth Cum- ings, all of Boston, and Henry Barnes of Marlboro, are of this Number, and do im- port contrary to said agreement: We do hereby declare that we will not buy the least article of any of said persons ourselves or suffer any acting for or under us to buy of them; neither will we buy of those that shall buy or exchange any articles of Goods with them.

VOTED—that to the end the Gener- ations which are yet unborn, may know who

they were that laughed at the Distresses and Calamities of the people; and instead of striving to save their Country when in imminent danger, did strive to render in- cessant a vicious and commendable Plan, the names of these Importers shall be an- nually read at the March meeting."

The greater part of the inside pages of the paper is taken up with an account of an affray that took place between the soldiers who were quartered on the city and some of the citizens, in which four of the citizens were killed. Modern reporters, smart as they consider themselves, might get a few pointers from this highly sensational report. The account is illustrated in a gruesome way by four coffins, on the lids of which are the initials of the men who were killed, and a death's head and cross bones. Added to these, on one of them, is a scythe and scabbard, with the inscription, A. E. 17. From an artistic point of view, not much can be said about these illustrations, but we have no doubt they were, at the time, terribly effective. The editor says, in a note attached to the report, "It is supposed that there must have been a greater number of people from Town and Country at the funeral of those who were massacred by the soldiers than were ever together on this Continent on any Occasion." We have left ourselves very little space in which to notice the New York Morning Post. It is exceedingly in- teresting. It was published a few days before New York was formally evacuated by the British troops, and many of the adver- tisements and paragraphs show what was going on. The unfortunate "Tories" catch it right and left. They were down, and some among the "victorious" party saw nothing mean in kicking a fallen opponent. There is a mocking parody of Hamlet's soliloquy, supposed to be spoken by a Tory, who is in doubt whether to fly to the inhospitable shores of Nova Scotia or re- main at home among his triumphant enemies. This is how it begins:

"To go—or not to go—is that the question? Whether 'tis best to creep the landward way, That never's judgment of the dreary Bay, Of Fundy and Cape Sable's rocks and shoals, And seek out new dominions in Scotia's wilds, Barren and bare—or stay among the rebels?"

There is not much merit in the skill, but it is valuable now, as it shows how the Loyalists were regarded by the victorious revolutionists, and what treatment they might expect if they remained. The gem of the number, however, is General Wash- ington's farewell orders to the armies of the United States. It is introduced to the readers of the paper by the following para- graphs, which show how difficult it was for the publishers of newspapers, in those days, to get authentic documents.

"The following piece was handed to us by a gentleman from Newbury, who saured us of its genuineness. "The urbanity and noble sentiments con- tained in it bear evident marks of the feeling heart of the amiable author, the worthy and much esteemed American Fabian."

We leave these extremely interesting re- cords of a most important epoch in the history of this continent, with reluctance. There is something in almost every para- graph of them that throws a bright light on the past.

## COUNT MERCIER.

Mr. Mercier, the Premier of Quebec, has returned from a long visit to Europe with a bundle to his name and four million dollars to be added to the debt of his province. We do not know that any one, even Mr. Mercier himself, will be greatly benefitted by the barren title which he received from his Holiness the Pope, but it is quite certain that the people of Quebec will find that an increase to the public debt of four mil- lions requiring additional taxation to the extent of \$100,000 annually, will be only another embarrassment. Before this new debt was incurred the province of Quebec owed the public creditor twenty millions of dollars, and the government spent every year about a million, and a half more than its income. In the three years and a half of Mr. Mercier's administration he has spent five and a half millions more than he received. Of course, for every ingenious gentleman can show that he is not to blame for this recklessness and extravagance. He is prepared to prove to a demonstration that it is all the fault of his Conservative pre- decessors. But it must appear strange to those of his followers who think that the man who attained power pledged to put a stop to extravagance and over-expenditure is quite as extravagant as any of his Tory predecessors and his de- cide quite as large. Now that he con- sider himself securely seated in the Premier's place Mr. Mercier says nothing about economy and sees nothing wrong in plunging his province still further into debt. This four millions that he has brought home with him is only an instalment of a loan of ten millions which he went to Europe to raise. He tells the people of Quebec that after he has put things in order at home he will pay a second visit to Europe in order to float his loan. The ten millions loan will place an additional burden of \$400,000 a year on the Quebec taxpayers. How a government which cannot make both ends meet with its present debt can get along when there is \$400,000 a year more to raise as interest it is difficult to foresee. It may be that Mr. Mercier expects to come across a windfall one of these days.

If his friend, Mr. Laurier, becomes Premier of the Dominion, Quebec may get better terms, and the additional \$400,000 will be paid by the taxpayers of the whole Dominion and not by the people of Quebec alone. A readjustment of the provincial allowances is part of Mr. Mercier's platform, and he, no doubt, believes that if there is a change of Government he and his friends will be in a position to dictate their own terms to the Liberal Party. Mr. Mercier is long-headed, and he is not by any means too scrupulous.

If he ever has the chance to squeeze a Liberal Government he will not hesitate to put on the screws. The Quebec Premier has been also making enquiries in France about the culture of the sugar beet. This is an old story in the Province of Quebec. It has for many years been promised that the manufacture of beet root sugar shall be added to its industries, but there is now no better prospect of its becoming an accom- plished fact than there was ten years ago.

## ABOUT GAMBLING.

Sir James F. Stephen, in the July number of the Nineteenth Century, discusses the morality of gambling. His views will be regarded by many as being exceedingly lax. He does not look upon gambling as wicked per se. He says: "The principle appears to me to be perfectly simple, and very difficult to apply. It is that gambling, like any other thing, is a question of degree. A bet for one man is unobjectionable if it is a matter of shillings, for another man it may be of no harm if it is a matter of pounds, but questions of degree of this sort must, by the very nature of things, be decided by the people whom they actually affect—a man may decide for himself how much he can afford to lose, and if he is wise he will not exceed his limit; but though this may be a guide to the amount of his bet, it can hardly determine its legal quantity."

So this learned judge sets down gambling as a sort of luxury; for his reasoning he applies to betting will apply equally well to the purchase of delicate food and drink, fine clothes, fine furniture, horses, dogs, and even flowers. It would be quite right for Smith, who is in easy circumstances and has a snug balance to his credit in the bank, to buy his wife a ball-dress, costing, say, two hundred dollars, but it would be little less than criminal in Brown, who is in debt and whose income barely meets his necessary expenditure, to spend half that sum on a dress, to please even the best of wives. Here we have right and wrong, as Sir James Stephen says, only a question of degree. Is it the general belief that it would be as harmless for Smith to bet two hundred dollars on a favorite horse as it would be to treat his wife to a new dress or to spend the same amount on an ornamental clock? We think not. If gambling is not morally wrong—if every man is at liberty to judge for himself how far he can afford to indulge in it—why is it placed under the ban of the law? The dealer in luxuries can recover the amount of his bill provided the debt is incurred by a responsible person, no matter what its amount may be. The law regards the traf- fic in amusements as not injurious to the well-being of society. But it is different with liabilities incurred by gambling. A gambling debt cannot be recovered in the courts. Sir James Stephen tells us that the Act of 1845 made "all contracts or agree- ments, whether by parole or in writing, by way of gaming or wagering, null and void."

And what is very singular, considering the law in which he looks at gambling, he declares that "the wisdom of the enact- ments of 1845 cannot be questioned on a great variety of grounds." How can he call the law wise which allows a man to evade the payment of a debt which it is right for him to contract if he can afford to lose the amount? Surely if there is nothing wrong in betting or in gambling in other ways, the law which will not permit the winner to sue the loser is unjust or tyrannical. There must be some reason for making a gambling debt unlawful other than the caprice of legislators. They must have considered gambling in itself immoral and injurious, to society or they would never have made it impossible for the gambler to recover the money which he had fairly won.

But the eminent judge's inconsistency does not end here. One would think that as, in his judgment, there is nothing wrong in a man gambling if he can afford to lose the money, he would think very hard at any device which made the law of 1845 virtually inoperative. In England, although a man cannot be compelled to pay a bet which he makes himself and loses, the law forces him to pay the bet which an agent makes for him. He must pay the losses he incurs through an agent. This Sir James Stephen very properly says "It is a very great abridg- ment of the Act of 1845, for it regulates and gives a legal footing to bets in the common- est of all ways." Does the great jurist re- joice because Englishmen are thus enabled to evade what he thought, if he is consistent, to regard as a meddlesome and tyrannical law? Not a bit of it. He would not have the law of 1845 abridged in any way. He would have it as wide in its scope as the most rigid moralist could wish. He would have the law so amended that bets made by agents could not be recoverable by law. In this he is right, but is he consistent? If, as he holds, gambling is only a question of degree, that it is a mere matter of shillings or pounds, in fact, how much a man can afford, is he logical or consistent when he approves of the law which makes it impossible to re- cover a gambling debt, or when he would amend a law that Act which enables a great number of winners to recover the gambling debts due them, by law. It is quite evident that if Sir James Stephen's conclusions are right, his premises are wrong. His conclusions are indisputably right. Then gambling is not "a question of degree." It is not "unobjectionable" in any man's case, whether he is rich or whether he is poor.

Interior Department Irregularities. OTTAWA, July 29.—The Interior Depart- ment irregularities were under considera- tion before the Public Accounts committee, this morning. E. B. Humphreys, correspond- ing clerk to Burgess, at \$190 a month salary, admitted that he received \$50 extra pay in 1887, through a clerk named Hastings. He made out the account at the request of his friend. He certified to the accounts himself. Humphreys, further on, admitted he had been authorized to do so by Burgess.

## VICTORIA'S POPULATION.

We must confess that we are surprised to find the population of Victoria to be less than 17,000. We considered that at the very lowest calculation the enumerators would find that it has twenty thousand in- habitants. We cannot help thinking that there must be a mistake. We have heard that the census was carelessly taken, and that a great many were passed over by the enumerators. Would it not be well for the Board of Trade to take the matter up? Any number of volunteers could, we are sure, be found to aid in taking an accurate census of the city. With an energetic com- mittee to arrange the work and to count up the totals, we are quite certain that it could be speedily and satisfactorily done.

However, Victorians need not be in the least abated or discouraged at the progress which their city has made during the last ten years. We are satisfied that there is not a city in the Dominion whose popula- tion, in the same time, has increased in an equal ratio.

In 1871 the population of Victoria was 3,270, in 1881 it had increased to 5,925, and in 1891 we find that the number of its inhabi- tants is 16,903. The increase in the first decade was 2,655, or a little more than 81 per cent. In the second decade the in- crease was 10,875, or 183.7 per cent. How many towns in the Dominion are there, which have increased in population nearly two hundred per cent. since 1881? Not one, we venture to say, except Victo- ria. They may be two or three like Vancouver, which have come into existence during the last ten years, and which have grown rapidly, but in no other town in the Dominion, which had five thousand inhabitants in 1881, has the population in- creased to nearly seventeen thousand. Our neighbors in Vancouver will be, no doubt, surprised to find that the increase of the population of Victoria, during the last ten years, is within a thousand of the whole population of the terminal city. If any one, a week or so ago, had been bold enough, publicly, to predict that the census would give this re- sult, he would be laughed to scorn by the citizens and the newspapers of Vancouver. However, although our neighbor on the Mainland has not come up to the expecta- tion of its inhabitants, as far as population is concerned, its growth has been wonder- ful. It is very big for its age, and we have no doubt that its progress in the future will be such as to satisfy all reasonable expecta- tions. As for Victoria, the indications are that its population will go on increasing, in the next ten years, at even a greater ratio than in the last ten, and that the growth of its importance, commercial, social and political, will be proportionate to its increase of population.

## THE PLEA TRUTH.

It is greatly to be regretted that the organ of the Opposition considers it its duty to treat every public official, whose conduct it criticizes, disrespectfully and unfairly. We do not think that it would lower itself in the esteem of the public, or lose any of its influence, if, when it discusses the public acts of public men, it did not violate every rule of justice and fair play, as well as every canon of good manners. Its article on the course, which the Superinten- dent sees fit to pursue with respect to the late High School examination, though milder in form than its ordinary criticisms, is very far, indeed, from being either fair or courteous. It begins by saying that "Superintendent Pope declines to discuss the trustee matters, which, under the statute, are not included in their duties." The very statement of the case, which the Times accepts and adopts, must, in the eyes of all unprejudiced persons, justify Mr. Pope. What earthly good can come of a dis- cussion between the Superintendent of Education and the Trustees about matters which, under the statute, are not included in the duties of the Trustees. Such a discussion must, of necessity, be fruitless. The Trustees have no power to settle any dis- pute between the Principal of the High School and the Superintendent of Educa- tion. They might talk for hours, and when the interview was over, all the parties con- cerned would be exactly where they were when it commenced. The Trustees can only set to those matters over which their authority extends. Their duties are clearly defined in the Act respecting Public Schools, as are those of the Superintendent. Mr. Pope, therefore, did not decline to come down from any pedestal when he opened his courteous note to the secretary of the Board of Trustees. He merely did what common sense dictated. He de- clined to enter into a controversy which might be unpleasant, and which could not possibly be productive of any good result.

The Times sees now that the Trustees have no authority to settle the High School difficulty, but for want of something reason- able to say, it calls in question the Super- intendent's consistency. This is the very master in disguise, and the one which the Times, if it can help it, will not allow to be enquired into and dealt with by the only competent authority. It is perfect nonsense to maintain that the Superin- tendent is not responsible to any one. He is responsible for the way in which he performs his duties to the Council of Public In- struction. That body can call him to ac- count at any time. It was to the Council of Instructions and not to the Board of Trustees that Mr. McLeod should have taken his complaint. The reason of this is very simple indeed. It is because the Council has authority to judge between the Superintendent and the Principal of the High School and also the power to redress any grievance which the latter may prove; but the Trustees have neither the one nor the other. Why the Times should up- hold the Principal in going with his com- plaint to a tribunal which has no authority in the premises and does his best to dissuade him from appearing before the only body which has authority, it can perhaps give a reason.

Mr. Pope does not insult the Trustees by, as the Times puts it, "telling the Trustees that the matter is no concern of theirs." He simply in the gentlest and most polite manner possible, states what the Times knows and is forced to admit is an undeni- able fact. In this matter our contemporary is acting the part of a malicious mischief- maker. It is trying to stir up strife when it knows that it is in the wrong and this, too, at the expense of the cause of education in this city. It ought to see that if there are continual disagree- ments and misunderstandings between the Board of Trustees and the Department of Education, the schools must necessarily suffer. It will require all the time and atten- tion which the Trustees can spare to keep the schools in good working order. Why then should the Times address itself to the mischievous work of sowing discord be- tween the Board of City Trustees and the Department of Education? It has long been engaged in this bad work, and we do not think that any good has come of it, either to the Times or to the citizens of Victoria. With regard to this High School matter, the right course to take is exceed- ingly direct and simple. Let the Principal of the High School, as he believes that the Superintendent has done him an injustice, complain to the Superintendent's official super- visors. Let him give the Council of Instruc- tion an opportunity to enquire into his case and judge it on its merits.

## A FOOLISH STORY.

The Times, on Monday, devoted half a column to the discussion of an egg story, taken from the Montreal Herald, which it naively admits, the Herald does not touch for. This is as much as to say that the story is, from beginning to end, a falsifica- tion. But this does not trouble our con- temporary; true or false, the yarn is too good one to be lost, and it proceeds to use it as if it were true. This is a specimen of our contemporary's method. It seizes upon any statement which it considers calculated to injure a political opponent, and, without enquiring into its truth or falsehood, re- peats it as if it had been proved to be beyond question. After a while it finds out that what it had stated for fact was no fact at all, or a stupid and malicious per- version of facts. This the public in time discovers, and the consequence is that our contemporary finds, to its very great annoy- ance, its most sensational stories and the most terrible of its manufactured grievan- ces are received with coldness and in- credulity by the public, which it has so frequently and so grossly deceived.

## MR. HOWARD VINCENT'S SCHEME.

Mr. Howard Vincent is receiving quite a warm welcome in the Dominion. But it is to be feared that it will be found that the scheme which he advocates will not be ac- cepted either by the Mother Country or the Colonies. He expects to prevail upon the Imperial Parliament to discriminate in favor of colonial productions, and to induce the colonies to discriminate in favor of British goods. We think that Mr. Vincent and his friends will find that free trade principles are so deeply rooted in Great Britain that it is difficult to get them to admit of their being disregarded even for the sake of conciliating the colonies in a com- mercial sense. The kind of protection which Mr. Vincent favors is precisely that against which the people of Great Britain are most deeply prejudiced. The repeal of the corn laws was the first step which Great Britain made towards free trade. The tax on "the poor man's loaf" was the first tax taken off after a long and bitter fight. It seems to us that the men who ask leave of the British people to re-impose this tax—let the tax be ever so light and for ever so good a purpose—will find that they are putting their heads against the thickest kind of wall made of the hardest and roughest stones.

The products of the colonies which are sent to Great Britain are chiefly food stuffs of one kind and another, and it will, we fear, take greater persuasive powers than any party either in or out of Great Britain possesses to coax John Bull into taxing the people's food. Then, as Mr. Vincent well knows, the doctrines of protection have taken a firm hold of the colonial mind. And what do colonists want to protect, are almost al- together manufactured goods. They believe that they will never become self-sustaining com- munities until they can manufacture the greater part of what they use themselves; and to accomplish this object it is their policy to foster native industry. But manufactured goods is what Great Britain has to sell, and what she wants to find a market for. She manufactures so cheaply that it is hopeless for any colony to com- pete with her on anything like equal terms. Even with a high tariff against her man- ufactured products, the colonists have great difficulty in holding their own against her in their own markets. How would their infant manufactures fare if the duties, as far as Great Britain is concerned, were con- siderably lowered? Many of them would be completely swamped. Colonists see this, and consequently any proposal to dis- criminate in favor of Great Britain would meet with strong and violent opposition. The preferential duties scheme would therefore be opposed in Great Britain by the legion of free traders, and in the Colonies by the phalanx of protectionists. This being the case, we are driven to the conclusion that those who expect to see it adopted by either the Mother Country or the Colonies must be exceedingly hopeful.

## OUR SEALERS.

It is seen now, how great an injustice has been done the sealers of British Columbia, by not giving them notice in good time that Behring's Sea would be closed to them this season. Knowing that it was the custom of Great Britain that the United States has no right to exercise exclusive sovereignty over the waters of that sea, they fitted out their vessels, fully believing that in carrying on a business, which the British Government held to be legitimate, they would have the protection of that Government. They did not dream that the Government, under whose flag they sailed, would join the Government of the United States in driving them out of Behring's Sea. They had not the faintest intimation while making their preparations for the summer's work that this would be the case. Up to the day of sailing they had no suspicion that the Government, to which they gave cheerful allegiance, intended to make these expensive preparations vain, deprive them of employment, and cause them to suffer serious loss. We do not wonder that when the sealers found that their own govern- ment, on whose protection they depended, had turned against them, they felt sore. Even a month's notice would have pre- vented them incurring expense, and would have given the men time to look about them for employment. But the first that they heard of the agreement between the two governments to drive them out of Behring's Sea was when they were entering that sea for the purpose of hunting the seal. It is no wonder that some of them were in- credulous and, before they returned home, wanted stronger proof than the word of an American officer and a document, whose genuineness was open to doubt, that Great Britain had entered into an agreement with the United States to close the sea to British subjects. We can readily understand how

it was that the captain of the E. B. Martin wanted to hear the astounding news from the mouth of a man holding Her Majesty's commission.

It is not pleasant or encouraging for men, who, relying on British protection, have invested a great part of their means in sealing schooners and their equipment, to see them returning home almost empty at the beginning of the season. It is most disheartening too, for these men to listen to the gibes and the dismal predictions of those, who reproach them and laugh at them for depending on the good faith of Great Britain and her consideration for their interests, and who tell them that they will never see a red cent of the money that they have expended on their sealing vessels. They may try to think that the Mother Country will not do them an injustice and cause men, who have been guilty of no offence, to suffer a loss, to them almost ruinous; but when they reflect that they have been driven from the sealing ground without a word of warning they feel that they have little to hope from the jus- tice or the considerateness of the Imperial authorities.

We, for our part, have not ceased to be- lieve in the justice of the Mother Country and her regard for the rights and interests of colonists. It will be hard to convince us that she will inflict injury upon the sealers whose only crime was their faith in her will and her ability to protect them on the high seas while pursuing their lawful avoca- tion. She may be reluctant to go to war for the sake of a few Canadians, but we feel sure that she will not punish unoffending men merely to please a pack of greedy, grasping Yankees.

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The products of the colonies which are sent to Great Britain are chiefly food stuffs of one kind and another, and it will, we fear, take greater persuasive powers than any party either in or out of Great Britain possesses to coax John Bull into taxing the people's food. Then, as Mr. Vincent well knows, the doctrines of protection have taken a firm hold of the colonial mind. And what do colonists want to protect, are almost al- together manufactured goods. They believe that they will never become self-sustaining com- munities until they can manufacture the greater part of what they use themselves; and to accomplish this object it is their policy to foster native industry. But manufactured goods is what Great Britain has to sell, and what she wants to find a market for. She manufactures so cheaply that it is hopeless for any colony to com- pete with her on anything like equal terms. Even with a high tariff against her man- ufactured products, the colonists have great difficulty in holding their own against her in their own markets. How would their infant manufactures fare if the duties, as far as Great Britain is concerned, were con- siderably lowered? Many of them would be completely swamped. Colonists see this, and consequently any proposal to dis- criminate in favor of Great Britain would meet with strong and violent opposition. The preferential duties scheme would therefore be opposed in Great Britain by the legion of free traders, and in the Colonies by the phalanx of protectionists. This being the case, we are driven to the conclusion that those who expect to see it adopted by either the Mother Country or the Colonies must be exceedingly hopeful.

## A FORGETFUL WITNESS.

The evidence of Mr. Martin P. Connolly, the bookkeeper of the now notorious firm of contractors, before the Committee on Privileges and Elections was peculiar as well as exceedingly damaging. The young man has a very bad memory. He had, ac- cording to his own story, been busy going over the books of the firm to make as- surances where he considered assurances were necessary. These assurances were chiefly the names of persons who had received money from the Connollys, but, although he had done the work so lately, he could not re- member the names that he had rubbed out. "I don't know,"—"I do not remember," were almost invariably his answers when asked whose names they were that he had scratched out. He said, moreover, that he had done the work of erasure of his own motion. No one had ordered him to do it, but that he had done it, in some instances, to screen persons who had improper deal- ings with the firm, and in others, to pre- vent the firm itself getting into trouble. However, enough was worked out of him to make it clear that inspectors and others, whom the Government had trusted, had

been paid for certifying to work that had never been done. Many entries were marked by callistic signs that looked like short-hand or the characters used in telegraphing. The en- tries for "donations" were numerous, and large, showing that these contractors were most benevolent. Here is a passage from the evidence of this young man, relat- ing to receipts which he confessed to having destroyed: "Did you hunt round the office for the purpose of finding and destroying these re- cepts?" Yes. Without the knowledge or consent of your master you destroyed these vouchers?" Yes. Why? Because I thought they would hurt these men, those inspectors. Why? Because I— Because you had bribed them? Because they were making returns which there was no value. In other words, they were making false returns, for which you had been paying them, and you wanted to save them?" Yes. Why did you put down telegraphic marks as well as letters? Was it not to hide them? To a certain extent."

The work for which the false returns were given was principally dredging. The sums varied from \$800 to \$37.50. The dishonest inspectors received a percentage on the amounts which they helped the contractors to steal from the Government. The cor- ruption that is being opened up during this investigation is almost incredible.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

It appears that Mr. Wilmot's Manitoba Fishery Regulations condemn a number of poor Icelanders, who have settled near Lake Winnipeg, to starvation. This is what their origin, the Logberg, says about those regu- lations: "If Mr. Wilmot's plan is carried out these people will be deprived of the greater part of their means of living, which is a glaring injustice, and we might say, a breach of faith." Again: "After study- ing Mr. Wilmot's report very closely we have come to the conclusion that unless he was instructed to make such recommenda- tions as he did, a lunatic asylum would be a fitter place for him than the office of super- intendent of fish culture for the Dominion."

The Winnipeg Tribune, in which we find the quotation, characterizes Mr. Wilmot's plans for preserving the Lake Winnipeg fishery as "amateur, ill-considered, hap- hazard makeshifts."

## BIRTHS.

Boots—At "Jaromaha," Victoria, on the 28th inst., the wife of Mr. Beaumont Boots of a son.

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## DEED.

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## LECTURE

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English Cotton Trade Bad. London, July 27.—At a meeting of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, the president said that the trade of the country, especially that of the Manchester district, is very bad.

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An Alchemist Imprisoned. London, July 27.—At the general sessions of the criminal court, held at the Old Bailey, to-day, Edward Pinter, alias "Sheep Al," the American "alchemist," who is charged with having attempted to obtain \$4,000 from Edwin Streeter, of the Bond Street Jewelry Company, entered a plea of guilty, and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

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Royal Title. London, July 28.—Emperor William's presents on leaving England are not remarkable either for beauty or intrinsic value, but the only visiting sovereigns in the history of the British court whose presents were really magnificent, both in num-

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CAPITAL NOTES.

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A Kansas City Sensation. KANSAS CITY, July 27.—What bids fair to be a great sensation was untried here to-night, and it is very probable the city authorities will take action in the matter.

OTTAWA, July 29.—Enquiry among the British Columbia members confirms the previous dispatch relative to the census figures of Victoria and Vancouver. It is reported that Johnson, chief census officer, disputes their accuracy, but it is a well known fact here that the figures were given out by the highest authority and can be relied on as approximately correct.

It is said Senator Lacoste will be created Chief Justice of Quebec, vice Dorion, deceased.

John Hall, acting deputy, said the Delegation will re-organize under Hon. Edgar Dewdney and a thousand dollars saved annually.

At the Tarle enquiry to-day Robert McGreavy told about the beginning of a quarrel between himself and brother, arising from a dispute over the ownership of the shares of the Toronto Navigation Co. After they disagreed, Thomas accused him of being a thief, stating that he had kept money received from the Ontario Navigation Co. in a box in his room at 1800. Witness came to Ottawa with a statement of his grievances against Thomas, and not desiring to make the trouble public, gave the statement to Senator Hamilton to show to Sir Hector Langevin with a view to getting something done. A week later Robert told the matter to Sir John Macdonald. A few weeks afterwards, Thibe told him he had showed it to Sir John, who referred the matter to Thomas McGreavy, and Thomas said it was only an attempt at blackmail.

Very little has been learned lately regarding the Meunshausen canyon find, but strong rumor says an immense ledge, over six feet wide, of free milling gold has been found.

Parties who are interested and know are exceedingly numerous, and the rumor is from them which lends color to the story.

Omaha Railroad War. OMAHA, July 28.—The Union Pacific Road has already begun its bulldozing tactics towards the Rock Island, Milwaukee & St. Paul Road and has placed three locomotives on duty at the Council Bluffs transfer to guard the approaches and to keep out the trains of the latter roads. It has also wrecked four cars at South Omaha junction in the process of the demolition work.

The officials are very quiet, refusing to talk to reporters. The opposing officers, in drawing up the decree, have disagreed on two points—First, the Rock Island and Milwaukee roads, which are to be permitted to use the Union Pacific tracks under the rules and regulations governing Union Pacific trains until the operating officials can agree on joint rules. The Union Pacific asks that the joint rules be adopted first as required by the contract. This would delay matters 30 days. The general opinion is that the court will not allow 30 days in which to complete a joint set of rules and regulations.

Millionaire and Maudslayi. NEW YORK, July 28.—Dr. Henry T. Helmholtz, the famous buchu man, who was credited with having piled up a fortune of \$1,000,000 by the sale of his patent medicine, is once more in a mad-house, chained at the wrists and with shackles on his ankles. He was taken from his home at Long Branch, last Friday, and conveyed to the insane asylum at Trenton, N. J. He is a well-to-do man, and his family has been in the fourth time within the last twenty years that the doctor's family have been compelled to place him under restraint. This will probably be the last, for competent physicians have been called in, and it is believed that the doctor will be released from the Philadelphia asylum, the doctor has resided with his family at his beautiful country home on Chelsea avenue, Long Branch.

Wellington, N. C., July 28.—One of the most eccentric men in Western North Carolina has just died in township No. 10, (Coburn county), at the age of 80. He was William Post, known throughout this section as "Old Uncle Billy." Droll in speech, singular in thought, he was a bachelor, a woman-hater, a miser and a recluse. His sole company was two old dogs and an old negro, who cooked his meals. After his death his relatives ransacked his house, and gathered together \$10,000 in gold, found stowed away in casks, stockings, pockets of old clothes, pictures, and various articles of furniture, and as a result, various sums in bank bills

CANADIAN NEWS.

Murdered Their Daughter. Toronto, July 27.—On July 16th, the body of Sophia Handrick, aged about 20 years, was found at the foot of the cellar stairs, in her parents' house, in the village of Fairbanks, a few miles from this city. There are suspicious looking wounds about her head, and the police have had the case under investigation, and to-day the parents of the girl were arrested, charged with her murder. They both assert their entire ignorance of how the met her death.

Sunday Meetings Prohibited. Toronto, July 27.—Owing to the recent Sunday afternoon disturbances, arising out of the too free manner in which some park preachers spoke of Catholics and Catholic churches, the city council last week passed a by-law imposing a penalty on any person who should in any public park, garden, or place of exhibition in the city publicly preach, lecture or declaim. Yesterday was the first Sunday since the passage of the by-law, and the citizens assembled to see how it would be observed. Considerable rioting took place, but a strong force of police was on hand and nothing serious occurred. Three men were arrested for throwing stones and one for malicious injury to property.

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Funeral of the Victims—Twenty-Four Hearses in Line—The Town in Mourning.

PARIS, July 29.—Strange and sad signs are daily witnessed at the scene of the terrible St. Maude railway disaster. Yesterday, two bodies were identified in a most singular way. A gentleman was searching among the bodies at the morgue for those of his wife and daughter, who were on the wrecked train and had not been heard of since the accident. All the bodies remaining unidentified were so charred that he could not be positive that those of his loved ones were among them. He turned sadly away, but after a moment returned, bringing a pet dog which had belonged to his wife. The moment the animal was released, he bounded toward the bodies of the mother and children and began licking the charred flesh, whining and barking. A close examination of the bodies established the bereaved visitor that they were those of his relatives, and they were delivered into his custody.

CHARLEY MITCHELL CHALLENGED. NEW YORK, July 29.—The following cable was received by the Police Gazette, from London, to-day: Ted Pritchard has challenged Charley Mitchell to fight for one thousand pounds and the championship of England. Pritchard stated that he is not going to the United States, but is willing to fight either Fitzsimmons or Hall for £1,000 and allow expenses, the fight to take place in either the National Sporting Club or the Pelican club, providing they offer a purse.

CHARLEY ROWELL CALLED AT THE SPORTING NEWS, to-day, posted £50, and accepted the challenge of John Hughes, any distance, from 24 hours to six days, for £500 a side and the championship of the world. Hugh Hughes fall to back up his challenge, Rowell will run any man in the world under the same conditions.

DESTRUCTIVE FOREST FIRES.

THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, California, in Danger—Several Buildings Already Destroyed. SONOMA, Cal., July 28.—Forest fires, which yesterday crossed the river at Columbia, destroyed marble works and burned to death the daughter of the owner of the works, has assumed herculean proportions. After destroying the marble works it swept over McPherson's place, leaving devastation and ruin in its wake.

It is estimated that no less than 25,000 people, this afternoon, assembled at St. Maude to witness the funerals of the victims of the terrible railway accident of last Sunday. Good order and a clear route for the funeral procession was guaranteed by the presence of the prefect of the Department of the Seine, and the presence of a regiment of gendarmes and soldiers. Twenty-four hearses were in the line, which extended from the town hall to the cemetery, and thousands of relatives and friends of the dead followed the gloomy procession to the place of burial. The entire population of St. Maude and its vicinity seemed to have turned out in mourning attire to mark their sympathy with the kinfolk of the dead. In the town of St. Maude, however, shops and residences were draped in mourning, while flags were at half-mast. The letter from the Archbishop of Paris, expressing sympathy with the bereaved ones, was previous to the interment of the bodies at St. Maude, who, with the prefect of the Seine, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

THE SUMAS TRAGEDY.

Excitement Over the Shooting of Deputy Sheriff Poor—Baird Will be Held for Murder. SKONO, July 28.—Woodley and Sedro are still very much excited over the shooting of George W. Poor, and nothing else is thought of, or talked of, in the two towns. Every man has a different theory as to the reason for the shooting. Some claim that each party was trying to smuggle the Chinamen into the United States, but the larger number think that Baird is the only man to blame in the whole affair. Taylor Holden is entirely free from suspicion of implication in the shooting, despite Baird's emphatic statement that Holden was one of the three men whom he says he saw fight with Baird.

Baird goes around with his head tied up in a handkerchief, and does not appear at all affected by having killed a man less than two days ago. He is very nervous, and appears to feel that he may get into an inextricable difficulty if he is not careful. But he instantly resents the insinuation that he is going to get back on his friend Baird. Baird's and Woodley's stories conflict in several particulars. The latter has not yet been called to the witness stand, but they have paid the closest attention to every word of evidence introduced.

FRANCO-RUSSIAN FRIENDLINESS.

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PARIS, July 29.—Strange and sad signs are daily witnessed at the scene of the terrible St. Maude railway disaster. Yesterday, two bodies were identified in a most singular way. A gentleman was searching among the bodies at the morgue for those of his wife and daughter, who were on the wrecked train and had not been heard of since the accident. All the bodies remaining unidentified were so charred that he could not be positive that those of his loved ones were among them. He turned sadly away, but after a moment returned, bringing a pet dog which had belonged to his wife. The moment the animal was released, he bounded toward the bodies of the mother and children and began licking the charred flesh, whining and barking. A close examination of the bodies established the bereaved visitor that they were those of his relatives, and they were delivered into his custody.

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General Communion. St. Barnabas Church, at the corner of Cook street and Caledonia avenue, is the only one in the province having a choral communion service. It was introduced for the first time last Sunday, the service being given by Rev. Mr. Flory, who had charge of the choir, and Rev. Mr. Beaudry's officiated.

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To Appear this Morning. It is expected that Chin He Mot will be arraigned in the Provincial court this morning, and formally charged with the murder of Isaac Cloak. The two principal witnesses, Fannie and an Indian named Jack, will be in attendance, and if the latter will talk it is expected that he will give more important evidence for the Crown. Fannie alleges that Jack accompanied the prisoner on the night of the burning of Cloak in his house.

Contradicted. Mr. Geo. Johnston, the Government's statistician, telegraphs from Ottawa that our correspondent's statement, with regard to the population of Vancouver, is "a wild guess," and that it is considerably more than the COLONIST's correspondent states. It is a bad guess as regards Vancouver, it is a much worse guess with respect to Victoria. Everywhere in this city it is quite certain that 12,000 is much nearer the actual population of Vancouver than 17,000 is to that of Victoria.

Married Last Evening. The Reformed Episcopal church witnessed the marriage, at 6 o'clock last evening, of Mr. George Munkhouse, of the Provincial Land Registry Office, and Miss Elizabeth S. James, sister of the late Robert Jones, of this city. The nuptials were celebrated by Rev. Bishop Crigge, in the presence of an interested and select few. The groom is a general favorite with all who are acquainted with him, and his bride has long enjoyed the distinction of being regarded as one of the fairest, as well as one of the most graceful, and accomplished Victorians. Both Mr. Fort and his bride are fully deserving of the congratulations, which follow them on their wedding journey, on which they entered this morning.

The Salmon Run. The salmon run, Sunday night, decided nothing, and the fishermen are as puzzled as ever as to how the season will turn out. Many of the most experienced fishermen are of the opinion that the season will be a poor one, and, on the whole, the canneries will make exceedingly light packs. The catch varied from 40 to 400 fish to the boat. Two Dutchmen, working for W. H. Finnen, brought in 327 fish, Monday morning, which is the largest catch heard of except in the case of one of Ewen's boats, which is reported to have captured about 400 fish. Five other boats, including W. H. Finnen, brought in 854 fish as a result of Sunday night's work, and an Indian named Moses took 194. At the mouth of the river there were a few large catches, but the general run was from 40 to 75 fish to the boat.—Columbian.

Big Forest Fires. Despatches from various parts of Washington describe the forest fires as destroying much valuable timber, and threatening several towns in the vicinity. At Cle Elum fires are raging in the hills immediately adjoining that place on the north, between the Nookack and Demings. In the heavy timber along the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railway. Men watched the Deming depot all Friday night. The telephone line has been used.

Extortion Methods. When the A.O.U.W. met here in Victoria one of the prominent men of the order was Sheriff Smith, of Astoria, Oregon. While being shown the town by Chief Sheppard one afternoon he saw a man named Harry Whelan, a loughboreman, who had been here several months. He informed Chief Sheppard that Whelan was wanted on three indictments of grand larceny at Astoria, and that he would like to get him on the other side. Chief Sheppard undertook the job of getting Whelan to the American side, with-out the trouble and red tape necessary to secure extradition. Whelan was arrested on Monday night by Sheriff Whelan aboard the steamer Kingston under arrest, and wired Chief Delaney, of Port Townsend. United States Customs Officer Todd, on board the steamer, acted as guardian of Whelan, and

when the steamer docked at Port Townsend, Chief Delaney was there, and secured his prisoner, Sheriff Smith, of Astoria, came up to Port Townsend, and took charge of his man. It was not exactly the proper manner of extraditing a criminal, but the object was accomplished in a speedy manner.

Death of Mrs. W. H. Redmond. The hosts of friends of Mrs. W. H. Redmond, of Victoria, Vancouver and Westminister, will be grieved sorely to learn of her death, which occurred yesterday afternoon after a brief illness. The deceased lady caught cold on Monday, and grew rapidly worse despite the best of medical attendance and all that loving care could do, and yesterday afternoon she passed away, to the great sorrow of a loving husband and many friends. Mrs. Redmond was only 22 years of age. She was a native of Montreal, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Martin of Westminister. She was married just three years ago, and leaves a little son two years old and an infant child. The bereaved husband will have the duty of sympathy to-day in his grief, for the deceased young lady had won many friends in this province, and few were more popular or more esteemed. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning, the services being performed at the R. C. Cathedral.

A MUSICAL EVENING.

Spent Most Enjoyably with the Popular Wolf Family. "This is in many respects unquestionably the best concert that ever been held here. Such was the remark of a well-known amateur, who ranks with the best of this city, as he conversed with a friend during the intermission in last night's concert, by the Wolf family, at the Victoria. He was quite correct, and yet his opinion was expressed before some of the best numbers on the programme had been reached.

Mr. Clement Rolands was, without doubt, the lion of the evening. His voice is rich, melodious and powerful, while his selections—C. A. White's "Madeline," in the first part, and "The Storm Wind," in the second—were remarkably well made. With-out a question, he can consider himself, from this date, a strong favorite with the Victorians, who were not slow to recognize the magic and the power of his voice, last evening.

Dividing the honors with Mr. Rolands, were Miss Minna Wolf and her sister, Minna Wolf. The former has a mezzo-soprano of rare sweetness, and thoroughly under control, while Miss Wolf is possessed of one of the most charming alto voices a fancy could desire. In their duets, the two ladies mentioned proved themselves artists; their voices blended perfectly—the result, no doubt, of long and careful training—and their interpretation of the songs, from the "Crown Song" and "The Sailor's Song," (Belle), pleased all. Duets are so seldom heard on the Victoria concert stage, while such duets as those on last night's bill are not heard in years.

Of the other features of the evening, Miss Minna Wolf's recitation "A Mother's Story" was one. As an elocutionist she is so much a success as she is a singer. Her delivery is natural, and her voice, in her stage presence attractive. Mrs. W. W. Clarke also took a prominent part in the concert, as did Miss Tilla Wolf and Mrs. E. R. Brown. The latter sang a piano and violinist, and also a class of piano and violin, which while a trifle light for solo work, is very useful in the choruses. The intention of the family is to shortly make a tour of the Province, and several cities, which if made, is justly rewarded, will no doubt prove successful.

FIRE AND THEFT.

A Blaze in the Sample Room of the Clearife. At some unknown hour, Monday morning, a fire was started in one of the rooms of the Clearife Hotel, at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets. It was in the sample room used by Mr. W. Alexander, of Winnipeg, a drummer for a fancy goods store, and was caused by a large one, on the second floor, and was formerly used as the dining room of the hotel. It is surrounded by a balcony, from which access by the window is an easy thing. The samples of Mr. Alexander's goods were arranged about the room, and displayed in tempting array for the benefit of his customers. Early Monday morning, when the room was first entered, a smoldering fire was discovered. The fire was extinguished by the fire department, but on investigation it was found that some of the most valuable samples were missing. Half a dozen barrels of goods had been stolen, and the police were at once ordered to investigate. It was ascertained that the fire was started by a boy who was prowling about with lighted matches dropped one of them, thus setting fire to the room.

Another Sealer. The Mary Ellen Reaches Port After a Short Cruise in Northern Waters. The sealers have given up and will rest on the result of the protest that will be entered in each case. The serious mistrial in the international agreement with the name of "William" instead of "Sir Julian" Panofota was signed forms the basis of a strong protest.

The latest arrival from the north was the schooner Mary Ellen, which arrived and anchored in the outer harbor at one o'clock yesterday afternoon. Captain Jackson, her commander, was rounded by the U.S.S. Thetis off the Shumagin Islands and warned the same as all of the other schooners, asking receiving a copy of the agreement and the President's proclamation. The Mary Ellen sailed into the Behring's Sea to work and water. She then sailed direct for this port. After leaving the Sea, she was met overboard by the Nymphs, who gave her orders to keep north of the Sea. The boarding officer of the Nymphs was informed that the Ellen was en route to Victoria, so no seizure was attempted. The schooner returned to work and on Monday night she was Whelan aboard the steamer Kingston under arrest, and wired Chief Delaney, of Port Townsend. United States Customs Officer Todd, on board the steamer, acted as guardian of Whelan, and

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Her Initial Trip to the City Whence She Takes her Name—Presentation of Colors.

A Very Pleasant Trip in a Heavy, Chopping Sea the Vessel Makes Her Mark.

Thoroughly Tested and Shown to be First-Class in Every Particular—To Vancouver To-Day.

The first trip of the new steamer Victorian to this port having been fixed for yesterday, her advent was anxiously expected by the citizens, and particularly by those who had contributed to the purchase for her of a complete set of colors. The occasion was the means of attracting to Port Townsend, where she was to be met, a large number of strangers; not a few of whom came from Vancouver Island.

Among the party who left Victoria, yesterday morning, were Mayor Grant, Ald. Smith, Ald. Munn, Ald. Richards, Ald. White, Ald. Brown, Ald. Jones, Ald. D. B. Ker, J. S. Yates, G. Cooper, (and wife), W. H. Ellis, Richard Jones, E. J. Thain, Joseph Hayward, James Mitchell, Mr. Young, W. Jensen, Fred Pope, Capt. Conroy, Mr. G. W. Brown, Mr. G. W. Brown, Mr. E. Pearson, L. Goodacre, T. Norway, H. Kesler, F. Campbell, Capt. J. M. Cowper, B. Campbell, general freight agent, U.P.R.; W. H. Hart, general agent, and Capt. Troupe, superintendent of Water Lines; Port Captain C. E. Clancy, J. Bissell, agent at Victoria, U. S. local inspectors, and J. E. Brown, U. S. collector at Seattle.

A very pleasant and speedy run was made to Port Townsend, although it was times hard for one to acquire that control of the pedal extremities necessary walking the deck like a sailor. The general appearance was, in more than one instance, an almost overpowering inclination to worship at the shrine of Neptune, and to make those offerings which are frequently regarded as being no more than just, right and entirely proper. However, despite the ardor of the devotees, there were none of them absent from the breakfast table, good appetites being manifested, no making any complaint, and the good ship, accordingly, had a happy run. As the steamer progressed, a large number of fogs were encountered, but that was not a very extended one, and the thick clouds and choppy seas gave place to bright blue sky and an expanse of water almost as level as a billiard table. 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Odities Created by Successful Western Mining Speculators. A man in this city, says the Telegram, whose peculiar "been in harmony with his character. He was born in the had some education, though he considered an educated as lived in many parts of the

is one of those men whose will power makes success a foreign conquest. He is forty-five years of age, the success of a tremendous fortune, has made by speculating in mines since 1875, when he lost a very small fortune which he lost. This calamity, instead of bringing him as it would many of his nature. He went west with his large family, lived greater economy and was a confidence man to him. His success came to him in time. He found himself, however, an admirable judge of value of mines, and showed a fine skill of driving a hard bargain. As one of his friends of him: "He has made his queezing it out of others.

By taking advantage of a grassed financial situation, a property out of him, and a fine magnanimity, present fifth dollars as a gift. Just after his advent in the and himself a millionaire. As a discovery was made it in him that the west was too for him. So he came to expecting to take the town But, strange as it may seem, succeeded in this ambition. rary, there are few people hat he lives in this big city, assessor of two millions, is the shade of some of the ns, each of whom possesses ns more. But he is well his experience in New York him to affect a contempt for gh he still continues to ac-

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OF THE BARINGS. A Great Commercial Family Through Centuries. The Baring family lived at Bre- man, a pastor of the Luth- named Franz Baring, or in those days, says Spare the ministers of his order men of great learning, but instances were at the best. His son, John Baring, went and established himself as a near Exeter, in Devonshire, nique of the cloth drapers and rpers, quite as often as from goldsmiths, the merchants were then recruited. John Francis, born in 1740, was arly age to learn the "art, nystery" of a merchant, and ed he made himself, by con- s merchant in the world.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Requested to Attend. The ladies of the A.L.O. Society of St. Andrew's R.C. church are requested to attend a social gathering at their late member, Mrs. W. H. Redmond.

For Victoria. Following are the passengers who left San Francisco yesterday morning, on the steamer City of Puebla, for this port: Capt. G. M. Hunt, Mrs. Nicholson, F. Penahaw, Mrs. Minges and two children, H. Galant, A. Williams, Miss Patterson, Miss Fox.

Safety ork. Sergeant Langley of the Provincial police is looking for his little pointer pet "Sport," which disappeared from the police station several days ago, and is believed to have been stolen. "Sport" is a pretty little four months old puppy, thoroughbred in every line.

In the Admiralty Court. would the British Government decide to purchase the schooner "Harriet" for entering Behring's Sea after being warned off, the case will be adjudicated in the Admiralty Court. The defence is already partially prepared.

Bridge's Will Again. Another chapter in the famous will case of Turner vs. Prevost et al. was opened yesterday, when the motion of the defendants for a new trial was argued in the Divisional Court. Sir Mackenzie, Justice C. J., Justice Crease, Justice McCreight and Justice Walkem occupied the bench. Mr. Charles Wilson (Wilson & Wootton) argued the motion.

An Old Victoria Boy. Police Officer Francis Murray from San Francisco is in the city visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Murray was "raised" in Victoria, and left here for California in 1884. He is one of the best officers on the San Francisco force and is held in high esteem by his superiors. He patrols one of the most important beats in that city, known as "Barbary Coast," and keeps the tough element of that locality in subjection. He will leave on the next steamer for home.

Sophies Indian School. The scholars of the above school, together with their parents, paid a visit to Esquimalt yesterday afternoon. By the special permission of the officers of H.M.S. Warspite every detail on board was most courteously explained, and then an invitation to tea in the gun room came as a most pleasant surprise to all. After tea the naval yard was visited and the remainder of the afternoon was spent there. The Indians desire to thank all the naval officers and others for providing them with such an enjoyable afternoon.

Within the Law. Rumor had it yesterday, that the steamer Victoria had rendered herself liable to seizure, by selling tickets from Victoria to Vancouver, both Canadian ports, being herself an American bottom. This blunder in reality did come within the scope of being committed, but prevented by the Collector of Customs warning the steamer's officers on Tuesday night. At that time many tickets had been sold, and to get out of the difficulty, it was kind permission of the collector, that the steamer should be taken to the Terminal, and then proceeding to the Terminal City.

Can This Be So? While no one doubts that the census enumerators performed their work in this city as faithfully and energetically as possible, it is current belief that very many residents have been "skipped." As an instance of this, the keeper of a large boarding house here is credited with entering his family as three, making no mention of his 28 permanent boarders. Another case is that of Chinatown, where, it is said, the enumerators found their work particularly hard. One who should know says that the Chinese population was taken at not more than 1,000, while everyone knows it is double that number.

Concert at Cadboro Bay. The Cadboro Bay concert was largely attended, last Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Pauline, with Mr. George Pauline, Mrs. Branch and the other ladies and gentlemen are to be congratulated on the arrangements. The room was beautifully decorated with flags, masses of flowers and Chinese lanterns, and a table loaded with delicacies, was in a shed out of the school-room. Messrs. Haines, Goodwin, Rev. A. Beauland and the Misses Pauline and Goodwin were among the performers. A dance closed the enjoyable entertainment.

Opium Smuggler Captured. Anthony McNeill, a freeman on the steamship Umattila, was arrested about 11 o'clock, on Monday night, at Seattle, by Deputy Inspector William Bradford, creating a big opium. McNeill had just arrived in port on the Umattila from San Francisco, by way of Victoria, and when arrested had twenty five-ten cans of "dope" concealed under his feet. He was taken before the United States Commissioner, where he pleaded guilty, acknowledging that he had procured the opium at Victoria. He was bound over to the December term of the United States court in the sum of \$1,000, but failing to give it he has been sent to McNeill's island until that time.

Decidedly News. It has often been said that news is like a big snowball, growing as it rolls, and the further it goes, the larger its original appearance is retained. An instance of the truth of this saying is the following, clipped from a prominent English paper: "Six Chinese lepers from British Columbia were recently isolated on an island in the Georgia Straits. The authorities, who had been expelled from the Chinese settlement, and sought refuge with the whites. The Government inspectors have just discovered that two of the lepers have been murdered by their compatriots. The result was a movement to exterminate the lepers was defeated."

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The Colanet was Correct. A special dispatch from Ottawa to the Vancouver World says: "Careful inquiry in the most reliable quarters shows that the population of Vancouver and Victoria are approximately correct. Vancouver's population is 11,800; Victoria's 16,800. George Johnson, the Dominion Statistician, says the figures are correct, and that the total is correct, that is, the sum of the totals. It is obvious that the figures are given solely as approximate. From the highest source it is learned that when the official bulletin is issued neither total as now published will vary by 100."

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

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The Rifle. In the attendance of spectators and competitors, the eighteenth prize meeting of the R. C. Rifle Association, which opened at Goldstream yesterday, is a decided improvement upon the meeting of last year. Yesterday's weather was all that the riflemen could desire, although the wind was a little too puffy for first-class scores. Before the formal opening of the meeting, extra sets of C and D were taken up, the firing at 500 yards continuing until the arrival of the Lieutenant-Governor, with Mrs. Nelson and party, at the range. In the extra, one man put on 24 out of a possible 30 points.

In Chambers. Mr. Justice Drake, in Supreme Court Chambers yesterday, heard the only three summonses on the list. One was adjourned. Another, the motion to dismiss the action of Williams vs. Cosen, for want of prosecution, was adjourned by consent till to-morrow; and the third, the case of McComb vs. Rice, was dismissed with costs.

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Banquers and Disagreeable. The residents on the Gorge road complain that the second bridge is scarce safe, and instead of trying to repair it, it should be built anew, raised and widened. Owing to the greatly increased traffic on this road, and the extreme narrowness of this bridge, driving across is rendered very dangerous, and accidents happen to meet, which constantly happen.

The Scotsman's Holiday. At a meeting of the Pipers and Sir Wm. Wallace Society, last Monday night, it was decided to hold the annual picnic in the Caledonian grounds, about the last of next month. All kinds of Scottish games will be indulged in, and a good programme throughout will be furnished. Medals will be given for the best essays, oratory, dancing, pipe playing and several other events.

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IS THIS FINAL?

Mr. A. L. Belyea Secures the City Police Magistracy by 7 to 2.

Mount Tolmie Park Cannot Be Accepted Owing to Lack of Funds.

Meeting of Sympathy with the French Work of the Salvation Army.

Last night the old Methodist church was crowded to bear an account of the work of the Salvation Army among the French in Vancouver and to express sympathy with those engaged in that work. There were present on the platform Rev. P. McE. MacLeod (Presbyterian), C. E. Dobbs (Methodist), and C. W. Townsend (Baptist). Frayer was of persuasion. Rev. C. W. Townsend, and after some graphic singing, Mrs. Simco gave a most graphic narrative of the trials and triumphs of the army in the province of Quebec. Some of the incidents she related were most thrilling and sad, and Mrs. Simco's appeal-bound. She told of marvellous changes wrought in the lives of some of the worst people in the place, and also of the bitter hostility thereby awakened. The salvationists were subject to most cruel treatment, and she related the case of a patient. Captain Simco referred to the law suit against the army, which had put them to great expense.

Rev. P. McE. MacLeod made a resolution of sympathy in a short and telling manner. His resolution was warmly received, and the whole of Christ's body, he said, when one member suffered, all suffered. Christians here in Victoria, though thousands of miles away, were just as much interested in those troubles as if they were in their own homes. The resolution was seconded by Rev. J. H. White, in an earnest speech, and was carried by a standing vote. It follows in full:

"That this meeting expresses its deep sympathy with those who are suffering in the French-Canadian people in Montreal and Quebec, and their strong sense of the injustice done them by the recent decision of the Appeal Court, from which Judge Cross so nobly dissented, and that they pledge themselves to do all in their power to assist in meeting the fine of \$1,000 practically imposed upon the Salvation Army, by the exercise of power to encourage Staff Captain and Mrs. Simco and their fellow-soldiers in their noble work."

After a collection, the Rev. C. E. Dobbs, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, spoke a few words, and then bore a message from Right Rev. Bishop Grigg, who was unable to be present. The Bishop was in hearty accord with the object of the meeting. Mr. Dobbs said he, himself, had a great opposition to the firing in the streets of Montreal. He was in full sympathy with their work. At this point of the meeting there was a little interruption, occasioned by the remarks of a man who claimed to be a French Canadian, and who said his people did not want the Army.

This brought out a reply from Captain Simco which elicited enthusiastic applause from the audience. Altogether, it was evident that the meeting was in hearty accord with the desire to formally introduce the vessel to those after whom it had been named, subsequent to which the cities of Seattle and Tacoma will have similar opportunities. There were many pleasure-seekers who were turned away from the hotel, and that the number might not exceed the accommodations arranged. There was only one hitch in the arrangements, and that arose because the company had not calculated on the fact that a trip by the United States vessel from one Canadian port to another would be an infringement of the crossing laws and therefore it was only known at the last moment that the vessel must be routed clear at Roche Harbor. This necessitated the sale of tickets and the purchase of tickets to the end of the journey. This occasioned a delay on the outward journey, so that it was late before the vessel reached here. The party was a merry and enjoyable one, and in addition to those who attended from Victoria, were Mr. W. H. Hurlbert, general passenger agent of the British Columbia R. C. S. E. B., Mr. A. G. Barker and wife, general agent, Portland; A. A. Morse and wife, of Portland, contracting agent; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Leland, of the Blake Portland and G. W. McCall, of the Victoria and G. W. Portland. Music on the way was supplied by S. W. Gray's band, and "Red" Bird, En route the Empress of India was met as she rushed past, (saluting), almost like a whirlwind. Other vessels were also met, and exchanged courtesies. The Victoria departed admirably well, and she developed an excellent rate of speed, and rode the water like a duck. Her beauties of appointment and finish were generally well admired. A strong breeze being spring in the party, at six the boat headed for Victoria, where she arrived between eleven and twelve o'clock.

The Victoria leaves, to-day, for Seattle, whence she brings an excursion party, to-morrow.

The arbitrators on the Water Works case hold a meeting in Vancouver on Saturday to consider the value of the works. Since the argument of the case in Victoria last week, the arbitrators have been in session separately, so that Saturday's meeting will probably not be a very long one. The citizens will then be asked to decide whether they will purchase the works or not.

W. T. Lockhart, of Newcastle, Ontario, M.P.P. for West Durham, and a brother of Mr. C. B. Lockhart of this city, arrived from the East last evening, and will spend several weeks here. He is accompanied by his wife and two children. Mr. Lockhart was a resident of Victoria from 1860 to 1865, and will no doubt be remembered by the old timers.

ROBERTSON, MUNN AND SMITH VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, AND ALDERMAN COUGHLAN AND HUNTER IN THE NEGATIVE.

DEFERRED BUSINESS. ALDERMAN ROBERTSON moved that the appointment of a police magistrate be over for one week. Alderman Smith seconded the motion.

ALDERMAN HOLLAND moved an amendment, which was seconded by Alderman Renouf, that a ballot be spread, which was carried. Mr. A. L. Belyea was appointed, he receiving seven votes, and Hon. A. N. Richards two votes.

BY-LAWS. The by-law to amend the Revenue By-law was read. It corrects the age at which road tax is collectable, reducing it from 60 years to 50 years.

The by-law authorizing the sale of the Corporation gravel pits was read a first time.

TENDERS. Dalby & Claxton offered to take the \$25,000 worth of debentures issued under the British Columbia Agricultural Association By-law. They bid 98 cents on the dollar, less a brokerage of two per cent.

D. B. Ker offered to take them at 95 cents on the dollar.

ALD. RENOUF moved to accept Dalby & Claxton's tender.

MAYOR GAVOY thought that the city of Victoria should not dispose of its bonds at less than par.

ALD. RICHARDS moved an amendment, that the matter be deferred for one week. The amendment was seconded by Ald. Holland, and carried.

REPORTS. The Street committee reported on a number of matters connected with the streets. The report was adopted.

The fire wardens recommended the purchase of some hoses, fire extinguishers, and other articles, from the G. G. Zerk & Rubber Company, of Toronto. The wardens were authorized to make the purchases.

The sanitary committee reported the recommendation of Mr. James, of Hamilton, Ont., who claims to have a cure for leprosy, recommending him to write to the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. Adopted.

The park committee reported against the purchase of Mount Tolmie Park, owing to the lack of funds, but recommended that all future contracts, should the owners of it see fit to convey it to the city at any time in the future, to appropriate money to expend upon it and take proper care of it. The committee pronounced the park to be most desirably situated for a grand pleasure resort. The report, which deals with park matters generally, was adopted with some slight amendment.

The council adjourned at 11 o'clock, to meet to-night in special session.

FASHIONABLE FURS.

The Hudson's Bay Co. Will Hereafter Send Their Shipments Overland. "Grizzlies as are Grizzlies."—The "Well Known" "Serenaders"—A Winter Suit.

The earliest fur shipments ever made from British Columbia to the London market was this which left the H. B. Co.'s warehouse here last week, routed over the C.P.R.

In the past these shipments have generally been made by the Titanic, but hereafter it is the intention to secure quicker despatch by freighting overland. The clipper ship will carry the salted hair seals, but none of the furs. The shipment of a few days ago was made up of local purchases—the furs sent down from the Nass and Skeena river posts—but no interior furs. These comprise the main supply, and may be expected to come in at any time now and with those already sent, they will be all probably reach London in time for the great January sale.

Last week's shipment was contained in 22 large hales, valued roughly at about \$40,000, and comprising approximately 10,000 skins. Of these the principal varieties were divided as hereunder:

Best ..... 1,000  
Sable ..... 1,000  
Lynx ..... 1,000  
Mink ..... 5,000  
Martens ..... 1,000  
Oter ..... 1,000  
Wolverine ..... 300  
Tomcat ..... 300

"I call the Toms Cats 'Serenaders' in living them," remarked Mr. R. Horton, the veteran furrier and packer of the Hudson's Bay Co., in giving a COL

