

SHIP LENA TO BE DETAINED

ASSEL WILL BE TIED UP AT 'FRISCO' ... Has Yet Been Reached Regarding the Disposition of the Crew.

Sept. 15.—Shortly after today Acting Secretary of the Navy received a telegram from the United States Navy Department, San Francisco, California, regarding the ship Lena.

THE SHEARWATER STRUCK

Circulation That Ship Went on Returning From Behring Sea. ... from Thursday's Daily.)

THE GOLDEN WEDDING

Sir Sandford Fleming, C. E., who is in the city, a guest at the Dallas, is the most prominent and original Canadian engineer. He was born at Kirriehill, Fifeshire, Scotland, on January 7th, 1827.

A GREAT ENGINEER IS VISITING CITY

SIR SANDFORD FLEMING AND HIS BUSY LIFE

A Sketch of His Career—Forged to the Front by Conspicuous Ability. (From Wednesday's Daily.)



SIR SANDFORD FLEMING.

He was particularly favored by fine weather. Personally, I must express the greatest satisfaction in the wonderful advancement as indicated in the appearance of healthy prosperity on every side.

and of the Pacific cable, and as soon as I get there will make myself familiar with everything I can learn in connection with that Imperial work.

the representatives of Canada at the Colonial Conference at Ottawa (a gathering of the most prominent and original Canadian engineers).

Another mine in the same neighborhood is the Copper River, operated by a company at White Horse.

THE BIG ROBBERY

Wednesday night W. F. Lough, one of the mail clerks on the C. P. R. train which was held up last Saturday, arrived in Victoria and will return to Vancouver tomorrow.

OFFICERS DENY ALARMIST STORY

GRAFTON DID NOT HASTEN BACK TO PORT

And Will Not Be Hurried Down to California Coast to Look After Lena. (From Thursday's Daily.)

A sensational story, with absolutely no foundation, was published in the Colonist this morning. It refers to the arrival of the Grafton from Comox on Tuesday evening.

SPACE ALLOTTED EXHIBITS

Important Meeting of the Agricultural Association Executive Held Wednesday Afternoon. A considerable part of Wednesday was spent by R. H. Swinerton, secretary of the B. C. Agricultural Association, at the exhibition grounds.

RENEWING FRIENDSHIP

Fred. Claudet, Son of the First Provincial Assayer, Is in the City.

Fred. Claudet is a native son of British Columbia, leaving the province with his parents thirty-one years ago to return to London, Eng.

Officers of the whole party in Esquimalt are laughing at the alarmist story, and several telephone messages were received at this office today denying the absurd yarn.

IMPROVING UPPER REACHES OF ARM

TOURIST ASSOCIATION CONSIDERS MATTER

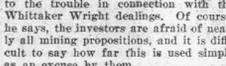
WILL CO-OPERATE WITH JAMES BAY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Business Executive. An important meeting of the executive of the Tourist Association was held on Wednesday, when it was decided to take up the matter of improvements to the upper reaches of the Arm with the management of the James Bay Athletic Association.

KOOTENAY STEEL RANGE

STRONG GRATES

Just one turn is necessary to operate the Kootenay range, and they are made in such a way that live coals are never dumped into the ashpan.



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MACHINERY ARRIVING

Preparations for Excavation Work for C. P. R. Hotel Being Pushed Forward. The contracting company for the foundation for the C. P. R. hotel has brought over the first of the machinery to be employed in the excavation work.

PERSONAL

W. C. Chambers, of Gisborne, New Zealand, is at the Dominion. He left the southern colony some months ago and since made an extensive tour through Eastern Canada and the States.

HUNDREDS OF LETTERS

Telling about Foot Elm. We have received hundreds of letters from satisfied customers who have used Foot Elm and found it exactly as we said.

Dr. S. F. Tolmie left for the Okanagan on Sunday for the purpose of acting as judge at several of the interior fairs.

BRITISH SHIP ASHORE

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—The British ship Ditton, Captain W. Davis, Ashore about five miles south of the Gulf Head, British Columbia, Australia, with a cargo of coal.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 7th to 13th September, 1904. With the exception of a much needed rainfall over Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland during the first two days of the week, the weather has been fine and comparatively hot along the Coast, while over the interior it has been fine and cooler. From Friday, 9th, a high barometer was spread over the province from the Pacific, where it hovered for the remainder of the week, accompanied by fine warm weather and a tendency for northerly winds extending southward to California. As no rain has fallen in Kootenay many bush fires have not yet been extinguished, and also from Puges Sound on California much smoke is reported. In the vicinity of Port Simpson rain has fallen upon the first five days and in Dawson on the 12th. The weather in the Territories has been fine and warm until the 12th, when showers and thunderstorms occurred, followed by sharp frosts. Calgary reported 12 degrees at frost on the morning of the 15th, and on the latter date the fine spell in Manitoba terminated in a heavy rainfall, which in the western portion was followed by light frosts. Victoria—Sunshine recorded was 62 hours and 12 minutes; rain, .09 inch; highest temperature, 73.4 on 12th; lowest, 44.4 on 10th. New Westminster—Rain, 79 inches; highest temperature, 76 on 7th; and lowest, 42 on 10th. Kamloops—No rain; highest temperature, 82 on 7th; and lowest, 36 on 12th. Barkerville—Rain, 10 inch; highest temperature, 70 on 13th; and lowest, 30 on 12th. Port Simpson—Rain, 1.01 inch; highest temperature, 68 on 7th, 8th and 9th; lowest, 42 on 12th and 13th. Dawson—Rain, 1.18 inch; highest temperature, 60 on 11th; lowest, 20 on 7th.

Local News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gillespie, of Swan Lake district, mourn the loss by death of their infant daughter, aged 4 months.

Men engaged in the sewer work on St. Mary street, Victoria, West, Wednesday afternoon unearthed a skull and some bones that had been interred there.

A fire in the office in the rear of Edwards' grocery, on Wednesday, Wednesday, required the attention of the department Wednesday. It was soon extinguished.

Two fires occupied the attention of the department Tuesday. One was at Johns Bros' ranch on the Saanich road and the other in the bush in the direction of Esquimalt.

Tenders are being called for the supply of lead pipe and brass goods for the corporation. W. W. Northcott, purchasing agent, will receive separate tenders up to 3 o'clock on October 31st.

Ensign Wilkins, of the Salvation Army, is working hard getting in the gifts that have been so liberally donated by the citizens. The ensign expects the sale of goods to exceed anything of the kind he has had to do with. The Salvationists are busy decorating their hall.

On Friday afternoon at 3.45 there will be a mass meeting for the boys and girls of the public schools in the Union Mission tent, corner of Douglas and Herald streets. Rev. E. H. Shanks will speak. Mrs. Shanks will sing one of her sweet songs. Let all the boys and girls come and learn the "Sunbeam Song."

Col. Holmes left Wednesday for his regular trip of inspection in the interior. He will be away until October 1st and his itinerary is as follows: Kamloops, Sept. 15; Rossland, Sept. 18 and 19; Kaslo, Sept. 21; Nelson, Sept. 22 and 23; Revelstoke, Oct. 1 and 2. The colonel will closely inspect all the departments pertaining to the militia in his district.

According to W. M. Brewer, who returned from the West Coast Tuesday, a Seattle company is leaving no stone unturned in its efforts to get hold of the choicest timber lands on that part of the island. There is a survey party of eighteen at work in the vicinity of Clayoquot Sound, and altogether they have secured between sixty thousand and seventy thousand acres.

The appeal made a few days ago for an invalid's chair for the Marine Hospital to meet the present requirements of an old sailor, unable to move about, met a quick response. Capt. Tatlow has notified the hospital authorities that he has such an article, which he will donate to the institution. The chair is at Vancouver, and will be taken to Victoria on the D. G. S. Quadra when she returns from her present trip.

Some time ago the Times announced on the authority of the superintendent of education that the Rhodes scholarship examination would be held earlier next year than that of this year. According to a dispatch from Toronto, Dr. George Parkin has given out that the examination will be held about the middle of January. This will leave candidates just four months in which to prepare themselves for the important test.

In Chambers Wednesday, before Mr. Justice Martin, the following applications were heard: Centre Star vs. Roseland Miners' Union. An application made on behalf of S. S. Taylor, K.C., to vary the order of Mr. Justice Duff. The order was made, the section to be approved by the local judge of the Supreme court at Rossland. Two other applications in Centre Star vs. Roseland Kootenay Company were stood over. Letters of administration were granted in the estates of John E. Symes, Arthur Keast, Andrew Munro, and Mr. Blenskinsop.

Tuesday a party of 30 Old Fellows from Boston, Mass., arrived in the city on their way to attend a convention in San Francisco. Antonio Henderson, vice-president of the Tourist Association, took them in charge and drove

them to the parliament buildings, which were closely inspected and much admired, and afterwards throughout the suburbs. An illustrated souvenir of Victoria, "An Outpost of Empire," was presented to each of the visitors before they left for Fresno in the evening.

Rev. G. K. B. Adams conducted the services Tuesday afternoon in connection with the funeral of the infant daughter of Mr. Scott, of Vining street.

Frank T. Watkins gave a farewell recital at St. John's church last Sunday evening. Mr. Watkins intends leaving shortly for London to accompany Madame Patti on her English tour.

At a meeting of the Painters' union held Monday a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the master painters and Messrs. Pondray and Adams for contributions towards building the float for Labor Day.

The annual general meetings of the Wellington Colliery Company, Limited, and the E. & N. Railway Company will be held at the offices of the companies at 11 o'clock on the forenoon of Wednesday, October 26th.

Apropos of the bread question which is dealt with in another column in the Times, Chief Langley has received a letter from the Master Bakers' Association stating that the weight of a loaf of bread was one pound avoirdupois.

According to advices brought from the north on the Amur Monday the yield of gold dust from the tributaries of the Forty-Mile this season has not yet reached an aggregate of over 10,000 ounces, as shown by the books of the American customs agent located at Moose Creek.

The popular summer suburban service between this city and Shawnigan Lake on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway will be discontinued on and after Thursday next, the camping season being practically over. The service has proved more popular than last year, a large number of campers having availed themselves of the opportunity of spending the summer months at this delightful resort, and it is safe to predict that when the service is resumed next year it will be still more extensively patronized.

The congregations of the Methodist churches at North Saanich, South Saanich and Strawberry Vale are raising funds towards the erection of a parsonage at Sidney. Rev. J. H. Wright, the pastor of the church, has been very successful in his appeal for aid, and the work will be proceeded with. The site was donated by Will Spencer, of this city. Other Victorians have been very generous also in their donations. The work is in the hands of Mark Hewitt, Mrs. W. N. Copeland, of Sidney, is treasurer of the building fund.

The funeral of the late James Russell took place on Wednesday from his parents' residence, 43 Chatham street. Rev. J. P. Vichet conducted the services, and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. F. Crookford, W. Pettigrew, J. Moss, J. W. Wellington, E. E. Allen and J. Spry. Beautiful flowers were presented by the many friends, including wreaths from Mr. Russell's employer, S. J. Pitts; his associates, the church members, Sunday school societies, etc. A large number attended, showing the esteem in which the deceased was held and the general sympathy for the bereaved family.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Refuge Home committee a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to all the kind friends who assisted at the opening of the new Home with donations of refreshments and cash. Donations during the month were received from Mrs. D. Spencer, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Fland, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. (Dy) Potts, Mrs. Lehman, Mrs. Lester, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. McNaughton and Mrs. Capt. Grant, and thankfully acknowledged. There are still some empty rooms in the Home, and further donations of furniture would be very acceptable.

It is announced that Mrs. M. Lester has successfully passed the examination necessary to become a member of the National Association of Masters of Dancing. As a result of this Mrs. Lester secures the system adopted by all professional teachers, having the advantage of teaching the reverse movement of the waltz from the start with the same ease as the right turn on beginning the step. A programme repeats every evening is being prepared by Mrs. Lester for the season of 1904-1905. It opens on October 1st with a complimentary party to the children, their friends and prospective pupils of Saturday's class.

A harvest home festival will be held in the Strawberry Vale Methodist church on Monday evening, September 19th, when Rev. G. K. B. Adams, of the Metropolitan Methodist church, will deliver an address. Refreshments will be served by the ladies and local talent will contribute to the evening's enjoyment. On the following evening at Sidney another harvest festival will be held in the Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Adams will be in attendance and will deliver a popular lecture on "Grip and Get." A suitable programme will be given in connection with the festival. At Saanich on Wednesday evening, September 21st, at the festival there to be held, Rev. G. W. Dean will preside, delivering the address of the evening. The names of the above named places Rev. Dr. Campbell will preach appropriate harvest home sermons on Sunday.

Monday's Puget Sound American, published at Bellingham, says: "The British Columbia Telephone Company, which is stringing a telephone and cable line between this city and Vancouver Island to connect with the Sunset system at this place, met trouble Saturday on Arcosa Island, which the line men endeavored to cross the property of E. I. Wilson with the wires. Wilson, according to J. M. Bateman, one of the superintendents in charge of construction, who was in the city last night, made no complaint concerning the crossing of his property until the construction reached his section line, and then he at once forbade the crossing until a right-

of-way had been purchased. Considerable argument followed, and Wilson, expecting an attempt to enter the premises forcibly, immediately struck on Friday Harbor, where he secured assistance of 14 deputy sheriffs, who had persuaded the sheriff of island county to swear in, and returned to his property. When he returned no fight was started, and the bloody cross that was expected by interested citizens did not take place. Instead the company built around Wilson's property. This means the construction of almost four miles of additional line."

The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending September 15th were \$728,200.

The steward of the Marine hospital desires to thank the Home Nursing Society for the loan of the invalid's chair.

M. J. Conlin and Carso have been granted a license to sell liquor at Britannia Landing. Howsley's meeting of the board of license commissioners for the district of Richmond.

The Indian canoe which was taken from the city landing last week has been recovered. Some boys, it appears, had taken it and gone out on a fishing excursion. The matter was investigated by the paying of the damage caused.

In connection with the funeral of the late James Russell, Wednesday, Dr. Beal, who had known the deceased from infancy, assisted Rev. J. P. Vichet in the services conducted at the Rev. Chatham street, and also at the grave.

On Tuesday next a meeting of the Victoria District Association will be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Delegates are expected to attend from all teams intending to enter either the senior, intermediate or junior section. The chair will be taken at 8 p. m., and a full attendance is requested.

During their drive about the city on Tuesday Messrs. Hays, Wainwright and Moore called on J. A. Virtue, an old acquaintance at his bungalow at Oak Bay. The hay and the mountain looked their best, and during the stay Mr. Hays commented on the appearance of the town, and remarked that he could not remember having ever visited such a beautiful city.

Another very satisfactory rehearsal of the oratorio "Samson" was held in the First Presbyterian church, Wednesday, where there were about 75 in attendance, including several new singers. The success with which the management is meeting in the rehearsal has given belief now that the oratorio will be presented at an earlier date than had originally been expected.

A water system has been inaugurated in the village of Sidney. The supply is obtained a mile and a half west of the village from a spring. The water is property of the Victoria & Sidney railway. Pipes are being laid to the different residences, and in a very short time the new service will be in good operation. Pressure is available. Up to the present the residents have been depending on the water which was brought to the saw mill pond from various wells.

On Thursday at St. Ann's convent the funeral service for the late Sister Mary Francis took place at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Father John P. O'Connell, the chaplain, celebrated solemn high mass, assisted by Rev. Father Lemmens and Ronden as deacon and sub-deacon respectively. His Grace Archbishop Orr, D.D., occupied the throne, and Revs. Leternie, Van Goethem and Manuech took seats in the sanctuary. The Rev. Father O'Connell presided the burial service and officiated at the grave. The pall-bearers, former pupils of the late sister at St. Louis College, were: Messrs. W. W. Beines, W. Sweeney, L. O'Connell, W. H. Grimm, S. J. Patton and L. O'Keefe.

The Council of Women held an interesting meeting Monday afternoon, when Dr. Fagan, of the provincial board of health, delivered an instructive address in behalf of his worthy movement for the betterment of the health of the province. He succeeded in enlisting the cooperation of the council. Arrangements were also made for the women's department at the fall fair. Mrs. McKillop and Mrs. Gilbert were appointed delegates to the meeting of the National Council of Women to be held at Winnipeg. It was decided to hold the absence of Mrs. Spofford to the Prairie City, Miss Mary Lawson will act as corresponding secretary.

Among the notable attractions booked to appear at the Victoria theatre during the coming season is Charles B. Hanford in a superb revival of "Don Caesar de Bazan." Mr. Hanford is a stranger to the theatre-goers of this city, and his visit from year to year is looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation. He represents a phase of dramatic art which is now at its zenith in popular esteem. An actor who has remained "good" for so long and before the same people, has Mr. Hanford, secures a standing which cannot be estimated lightly. Miss Marie Drolnah will be Hanford's leading lady, and Frank Henderson will be the leading man. The production will be an elaborate one, rich in scenic and electrical effects.

Athletes of Nanaimo and Ladysmith are taking up Rugby football this season with enthusiasm. They have already been practicing for about a fortnight, and will likely be in trim before other teams think of starting. The Nanaimo Free Press says: "A meeting of the Nanaimo District Rugby Football League will be held in the Athletic Club rooms on Saturday, the 21st inst., at 7.30 p. m. It is thought that two teams from the city will enter and possibly one from Ladysmith. Ladysmith has a number of good players among whom are Ed. and Wm. Marshall, R. Simpson, E. May, Geo. Grey and M. Woodburn, and there is no reason why it should not be a good team to represent them in the league."

On Friday evening a meeting of the Garment Workers' Union will be held at Labor hall, when several important matters will be considered. It is understood

that a representative of the management of the Industrial exhibition, to be held at Vancouver during the last week of the present month, will be in attendance. He will ask for the support of the union in the Vancouver exhibition by the nomination of a local lady as Queen of the Carnival. Should this be done all those who wish the candidate to gain the post of honor will have to purchase all the votes they can afford at the rate of 5 cents each. It is hardly probable, however, that the union will give the delegate any encouragement, as the Trades and Labor Council decided at the last regular meeting that it would be inadvisable to participate in an exhibition which would clash with the Victoria fair.

Under the auspices of the choir of Centennial Methodist church a moonlight excursion will be held among the islands of the Gulf at the night of September 24th. The steamer Victorian has been secured for the purpose, and the start will be made from Sidney at 7.30 o'clock. It is expected that there will be a large attendance, as this will be the last excursion of the kind to be held under the auspices of the choir this year.

A Fort William dispatch, dated September 14th, appearing in the Toronto Globe, says: "As the Imperial Limited, No. 96, was speeding by Carleton Place at the rate of 26 miles an hour, Adrian Fletcher, a boy about 13 years of age, travelling alone from Victoria to Montreal, fell from the rear end of the last sleeping car heading to the west below. He struck full on his face, but after a minute or two recovered consciousness, and walked back to Carleton, and got aboard No. 2. When he reached Fort William his face was all cuts and bruises, but the little lad appeared quite unconcerned as he walked up the platform with a lady passenger who had taken charge of him."

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The regular quarterly meeting of the board of license commissioners, was held Wednesday afternoon, when among the applications were those from Tim Man, Chin Lung, Joy Lee Dye and Ho K. K. The matter of the license for the application was adjourned until the 16th. Other applications were disposed of as follows: Geo. J. Dunn, application for license for the hotel, Rev. F. H. B. Grant, J. D. Des Brisay, transfer of license for Steele's saloon to J. J. Bothwell; granted; J. G. Thomson, transfer of license for Hotel Victoria to J. J. Jones; granted. Drake, Jackson & Helmecker for Redon & Hartnagle, transfer of license for Redon to C. A. Helmecker; granted. J. M. Murray, transfer of license of the Lighthouse saloon to F. L. Smith; granted. James McManis, for transfer of license of the Redon saloon to J. J. Jones; granted.

The provincial game case was resumed on Wednesday when the remaining witnesses for the prosecution were examined. The witnesses all agreed that in addition to the deer and grouse, there was a cock pheasant among the spoils of the party being prosecuted.

John Norton was the first witness. He had been hunting in the woods near the hotel, arriving at Salt Spring Island. When they arrived at the island about 2 o'clock on August 31st they saw a deer about twenty miles from the hotel. Both parties, which was camped there. About an hour after witness arrived he saw one of the defendants come to his tent and hand him a note. The note was of the day witness said: "Now I've caught you in the act." To this defendant said: "Yes, you're run into our nest."

Later witness went over to the tent of the other parties. Witness said to this defendant: "I don't think you're much of a man to come and shoot game before the season opens." The accused replied that it was such an out-of-the-way place that he thought no one would run across him.

In reply to how the game was, the accused said it was not very plentiful, and they were pretty wild. Witness said they did not seem to be very wild by the amount of birds they had hanging up in the trees.

Later in the evening witness had a talk with two of the defendants. Witness said to them that they must have made a very limited number of passengers. Both replied it was none of his business. Witness also saw a pleasant hanging with the grouse. They told him it was shot in mistake. Witness remarked that it was a queer thing to make a mistake between a pheasant and a grouse.

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John Mitchell, a boy who accompanied the Ribbet party, saw all the game described. On the night of August 31st he saw some of the neighboring party moving the game to a place back of the tent. On September 1st witness remained at camp. He saw the defendants go off in the morning. He saw one coming back to the tent in the morning. Witness asked him why he came in so early, and the latter said he had no nails in his boots, and it was too slippery to walk in the boat, and then they left. Witness went over to the tent after the party left, but found no game left.

This concluded the case for the prosecution.

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Advertisement for 'ool-Edge' soap, listing prices for various sizes and types of soap.

ARRIVAL OF GRAND TRUNK OFFICIALS

PRESIDENT HAYS AND PARTY REACH CITY

Question of Terminus Not Yet Decided - Mr. Hays Will Hurry East by Special Train.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The Grand Trunk Pacific party arrived in Victoria this morning on the D. G. S. Quadra after an inspection of the northern coast line of British Columbia.



PRESIDENT C. M. HAYS, Of the Grand Trunk Railway.

Pacific and assistant chief counsel of the Grand Trunk railway. F. W. Morse, vice-president Grand Trunk railway.



JOSEPH HOBSON, Chief Engineer of the Grand Trunk R'y.

Mr. Hays interviewed by a representative of the Times this morning immediately after his arrival expressed his delight with what he had seen during his visit to the province.

The Sunlight way of washing requires little or no rubbing. Your should try Sunlight Soap. Will not injure dainty fabrics.



far as Hazelton by means of the steamer Mount Royal. Kitimaat was also called at, and every inlet down as far as Butte Inlet.

With reference to beginning operations on the Pacific Mr. Hays said that also was a question which would come up as a matter of detail.

Mr. Allan admitted that in conjunction with the growing importance of the Pacific trade there were advantages to be derived in getting established on the route early.

Senator Geo. Cox, one of the directors of the Grand Trunk Pacific, speaking of the trip this morning, said that the party had visited every harbor of any consequence on the coast, including Work Channel, Tuck's Inlet, Kitimaat, Port Simpson, etc.

Mr. Hays wanted to know what information could be obtained from the operations of the E. & N. railway.

Senator Geo. A. Cox, Mr. Morse and Mr. Wainwright called at the government offices over the bay, Premier McBride is absent from the city.

CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT HAYS

VICTORIA'S CLAIMS AS TERMINAL POINT

Rumors Respecting Location Receiving Favor in Eyes of Grand Trunk Pacific Party.

Yesterday afternoon immediately upon the return of President Hays and his party from their drive about the city in connection with the latter the work had not been completed.

Out of respect to the ideas of some of those interested in the presentation of the city's claims, that due mystery might surround the proceedings, the conference was of a strictly private nature.

W. M. Brewer, M. E., gives opinion of Ore Bodies Around Kennedy Lake and Elk River.

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WHAT IS STATE OF THE MARKET?

VERY FEW CHANGES IN CURRENT QUOTATIONS

Large Supply of Island Fruit, Particularly Plums and Pears - General Offerings.

Comparison between the market quotations this week and those last week will show very few changes, and these are not very substantial.

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BOARD TRANSACTS ROUTINE BUSINESS

GRATIFYING REPORT ON SWIMMING BATHS

Complimentary References to Splendid Services Rendered by Instructor - Trustee Boggs's Motion.

On Wednesday the regular meeting of the school board was held, when there was a small attendance. Those present were Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, R. Mowat, B. Boggs and E. A. Lewis.

THE NAVY LEAGUE

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Victoria-Esquamit branch of the Navy League was held at the secretary's office yesterday afternoon.

RULES OF DISARMAMENT

The conditions to which the warships Askold and Groszov Adhere.

LUMBERING METHODS

Head of Australian Firm is in This Province to Gather Information.

HAVE YOU HEARTBURN?

It's quite common with people whose digestion is poor. Immediate relief follows the use of Nervine. Stomach is strengthened, digestion made perfect.

Table of market prices for various goods including Apples, Crab Apples, Hay, Oats, Peas, Barley, Beef, Mutton, Pork, etc.

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ORGANIC HEART DISEASE

NERVOUSNESS AND INDIGESTION RELIEVED IN 30 MINUTES

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Victoria's Big Fair

Largest Exhibition in the History of the City Will Be Held This Fall

During the week commencing on Tuesday, the 27th inst., and ending Saturday, the 1st of October, will be held Victoria's annual exhibition. This is about a fortnight earlier than is usual, and the chances of the fair being favored with fine weather, therefore, are correspondingly greater. Providing these conditions are auspicious, there is every reason to believe that the show will be the most successful ever conducted under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Association.

All local agriculturists and industrialists who have watched the energy displayed by the executive and the different sub-committees in the work of preparation are of this opinion. Every department of the exhibition is receiving careful attention, and the interior displays, the quantity and quality of stock, besides the programme of outside attractions are expected to exceed similar features of previous shows. No pains have been spared so far by Secretary Swinerton or any of the managers to bring about improvements which the experience gained in past years has shown to be advisable.

Another matter that has been observed among those in charge of the arrangements, is the ready generosity shown by local merchants when asked for financial assistance. Despite the fact that recently there have been many calls upon the pockets of business men, when subscriptions were requested for the support of the association in its undertaking, refusals were exceedingly rare. This spirit has naturally had the effect of encouraging members of the different committees who are now attending to the details of the exhibition with a thoroughness that would hardly have been exhibited had the public not expressed appreciation of their efforts in a substantial manner.

To farmers interested particularly in agriculture, the features which will prove most attractive are the district exhibits and fruit competitions. The former, owing to the new rules introduced, promise to be closely contested. Already entries have been received from four or five districts, and several more are expected. The handsome Massey-Harris cup is offered for the district competition. Cash prizes have also been contributed by the association. As a result the various associations are taking a great deal of trouble in the preparation of their exhibits, and some elaborate displays are assured.

On account of the keen competition, the executive has thought it wise to take precautions against any possible complaint from the competing societies after the decisions are announced. Two judges therefore have been appointed, one from the Mainland and another from the Island, who will refer all points on which they cannot agree to an umpire. These arrangements should prove satisfactory to all concerned.

For the first time fruit grown on the Island and Mainland will come into competition at the forthcoming show. During the past several years the importance of this industry has been realized by local farmers, and the fruit grown here has gradually improved in quality, until now it is generally claimed to be equal to the product of any of the Mainland districts. Therefore, in order to give the commercial fruit exhibitor the place it merits, it has been decided by the management, on recommendation of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association, to provide for practical demonstrations in fruit packing on the afternoons of Thursday and Friday. A handsome challenge trophy, to be known as the Stewart cup, has also been offered for the purpose of increasing the interest in this line.

If the numerous applications for space afford any indication of the exhibit by local and outside manufacturers will be an exceptionally fine attraction. Merchants, apparently, have been roused to greater efforts as a result of the thorough canvass made by a committee consisting

of members of the executive and board of trade. Although nothing definite can yet be said, none of the displays being sufficiently far advanced to allow a clear idea of their nature to be formed, it is generally believed that prominent business men intend to use the exhibition as an advertising medium on an extensive scale. Some more than usually elaborate displays may therefore be depended upon.

Before leaving the interior exhibits, a brief mention of the department should not be omitted. Heretofore there has always been more or less dissatisfaction among Victorians of artistic tastes over the collection shown at the exhibition. This year the executive has taken the matter up and appointed a capable and energetic committee to supervise the collection of a creditable exhibit.

Already the promise of Miss Pemberton to include several of her paintings in the collection has been secured. Other local talent (has also become interested and things are shaping in such a way that it will indeed be surprising if the art display does not reach the standard set by the most fastidious.

Without a fairly good showing of stock a fair cannot be termed a success. Ever since the organization of the B. C. Agricultural Association this has been a strong point of the Victoria exhibition. Mainland and Island farmers may look forward, however, to seeing the record broken this fall. Owing to the handsome prizes offered and the splendid market the local show has hitherto proved—more stock having changed hands in Victoria during exhibition week than at all the other British Columbia shows combined—great interest has been roused among breeders. Entries for fifty or more cattle from one person is an ordinary occurrence, and Secretary Swinerton expects that the accommodation on the grounds will be taxed to its utmost.

Dr. Tolmie, a member of the executive, who has travelled throughout the Mainland interior and most of the Island districts during the past fortnight, reports that almost all stock raisers of prominence are preparing for the Victoria exhibition. The proposal to repair the Cadboro bay wharf, which is now being considered by members of the transportation

committee and the C. P. R., seems to have been favorably received by all agricultural societies of the Mainland. In communications to the secretary they have unanimously endorsed the suggestion and undertaken to assist the executive in impressing the importance of the matter upon Canadian Pacific railway officials.

As mentioned in last Saturday's Times, Capt. Troup has already expressed his willingness to look into the plan. If his report of the condition of the wharf is satisfactory, it is practically certain that stock and freight for the exhibition will be landed at Cadboro bay. The desirability of such an arrangement cannot be over-estimated. It would make it much less difficult for Mainland exhibitors to transfer their stock to the Island exhibition and would certainly result in more support being received from outside points.

Whether the wharf proposition carries or not, however, the largest exhibition of stock ever exhibited at a local show is expected. The parade, which takes place on Thursday and Friday afternoons, therefore, may be looked forward to as one of the features of the fair. Several of the attractions of the principal, of course, will be horse racing, which will mark the afternoons of the last three days of the fair. With some of the fastest horses of the coast here, and a track in as good condition as could be desired, some splendid contests are bound to take place. A couple of months ago members of the Victoria Drivng Club took in hand the repair of the grounds by their trainers and are being put through their paces in preparation for the forthcoming events. Several local horses are also training, while Seattle and Portland are expected to contribute some competitors for the handsome purses offered. Lovers of this sport are all gratified at the appointment of R. Leighton as judge. When J. A. Fullerton decided to withdraw it was not thought that the services of one as capable as he could be secured, but in Mr. Leighton the association has obtained a judge worthy of his predecessor.

Everything points to a very successful series of races.

Next to these contests the athletic sports and shann battle, to take place on Wednesday, "Army Day," are most important on the list of attractions. The programme will open with a number of competitions between rival men and conclude with a shann battle. What form the latter will take has not yet been announced, the matter having been left entirely with Capt. Sandeman and other officers of H. M. S. Grafton. It probably will prove, however, an attack on a fort constructed on the grounds. How the attacking or defending forces will be distributed cannot even be conjectured, as it is not known whether the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, who have promised to assist, will be placed on either side or divided between the two. It is needless to say, however, that the manoeuvres will be well worth witnessing.

Another feature somewhat out of the ordinary will be the athletic competition between representatives of the different public schools, which is announced to take place on Friday, "Children's Day." The contests will include tests in running, jumping, vaulting, throwing and other exercises. According to the rules formulated by the committee in charge, each boy securing first place will earn two points for his school. One point is allowed for second place. After the completion of the sports the school with the highest number to its credit takes possession of a handsome silver cup, presented by the association. The boys are evincing appreciative interest in the arrangements for their entertainment, and many have commenced to prepare for the struggle for the honor of their respective schools.

Two other important attractions are announced for exhibition week—namely, an Association football tournament, in which teams from the Army, Navy, Victoria and Columbia clubs will participate, and the second miners' rock-drilling competition. The former has been arranged to take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On the first occasion the army will try conclusions with the navy. Then the Victoria and Columbia elevens will play, and on Thursday the finals will be contested between the winners of these two matches.

The drilling contest, which has created considerable interest, will take place on Friday and Saturday evenings. Entertainment has been provided for every evening of the fair. Bands have been engaged to render musical selections, and in several instances arrangements have been made for a vocal programme. Besides all this the tug-of-war tournament and the Victoria amateur boxing tourney are to be in progress on Friday and Saturday evenings.

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GOLDEN WEDDING.

Right Rev. Bishop and Mrs. Cridge Celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Their Wedding.

Wednesday Night Rev. Bishop Cridge and Mrs. Cridge celebrated their golden wedding. The venerable couple were married at West Ham, Eng., on September 14th, 1854. Almost immediately afterwards the happy couple left for Victoria, where Rev. E. Cridge had been appointed to the position of chaplain to the Hudson's Bay Company.

On the occasion of the wedding the residents of the parish manifested their regard for the incumbent and his bride, Miss Mary Wintall, by presenting them with an engraved silver salver, valued at £30, and a purse containing 21 guineas.

Since that time Bishop Cridge and his partner have resided in this city, and at the advanced age of 87, the former is still able to perform many of the duties connected with his office. Mrs. Cridge has taken a very active part in the church's work in this city, and is also in many of the institutions of a philanthropic character, including the Protestant Orphan's Home and the Women's Infirmary, the forerunner of the Jubilee hospital.

DAWSON IS QUIET.

Population Has dwindled Down and Many Stores Are Unoccupied—Heavy Snowstorm.

"Dawson is beginning to find its level. At one time there was a population there of over 20,000; to-day there are probably 1,500 in the town." This was the statement made by Charles M. Mason, one of the arrivals on the Amur Monday night at the Dominion hotel on Tuesday. Mr. Mason does not expect any very large number out from Dawson this fall, for the reason that the people are not there to come. About one-third the number of stores in the town are unoccupied, and he learned of still other business men who are anxious to leave the place. One reason responsible for this is that Dawson is no longer the distributing point that it was some years ago. Many stores are located on the creeks, and dealers are able to secure their supplies there as well as elsewhere, the result being that miners who formerly came into Dawson for their winter stores can now buy at home much more conveniently. Him-

Word was received Wednesday of the death of W. Le Poer Trench, of Saanich, at the family homestead, Ireland. He passed away Tuesday as a result of the ravages of consumption from which he was suffering before leaving Victoria, two months ago for the Old Country. The news of his demise will be received with general regret by many friends. During his eleven years' residence here he made many acquaintances, and was exceedingly popular. He was a direct descendant of one of the most distinguished families of the Irish peerage, being the grandson of the Earl of Clancarty, and a son of Col. Hon. Wm. Le Poer Trench.

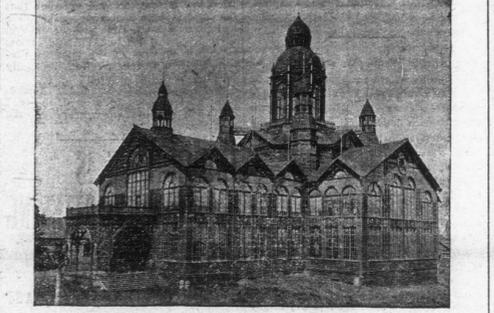
Before coming to British Columbia, W. Le Poer Trench attended Oxford College, and some time after leaving served for a number of years as A.D.C. to the governor of Australia. It was while residing in the southern colony that he became acquainted with Miss Scott, a daughter of Dr. Scott, of Melbourne. They were engaged and married shortly afterwards.

For several years following Mr. and Mrs. Le Poer Trench lived in Australia. Upon resigning his position as A.D.C., they decided to take up their residence in Western Canada. Arriving here the beauties of Victoria and its surroundings so impressed them that they secured 300 acres of property in the Saanich district and settled down.

Very few Victorians fortunate enough to make the acquaintance of Mr. Le Poer Trench have not enjoyed the hospitality of their lovely Saanich homestead. Over 200 acres have been cleared and made as attractive as possible. Groups and pheasant hunting is the best to be secured in the land, while exponents of the grand old Scotch pastime, golf, were introduced to one of the best links in the West. There are only a few of the pleasures to which deceased entertained visitors.

W. Le Poer Trench was about 40 years of age. The first indications of the dread disease, consumption, became noticeable some four months ago. It developed with alarming rapidity, and about two months ago Mr. Le Poer Trench decided upon a visit to his old home in the hope that the change might effect an improvement in health. On the way East he spent a fortnight at Banff, but the treatment received there did no good, and he continued the trip to the Old Country. While en route he became seriously ill, and immediately upon his arrival at Liverpool, Eng., underwent an operation. This, however, did not have any beneficial results, and he passed away after lingering for a fortnight.

At White Horse it was reported that the total amount of gold which had



EXHIBITION BUILDING, VICTORIA, FRONT VIEW.

different nights. It may be easily seen, therefore, that anyone visiting the show during the exhibition week need not upon spending a pleasant time.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the energy of the present executive and Secretary Swinerton. They have considered every detail likely to add to the attractiveness of the fair, and have drafted a programme more lengthy and varied than has ever before been carried through in connection with a Victoria exhibition. It is the earnest hope of members of the management committee that the local public will show their appreciation, when the time comes, by thronging the exhibition grounds and building each day.

Appended is a complete draft programme of attractions arranged in connection with the fair:

Tuesday, Sept. 27th—Opening Day.

Morning—10 o'clock—Commencement of Judging. Trap shooting, starting at the same time.

Afternoon—Grand opening at 2 o'clock. Army and Navy Association football match at 2:30 o'clock.

Evening—Band concerts and vocal selection by musicians of repeats at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, Sept. 28th—Navy and Army Day.

Morning—Judging, commencing at 10 o'clock.

Afternoon—Columbia vs. Victoria Association football match, starting at 2 o'clock. Navy and Army spectacular display at 3, including field gun competition between naval teams, physical drill exhibition, by R. G. A., obstacle race and a sham battle. Evening—Boxing tournament at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Victoria Amateur Association. Band concerts.

Thursday, Sept. 29th—Citizens' Day.

Morning—Finals in football tourney, from 10:30 to 11:30 o'clock.

Afternoon—Grand parade of stock at 1 o'clock. Demonstration of commercial



SECRETARY R. H. SWINERTON, B. C. Agricultural Association.

fruit packing at 2 o'clock. Horse racing at 2:30.

Evening—Continuation of boxing tournament. Bands.

Friday, Sept. 30th—Children's Day.

Morning—Sports at 10 o'clock on exhibition grounds for handsome cup.

Afternoon—At 1 o'clock, grand parade of stock. Fruit packing demonstration at 2 o'clock. Horse racing at 2:30 o'clock.

Evening—Tug-of-war and miners' drilling contest at 8 o'clock. Band concerts and vocal music.

Saturday, Oct. 1st—America Day.

Afternoon—Horse racing at 2:30.

Evening—Tug-of-war and miners' drilling contest at 8 o'clock. Band concert.

GOING TO BOSTON.

Liverpool, Sept. 13.—The Cunard steamer Ivernia, which sails from here for Boston to-day, will take among her passengers Lord Claude Hamilton, chairman of the Great Eastern railway, and Sir Wm. B. Forwood, former Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

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"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the Matter of Lot 1615, Victoria City, and in the Matter of an Application on Behalf of Charles William Ringier Thomson for an Indefeasible Title to Same.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above land to Charles William Ringier Thomson on the 24th day of September, 1904, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by a person claiming an estate or interest therein, or in any part thereof.

C. W. WOOTTON,
Land Registry Office,
Victoria, B. C., 21st June, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Justice of the Province of British Columbia for permission to purchase the following described tract of land situated at Lion Point, Portland Canal, B. C. Coast District, opposite Salmo River, commencing at a post marked G. C. S. W. C. 1904, north 29 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, and will select for the place of commencement, containing eighty acres more or less.

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Aug. 4th, 1904.

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WANTED—Gentlemen or ladies—\$500 per year and expenses; permanent position; experience unnecessary. Address M. A. O'Keefe, district manager, 61 Richmond street, W., Toronto.

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therefore, have reached there shortly before the death of her husband.

Among the most intimate friends of the family during their residence here were the Bishop of Columbia and A. J. Galletly. It was the latter who on Wednesday morning received the cable announcing the sad intelligence.

HER HEART LIKED A POLLUTED SPRING.—Mrs. James Strigley, Pelee Island, Ont., says: "I was for five years afflicted with dyspepsia, constipation, heart disease and nervous prostration. I cured the heart trouble with Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, and the other ailments vanished like mist. Had relief in half an hour after the first dose."—27

Mrs. Le Poer Trench left for Ireland about three weeks ago, and should,

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JAPS ARE BUSY CUTTING

HOW THEY PROPOSE TO BLOW

Defenders Will Destroy Buildings, Arsenal and Wharves Besiegers Enter Port

GARRISON READY TO MAKE OBSTINATE

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—Port Arthur is said to have received from Port Arthur a long and obstinate defence. "Our garrison is in good there should be no prospect of falling. Port Arthur is a long and obstinate defence. "The Japanese are striking their positions near the city and are entrenched in front of it."

WILL BLOW UP ALL VALUABLE

Chefoo, Sept. 16.—The Japanese between September 8th and 10th captured a fort situated on a hill two miles east of Gold Hill. The fighting was very hard. The Japanese were able to force the fort because the quality of the shells used at Golden Hill was many shells fell short and exploded.

The foregoing information was obtained from an intelligent Chinese source. Port Arthur is said to have had a dockyard for many years. He adds the tunnelling under the Russian fortifications is being carried on. He says that the work of tunnelling and arduous, and will be successful.

The Russians have placed all the public buildings, wharves and everything that could be of use to the Japanese with a view of causing their destruction. Japanese enter the city. Ammunition is growing there is plenty of bread, and a number of boats are lying in the dock waiting to be knocked into kindling by the shells. One shell demolished the engine in the dock yards of the naval forces at Chefoo. The five 11-inch guns of which were formerly pointed have been rearranged, three pointing seaward and two landward.

The Chinese allege that the shells, except the ten and have been removed to from aboard the boats they were of very little to the ships in the harbor not able to participate in and see. A month ago the Chinese threatened Sianchi Chinese say the shells fall that point.

SAYS THE MEN ARE ANXIOUS TO S

Shanghai, Sept. 16.—The Daily News publishes a report from a Chinese interpreter from 1897 until the end in the commissariat department of Port Arthur. The writer says that the men are very anxious to surrender.

THE SQUADRON WILL MAKE GIN

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—The front is exceedingly present full in the operation churia is expected to continue weeks. Ever since the kin's retreat was accompanied by informed military circles vined that Field Marshal not immediately attempt aggressive tactics.

All the information regarding the condition of affairs has strengthened the belief that Oryama will require time to organize a new army now believed that he will force men and women to good his losses at Liao Y. is reported will be ready at the end of the month would create no surprise in those diversions is contemplated against Mukden.

In the meantime Kour obtaining reinforcements.

London, Sept. 16.—A batch dated Liao Yang, at the conclusion of a battle here, says: "General Kuroki's