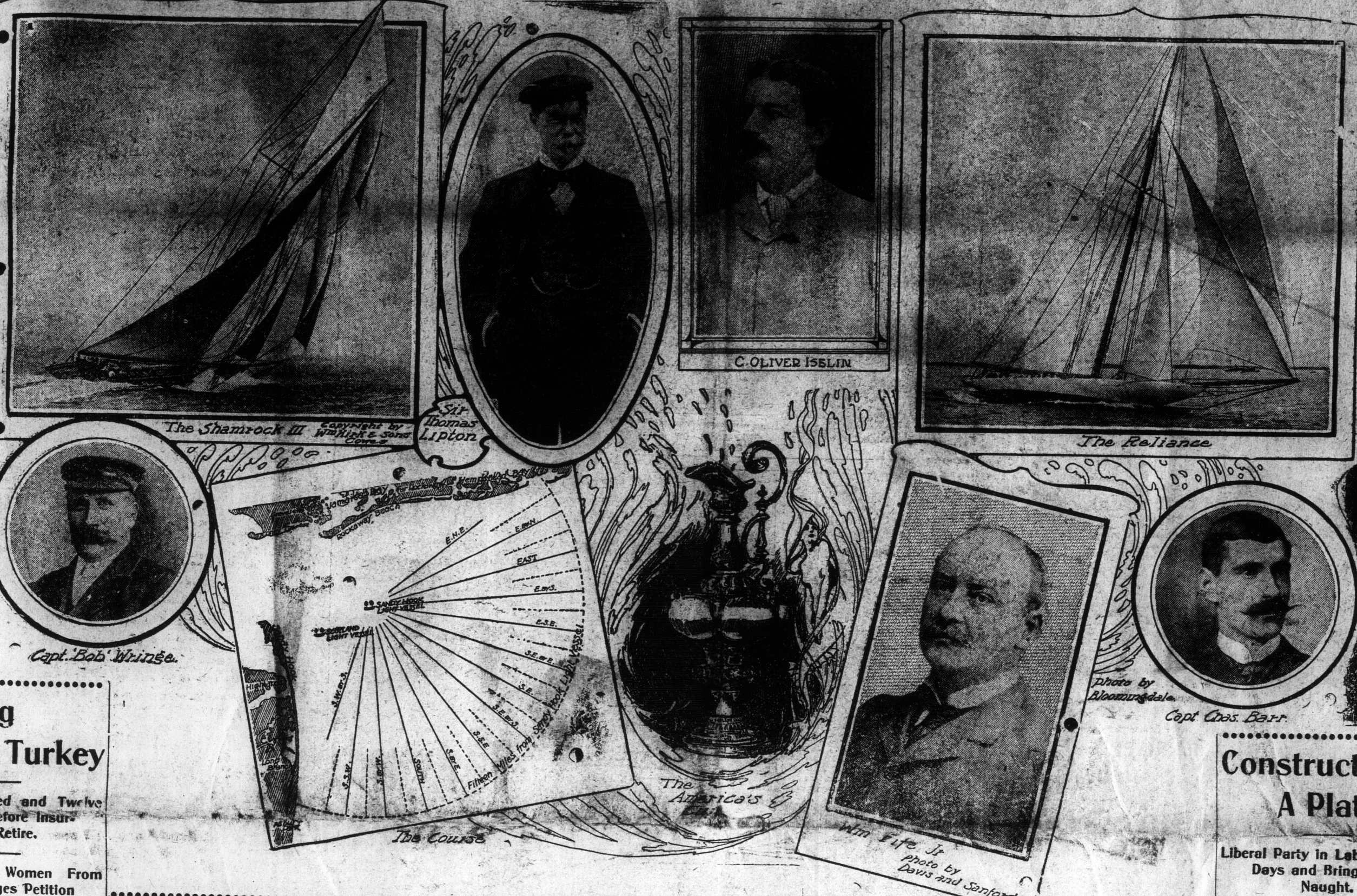


THE GREAT AQUATIC BATTLE COMMENCES TODAY



Fighting In Turkey

Sixty Men Killed and Twelve Wounded Before Insurgents Retire.

Two Hundred Women From Burnt Villages Petition for Protection.

One Hundred and Fifty Greeks and Eighty Children Prisoners.

Foreign Office at Rome had received news showing that Italian interests, which are important at Salonica and its neighborhood, are menaced, and that it was deemed wise to have a strong force ready to convince the Turks of the inadvisability of affecting such interests by an hostile act.

THE YACHTS WILL LIKELY HAVE LIGHT WINDS TODAY

New York, Aug. 19.—Shamrock III, was re-measured today, as a result the Reliance will have to give her rival one minute and fifty seven seconds time allowance instead of 1.45.

New York, Aug. 19.—The weather over the course of the international yacht race tomorrow will be "partly cloudy with light to fresh west to north winds." The weather bureau designates the winds with a velocity from one to nine miles an hour as light, and winds with a velocity from ten to nineteen miles an hour as fresh.

Experts sought places of vantage to view the last trials. The boats crossed Sandy Hook Bay on the starboard tack, and in a 12-knot breeze headed out to sea. The sails of both filled perfectly, after they had sailed about a mile southeast of the highland lightship, Reliance hauled back, running before the wind. Reliance reached Sandy Hook Bay, dropped her jib and stayed and stayed by her moorings. At 11.50 she was followed by Shamrock III, which came into the bay and was tied up to await the signal to start out for the first race.

RELIANCE'S LITTLE MASCOT.

New York, Aug. 19th.—A son was born today to Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin, wife of the managing owner of the Reliance, defender of the America Cup.

TOWN OF POPLAR CREEK IS BOOMING

Already Three Streets Are Lined With Tents and Frame Buildings.

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 19.—The town of Poplar Creek pulled out this afternoon with the largest crowd of prospectors for the Lardene district that has sailed yet. The wharf was piled high with machinery, supplies and tents. On the lucky Jack claim the erection of the building for the mill is now well under way, and when sufficient men can be obtained, the work of developing the property will be pushed rapidly forward. The tent-makers here have been kept busy supplying tents for the rapidly growing town of Poplar Creek, where, although the townsite was only placed on the market Monday, there are already three streets lined with tents, frame and log buildings. The townsite is owned by the Kaslo and Shewan Railway Company.

THE PRESIDENT REVIEWS U.S. FLEET

Torpedo Boat Rammed by Destroyer But Little Damage Done.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 19.—For the first time in the history of the country the President of the United States today reviewed and inspected in time of peace a great fleet of United States warships. The ceremony was a magnificent and impressive naval spectacle. It was unmarred by the slightest mishap until just at its conclusion, when the torpedo boat destroyer Barry rammed the destroyer Decatur, fortunately, however, doing little damage. It occurred just at the moment when the President was receiving congratulations upon the success of the manoeuvres.

BRITISH EDITORS IN WHEAT BELT

Journalists to Visit North Western Manitoba.—A Presentation.

Moosjow, N. W. T., Aug. 19.—The British editors passed through here this afternoon en route to Northwestern Manitoba, after which they will visit Winnipeg, leaving there for Toronto, Monday, by the lake route. They have during the past four weeks seen a great deal of Western Canada, having visited Brandon during the fair, Prince Albert and Rosthern, on the Saskatchewan, Regina, Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Strathcona, Banff, and Lakes in C. O. Great Glacier, Vancouver, Steveston (where they saw the salmon canneries), Victoria, the great lumbering cause at Chemainus, McLeod, the ranching districts, the irrigation works about Lethbridge, and the new beet root sugar factory at Raymond, in the Mormon settlement. This gave them a comprehensive view of the different sections of the country and their wonderful resources. They are more than delighted with what they have seen, and express their admiration at Canada's vastness and great latent wealth. Just before reaching Moosejaw, W. K. White, who represented the Dominion government, and who was called away to the United States on departmental business, was the recipient of a handsome souvenir, and of many flattering remarks, by the editors for his courtesy and successful efforts during the trip to make the tour a pleasant one.

G. A. R. RECEPTION IN SAN FRANCISCO

The Veterans of the American Wars Receive a Great Ovation.

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—Seldom has a finer parade been witnessed in San Francisco than that which did honor to the Grand Army of the Republic. The veterans were not in line, but many colored organizations participated, chief among them being the naval reserve, the veterans of the Spanish-American war and the National Guard of California. The regular army was well represented. The Order of Red Men, which was largely represented, added a picturesque feature to the display. The German societies of the city, including amateur athletes and children from the various turner schools, made a splendid showing, as also did the League of the Cross Cadets.

JAP MURDERER TO STAND TRIAL

The Prisoner is Stolid and Indifferent—Nominating Candidates.

Nanaimo, Aug. 19.—Maida, a Jap charged with the murder of two fellow countrymen on Sunday last, was today committed for trial. The depositions brought out no additional facts of importance. The prisoner was stolid and uninterested throughout the hearing. Asked if he had any statement to make, he said he knew nothing about it. Socialists will nominate Thursday evening. It is a foregone conclusion that Mr. Hawthorthwaite will be their choice. Conservative nominee on Saturday. An hour earlier the Labor party will meet to discuss the situation, and will be addressed by Ralph Smith, M.P. There is a possibility that an attempt to open up negotiations with the Conservatives will be made.

DECLINE IN WHISKEY PRICES.

Peoria, Aug. 19.—Trouble is evidently brewing between the independent and crop distillers for this morning the whiskey quotation was dropped from 123, the basis for finished goods, to 124, a decline of 3 cents per gallon.

OUTBREAK AT CROATIA.

Vienna, Aug. 19.—A fresh outbreak of rioting occurred at Croatia, at Senj, upon the occasion of the celebration of the birthday of Emperor Francis Joseph, and today a thousand peasants of His Majesty at Bonn University, in Hungary, were destroyed a Hungarian banner. The rioters were resisted by the gendarmes, who shot three men and wounded many others.

GERMAN APPOINTMENT.

Berlin, Aug. 19.—Baron von Windheim has just been appointed governor of Upper Silesia. He was a classmate of His Majesty at Bonn University. It is understood that Von Windheim's appointment is merely a preliminary to his entry into the cabinet.

Constructing A Platform

Liberal Party in Labor for Two Days and Bring Forth Naught.

Juvenile Apple Stealers Get Severe Treatment at the Terminal City.

Forty-five Labor Organizations to Parade in Approaching Celebration.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Aug. 19.—The executive of the Liberal Association of British Columbia has been in session two days, chiefly considering a platform. They will issue a manifesto to the province, it was said, containing 3,000 words. Among those present are E. J. Deau, W. W. B. McInnes and John Jardine, of Victoria.

Several small boys have been ordered whipped by the magistrates for stealing apples. Forty-five labor organizations will take part in a monster parade here on Labor Day. The committee met last night and discussed the program. It was decided to brigade all kindred trades and the miscellaneous trades in the line of the parade. The parade will be held in the evening.

Reports received from several persons just arrived from Anderson, Lake Louise, are to the effect that the present month's showing will be a good one, and that the fall will be running steadily on good rock.

Major Townley suggests that a sea wall be built just at the bridge at Stanley Park, and the upper end of Coal Harbor converted into a fresh water lake and stocked with fowl.

According to Mr. E. A. Williams, superintendent of the rolling stock of the C. P. R., 28 new locomotives will shortly be installed in the freight service of railway.

The Executive Club, a new organization of young men, will hold their first dance on Thursday evening at the Grand Hotel, English Bay.

The tourist traffic last week was heavier than it has been at any time in the history of the city.

In the press despatches the wrong name was given the new steamer that is to be put on the Seattle-Vancouver run. It should have been the Ramona and not the Pomona, as published. The Ramona is 1,000 tons burden, and is said to be a fine sea boat.

It is probable that early in September there will be an athletic meet at Brockton Point, Vancouver. Vancouver was only able to enter four men in the Victoria meet, which is considered a poor showing. An effort is being made to encourage athletics in Vancouver.

The Royal Arch Chapter A. F. and M. entertained W. Ross, Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter of Genoa, tonight. Mr. S. C. Sykes, of Vancouver, has been appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Arch Chapter A. F. and M. for British Columbia.

ST. LOUIS BOODLERS. Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 19.—The trial of State Senator Wm. P. Sullivan, under indictment on the charge of soliciting a bribe of \$4,000 from a representative of the Pullman Company, for three votes in favor of the bill to repeal the anti-labor law, was begun here today before Special Judge H. Simmons. The jury was secured without delay.

Corodale and Anna, our author given us a story so interesting and so full of life, and much more in the page is such a man compact of life. Anna's brother here is no common man, a Christ-like being at the heart of his nature; fatherly and affectionate, and the M. Lee. This priest, a rare in the genius of the back to our early list has sought to in its essence, is his success is in her Londonick. All the story, not less actualism, are correct. He is at one breaks here only on one with the calm of Our Lady art and yet strange with a character is something more, because of the Christian in his hesitation in saying at artistry yet at the tale has all most fibrous, and of "Gillian the than this it were

CLEARINGS. The following clearings as compared with last year: Montreal 16.1; Toronto 4.3; Winnipeg, 80.0; Halifax, 12; Ottawa, \$2, Columbia, \$1,222; Quebec, \$1,385,828; N.B., \$1,183,901; N.S., \$87,184; in-8810,708.

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THE IMPERIAL ISSUE.

Free trade is desirable between two countries whose produce is of essentially different character; but protection is inevitable between two countries whose competitors in the market of production are the same.

CONSERVATIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY.

On the floor of the House of Commons Mr. R. L. Borden has indicated the attitude of the Conservative party to the national question of transcontinental transportation.

COLONIAL INDEPENDENCE.

A section of the Dominion press has expressed considerable alarm at some of the remarks of the Duke of Devonshire at the annual meeting of the United Empire Loyalists.

THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

We need hardly remind the citizens of Victoria that it is their duty and advantage to liberally support the Tourist Association.

FILES

To prove to yourself that Dr. Chase's Ointment is the best for all skin diseases, apply it to the daily skin and you will see the difference.

Victoria, on twentieth-century garden of Eden. On the contrary, though perhaps to a somewhat lesser degree, has had no small share in producing the Imperial policy.

LEGAL POLITICS.

The Liberal party in Victoria has taken an objection to some twenty-five names on the list of candidates for the House of Commons.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The Glasgow Evening Citizen, commenting on the Gamey case, says: "The recent investigation by the government of the Gamey charges of corruption in the House of Commons has but emphasized a deplorable state of things which should seem to have received more serious attention of course, as chronic, existing under any name."

THE TIMES' DEFENCE.

There is always a certain amount of satisfaction in having people do exactly what it was designed and calculated that they should do.

A WOMAN'S QUARREL.

Owen Sound, Aug. 18.—(Special)—The above woman who charged Mrs. The wife of a prominent citizen, with having called on to marry her, has disappeared. The county attorney has a plot.

A COMPACT INDEED!

Mr. W. W. B. Melnes declares that it is absurd to say that a compact exists between the Conservative and Socialists.

Umbra is due entirely to the treachery of the Liberal party to the working classes. In the hands of the Tory party, the Liberal party has become a wretched hybrid called Labor-Liberal.

BACK AGAIN

From England

Mr. Clermont Livingston Manager of the Tye Copper Company Returns.

Interesting Statement as to Mining Market Conditions in London.

Mr. Clermont Livingston, general manager of the Tye Copper Company, Ltd., returned to Victoria on August 18th, accompanied by Mrs. Livingston and Mr. R. B. Livingston, and Mr. J. Lancaster, of Victoria, England.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE BRITANNIA

Geo. H. Robertson of Butte Tells of What His Associates Intend Doing.

Geo. H. Robertson of Butte, Montana, one of the owners of the Butte, Montana mine, is in the city on his return from a recent visit to the Yukon.

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THE PROSPEROUS TOWN OF DUNCANS AND WELLESLEY COWICHAN DISTRICT

(Continued from last week.)

The following is taken from a pamphlet issued by the municipality and written by Messrs. Hadwin, Cline, Phillips, Wolley, Livingstone, and Melin:

The Cowichan district comprises, roughly speaking, the valleys of the Koksilah, Cowichan and Chemainus rivers, flowing into the Straits on the south-eastern slope of Vancouver Island. It contains several beautiful lakes, from mere ponds to one—Cowichan lake—some twenty miles long. The northern half of the district is incorporated as a municipality, which occupies rather a unique position in that it has no debt. The taxes, both provincial and municipal, are very light.

Cowichan occupies an important position on the coast, and has several good harbours. It lies about half way between Nanaimo and Victoria, which offer good markets for its products. Still nearer is the rising town of Ladysmith; while its own settlements of Duncans, Chemainus and Mount Sicker are growing steadily.

The North Pacific coast is the theatre of an enormous trade with the Orient, which no man can estimate. The western seaboard of America and Canada will soon compete with the eastern and Cowichan, with her forests, minerals and fertile valleys, has every right to expect to share in this advance and progress of the West.

That peculiarly English word, "home" conveys a meaning which is difficult to define, but nevertheless is one which nearly everyone understands. Many, if asked to define it, would picture up comfortable surroundings, and in general a similarity in these, to which they have been accustomed. To settlers from the British Isles there are many points of similarity between the Cowichan district and the Old Country. To those in search

of an English country life, only that they cost you nothing.

There are towns now in British Columbia where people try to live as they think that people live in England—where a dinner without champagne is not what it should be, and dresses good enough for Huntington are worn at little scratch cricket matches. They do not do these things in the country districts. The dress here is simple; no one dreams of any better drink than beer or whiskey and soda; the entertainments, small dances, picnics, bathing parties, etc., are held in the open air, and the cost next to nothing. If you are a decent fellow, it does not matter twopence what your financial standing may be.

As to sport, the fishing in the district is excellent. At Cowichan lake in the early part of this year I believe that the average was about 25 trout to the boat, running from 1 to 2 pounds. This was with a fly. In the summer, with a spoon, men get some very large baskets of two-pounders. Capt. Finlay, R.N., caught 255 pounds of trout in three days with fly and spoon. Capt. Simon 80 pounds of trout in one day. At the Cowichan river sometimes strikes excellent sport.

On one of the smaller lakes two miles from Duncans, where many of the best houses are, a resident fisher with the dry fly 22 trout weighing of pounds, and twelve and one-half tons of jam.

Group of two kinds used to be plentiful, and in the mountains close to hand there are still a fair number of blue grouse for the hard-working gunner. Several grouse to the gun is the best I have heard of this year. The Cowichan has suffered heavily, disturbed, I believe, in its nesting season by the imported pest, which has now become so plentiful as to become a nuisance to the farmers.

Deer are plentiful, and in the winter season ducks, teal and geese afford capital sport on the coast and in the marshes round the lakes.

Above all, to the man who can afford it, the deer of the Malahat is a worthy ally in each reach of really fine wild sport, and on the coast.

of exceedingly good social position. The district is traversed by some of the best roads on the island and are kept in good order by a well-administered municipal council. There is also good water communication along the coast from Saanich Arm to Chemainus. It may without exaggeration be said that throughout the whole Dominion there cannot be found a district of fairer promise than that known as the Cowichan valley.

The following comprises the various crops grown in the district: Very little wheat, oats, very little barley, rye cut green for stock, peas, potatoes, roots, grasses, clover, hay, Indian corn, sunflower, dwarf Essex rape, vetch, ensilage, apples, pears, plums, cherries, quinces, small fruits, cots, nectarines, grapes, small fruits (see description of Arthur Robinson's farm at Sahlam) and dairying (Cowichan creamery). Sheep, swine and poultry are also extensively raised. The deer of the Malahat is getting a good deal of attention. The Cowichan foot-hold in the district is getting a good creamery affords a standard example of what can be done in this direction; also the Vancouver Island Poultry and Game association, whose headquarters are at

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spring of 1897, found the rich outcrop of copper ore upon the fire-swept hill. From that date to this the mining industry has steadily progressed, and so far the properties have been developed, both of which bid fair to make big mines. The Lenora, upon which mine the original discovery was made, has paid from the grass-roots down. The ore body is of phenomenal size and richness, some of the ore being carried 400 feet east of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway has been built, and over this road thousands of tons of ore have been shipped to Tacoma. A rapidly-growing town has sprung up here, and a hotel that would grace Victoria.

The Tye, which adjoins the Lenora on the east, and on the same side, is owned by the Tye Copper company, Limited, of London, England. Heavy development work has been carried on for the past two years, at a cost of \$120,000. A working shaft of three compartments has been sunk to a depth of 235 feet from the surface, connecting with the prospecting shaft that was first put down to give the property. About 3,000 feet of work has been done. The main central drift at the 200-foot level is an old time and thinks of retiring from active work, hence the desire to sell.

Duncans. The farmers in the district have invariably been found ready and willing to combine for the furtherance of any scheme for the benefit of the community.

It has been the opinion of the residents in the district for some time past that an experimental farm for Vancouver being run close to the coast would be a great benefit to the district, and on account of its central position and ex-

W. P. JAYNE'S STORE, Quamichan, B.C.

of a country life, where they can live cheaply and yet enjoy life and freedom from conventionalities, where they can potter about with a gun or rod, or make up expeditions for big game, Cowichan has many charms and advantages to offer. Of social amusements there are numbers, from summer picnics to skating parties on the lakes. The local tennis club frequently musters 70 or 80 people on Saturday evenings.

To the energetic settler intent on making money, the promising mines in the neighborhood, the lumber mills, and camps offer good home markets, both for labor and supplies, as well as the neighboring towns.

No country is without drawbacks, and it is not the intention of this article to should exaggerate or present everything

VIEW SHOWING MR. ARTHUR ROBINSON'S FARM. Cultivating the strawberries after the fruit has been picked.

During the visit of our correspondent at Mr. Arthur Robinson's farm at Sahlam. Our correspondent met with a most interesting and profitable experience, and the following information regarding the famous strawberries and strawberry jam grown and made by Mr. Robinson:

During this season the field was 20 tons, 13 of which were shipped and seven made into pulp. There are ten acres in crop, eight of which are bearing plants and two new plants for inclusion in next year's crop. Mr. Robinson employs five Chinamen the year round and during the season an extra five and 50 Indians. One day's picking this year yielded 2,257 lbs. of berries. Mr. Robinson makes his own jam and makes it of pure fruit. He absolutely guarantees there is no foreign

matter used at all, and sells to compete with the cheap imported jams.

As before stated, this year seven tons of pulp has been saved, and will yield twelve and one-half tons of jam.

After seeing the whole of Mr. Robinson's plant it is quite enough to induce one to use the jam, because you know you are buying the pure article and at the same price as the adulterated jams which are imported wholesale from outside points.

On Mr. Robinson's place there is a historic cherry tree. Planted in 1840 it has yielded for years phenomenal crops of cherries, and this year as many and as fine as ever. The writer ate some and knows he speaks true.

JAMES MEARNS' STORE, KOKSILAH

For sale, both good mill premises and stock. Cottage next door. Two lots, each 120 feet, on main road, only 100 yards from Koksilah Station. A good opportunity for an enterprising man. Mr. Mearns is an old timer and thinks of retiring from active work, hence the desire to sell.

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terred rocks in the western portion. In South Cowichan the schists are not so prominent, ancient shales, and some fine limestones, conglomerates and altered rocks of various kinds are in evidence. Overlying all these rocks is the farming districts on the coast is an area of cretaceous coal-bearing sandstone, shales and conglomerates.

It is in North Cowichan, in the crystalline schists, and at their contact with the basic rocks, that the greatest discoveries have been made. Practically no attempt to find coal has yet been made, although there are several outcrops in the district, and experts such as Dr. Dawson have reported favorably as to the probabilities.

In conclusion, we will quote from the British Columbia Mining Record: "The mineral outcroppings in this sec-

toria are almost unknown. The Cowichan or Duncans district contains most of the exceptions to this rule. It is the district par excellence of leisurely country life in British Columbia.

A great many people will tell you that farming does not pay on Vancouver Island, and, if you have to clear the land to be farmed, I think there is some truth in it; and yet you can show substantial farmers who started without capital, and the truth is that farming at a profit requires experience and hard work; perhaps the two things are not always found in combination. A very large number of our farmers were never brought up to farm. Even if you can buy bush land at \$1 an acre, it may cost you \$100 to clear it; and at present farm labor costs from \$10 to \$15 per month and board if it is Japanese, and \$20 and board if it is white. But you can buy cleared land for less than it cost to clear it, and off such land you can make a good living—perhaps even a small income—by adopting the simple habits of your neighbors; you can get more fun, sport and good living here for \$1,000 per annum than you can get for \$1,000 per annum in the Old Country. This is essentially the right country for men who pension with small incomes and country tastes. An Indian can live here on nothing but the bounty of nature; a white man on the islands of the Gulf can live here for very little more.

I know a family, consisting of two English ladies and a child, who built themselves a house and cultivated a small garden upon one of the best of our islands. They had their piano, their boat, sea bathing, fishing and gardening, and their three children, and for all three, exclusive of their initial outlay, was \$60, and for this they lived well.

Let us go a step higher in the scale of expenditure. You can buy in the Duncans district choice land, upon the sea or upon a lake, one-half cleared and one-half bush, for \$50 an acre. You can build a good house for \$10,000, and, lined with choice wood, prettily furnished, and having, say, two sitting rooms, four bed rooms, bath room, kitchen, etc., for \$2,000 (£400). For \$200 you

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can buy 20 acres of land, of which at least 10 will be cleared. You can put a house upon it for another \$2,000 (£400), and buy yourself two cows, a horse and buggy for another \$300 (£60); and for another \$140 you should be able to put stock, a poultry yard, buy a boat, and perhaps a few sheep.

For \$1,000 you have your home equipped in the Duncans district, and if you want to increase your holding by the work of your own hands or the expenditure of small sums of money as you make or save them, there is plenty of good land in the bush to be cleared. As to the life. In the Duncans district there is a very large element of English settlers, including naval and military men, pensioned Indian civil servants, and gentlemen's younger sons. The amusements are very much those of

SS. WALBRAN, COWICHAN LAKE.

of the island; or sheep, bear, goat and mule deer on the Malahat all at points within a few days' easy travel, and all shooting free.

It would be easy without exaggeration to make this a much more alluring picture, but the exquisite scenery must be left to do this, and I understand that this pamphlet aims at telling the simple truth.

The farming areas in Cowichan are as yet small in comparison with the unbroken forests which extend practically all over Vancouver Island; but when cleared, is fertile, and prices generally are good. By the aid of improved methods of clearing, it is now possible to clear land at reasonable figures. Mixed farming is the general practice, though dairying is the principal business. A co-operative creamery at Duncans has now been in existence about six years, and has produced a fine quality of butter, sold at an average price of \$7.15 cents per pound. The farmer received this, less a charge of about 3 cents for making and selling.

The Klondike trade and the new home improvement in trade, have increased prices round for farm products, and with the constantly increasing population of British Columbia and the Northwest, they are not likely to go lower to any extent.

Dairying, fruit-growing and the care of sheep, swine and poultry—in short, intensive farming—is the practice recommended here.

The district proper, comprises the valleys watered by Cowichan, Koksilah and Chemainus rivers. This district is particularly adapted for the pursuit of both agriculture and horticulture. It is centrally situated on the E. & N. railway between two excellent markets, Victoria and Nanaimo. The soils, chiefly alluvial, submit readily to cultivation and produce large crops of all grains and vegetables of the temperate zone. The population consists chiefly of English and Scotch settlers, many of them GENERAL STORE AND POST OFFICE.

Trouhala, Mrs. Morley, Proprietress.

This is three miles from Duncans, near the mouth of the Cowichan River, and Mrs. Morley have lived in the district for twelve years and have conducted the store business for the past three. Mrs. Morley is a first-class bricklayer and has done most of the work in the district for many years.

A DAY'S CATCH ON COWICHAN LAKE.

exceptional advantages, the Cowichan valley has much to recommend it for the establishment of such an enterprise.

Farmers on the north side of Cowichan lake are going in for general farming. Cattle, sheep, roots, cereals and fruits all do well from the sea, and, therefore, through the settlement. Settlers are independent of transportation companies, and manage to make ends meet. There is plenty of room for a good set of buildings, and in getting supplies.

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On the Malahat mountains, near the Strathcona hotel, immense bodies of ore, carrying values in gold, silver and copper, have been uncovered, and this region promises to well repay energetic development work. Surface showings of ore on Mount Richards and at other points near the sea-coast are also being prospected and developed. It may be safely stated that there are over 150 mines now at work in the district, these great mineral resources, when developed by the judicious application of capital should make Cowichan district one of the richest mining and industrial centres of the province.

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RESIDENCE OF MR. JAS. CASTLEY.

with a rose that; at the same time, the mosquitoes, or venomous snakes, of heat and cold, counts for a good deal in his favor.

To the student of human nature, British Columbia presents a curious anomaly. A very large proportion of those who migrate to this country come for freedom and an outdoor life at that time, and less than such a life would entail at some and yet, when they arrive here, most of them crowd into the towns. Country houses in the vicinity of Victoria are almost unknown. The Cowichan or Duncans district contains most of the exceptions to this rule. It is the district par excellence of leisurely country life in British Columbia.

A great many people will tell you that farming does not pay on Vancouver Island, and, if you have to clear the land to be farmed, I think there is some truth in it; and yet you can show substantial farmers who started without capital, and the truth is that farming at a profit requires experience and hard work; perhaps the two things are not always found in combination. A very large number of our farmers were never brought up to farm. Even if you can buy bush land at \$1 an acre, it may cost you \$100 to clear it; and at present farm labor costs from \$10 to \$15 per month and board if it is Japanese, and \$20 and board if it is white. But you can buy cleared land for less than it cost to clear it, and off such land you can make a good living—perhaps even a small income—by adopting the simple habits of your neighbors; you can get more fun, sport and good living here for \$1,000 per annum than you can get for \$1,000 per annum in the Old Country. This is essentially the right country for men who pension with small incomes and country tastes. An Indian can live here on nothing but the bounty of nature; a white man on the islands of the Gulf can live here for very little more.

I know a family, consisting of two English ladies and a child, who built themselves a house and cultivated a small garden upon one of the best of our islands. They had their piano, their boat, sea bathing, fishing and gardening, and their three children, and for all three, exclusive of their initial outlay, was \$60, and for this they lived well.

Let us go a step higher in the scale of expenditure. You can buy in the Duncans district choice land, upon the sea or upon a lake, one-half cleared and one-half bush, for \$50 an acre. You can build a good house for \$10,000, and, lined with choice wood, prettily furnished, and having, say, two sitting rooms, four bed rooms, bath room, kitchen, etc., for \$2,000 (£400). For \$200 you

HISTORIC OAK TREE.

near Major Addington's place, under which the late Bishop Hills preached forty-four years ago.

can buy 20 acres of land, of which at least 10 will be cleared. You can put a house upon it for another \$2,000 (£400), and buy yourself two cows, a horse and buggy for another \$300 (£60); and for another \$140 you should be able to put stock, a poultry yard, buy a boat, and perhaps a few sheep.

For \$1,000 you have your home equipped in the Duncans district, and if you want to increase your holding by the work of your own hands or the expenditure of small sums of money as you make or save them, there is plenty of good land in the bush to be cleared. As to the life. In the Duncans district there is a very large element of English settlers, including naval and military men, pensioned Indian civil servants, and gentlemen's younger sons. The amusements are very much those of

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ALDERLEA HOTEL, DUNCANS. Joseph Rogers, Proprietor.

cost ten miles away. No one who has watched the progress of that fire would have dreamed that this was the factor that would enrich this district, and possibly at no distant date, build a city on our coast—for in the ashes of this fire was found the gold. Mr. Harry Smith, of Duncans, was the pioneer who, in the

of silver to the ton. The property owned by the Tye company consists of about 250 acres, and runs from the Tye mine to the Chemainus river.

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THE PLAN FOR SENDING PHOTOGRAPHS BY TELEGRAPH.

The plan for sending photographs by telegraph, or "seeing by wire," is worked out by the source of light throwing a beam of light on a lens upon a translucent photographic negative, which is wrapped about a revolving, and at the same time traveling barrel of glass. The light and shade of the negative, that is to say, the features of the image, cuts off more or less of the light according to their intensity, and the barrel revolves so as to bring every part of the image under the ray, which falls on a selenium cell inside the battery. The cell is in circuit with a barometer and the line-wire, according to its resistance varies with the intensity of the ray the current in the wire varies. The receiver is a d'Arsouval galvanometer, with a light aluminium needle, which, under the varying current, moves in one direction or the other from a metal piece which allows currents of high frequency, or as they are called "Tesla currents," to illuminate the interior of a Geissler vacuum tube.

The light from the tube varies with the current, and with the transmitting secondary revolving barrel. It falls on a sensitive film as in the transmitter, and reproduces the image.

Owing to the fact that the light of the transmitter is not focussed to a point, the reproduction is rather vague, or indistinct, but it is fairly good, and (observes the Globe) we dare say a portrait would be recognizable. Of course the method requires a photograph of the object whose picture is to be sent, and it is rather slow, but from a scientific point of view, an advance.

Still, it is far from realizing the idea of "seeing by wire," or, in other words, seeing the object in all its natural colors, as it is seen in the image of the camera.

INCUBATION EXTRAORDINARY.

An extraordinary step in the artificial incubation of eggs is the result of some

years of labor on the part of Mr. E. V. Boyce, a young North London chemist. He has discovered that "something" in the dust of dirt, from the time of the Egyptians downward, has qualified the success of all artificial incubators.

(With the knowledge that the perspiration and its complex constituents of a sitting hen are the factors in the success of a successful hatch, Mr. Boyce secured a quantity of the perspiration of a large number of fertile hens with the maternal instinct, and commenced experi-

menting. He found, on chemical analysis, that it consisted of a fatty matter, moisture, and of acetic acid, with a little dust or dirt. Further experiments have resulted in his now offering the poultry farmer a novel article of commerce in the form of "hen oil," which he claims that by putting a little of this curious concoction into the moisture tray under the egg drawer in the incubator, it will be automatically evaporated and diffused by the internal heat, and will do all the ineffective work of a sitting hen.

But this is not all. Mr. Boyce has invented a tablet which will provide the lifeless incubator with "animal magnetism." The tablet also is placed in the moisture tray, and as it dissolves gives out a continuous non-varying current which aids in bringing forth a larger percentage of healthy chicks than at present obtainable.

Both the "hen oil" and the tablet will be put on the market in the course of a few months.

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The Week At Ottawa

Meagre Details of Grand Trunk Submitted by the Government

Some of the Methods of the Grafter Workers at the Capital. From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, August 20.—The government's Grand Trunk bill was not put up on the table on the 11th inst. Mr. Wilfrid Laurier tried to stall the bill on the 11th night, by suggesting that the discussion on the measure should be postponed until the 12th night, and it was not until the 13th night that the bill was finally brought up.

Empress Sank Chinese Warship

In Collision Which Took Place on Monday Off China Coast

Commander of the Huang Tai and Thirteen Men Were Drowned. The R. M. S. Empress of India, Capt. Marshall, N. S. The White Liner which was the Empress of India, was in collision with the Chinese man-of-war Huang Tai, 150 miles north of Hongkong, when running down the China coast from Victoria on Monday afternoon.

Politics and The Politicians

Premier McBride and Attorney General McPhillips Arrive At Atlin

Nominations And Conventions In Various Parts of the Province. Vernon, Aug. 18.—(Special)—This afternoon at a convention representing the Liberal Party, the Hon. J. C. McPhillips was unanimously chosen as the Conservative candidate for the Conservative Party.

The Dog Show.

Attractive Exhibition of Canine Aristocracy at Caledonia Grounds.

Great preparations are being made for the open air dog show, the first of its kind in British Columbia, at the Caledonia grounds, which is to be held on Saturday, August 22, at 10 o'clock.

Precautions Taken Against Fire

What is Done at the Edison And at the Orpheum Theatres. The Edison and Orpheum theatres are taking every precaution against fire, and the managers are very anxious to see that the theatres are as safe as possible.

The Managers Deny the Statements Made by Mr. Higgins

Yesterday afternoon a Colonist reporter called on the managers of the Edison and Orpheum theatres to enquire into the statements made in a letter from Mr. D. W. Higgins to the effect that the Edison and Orpheum managers had agreed to give Mr. Higgins a private box at the theatres.

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Spring Medicine

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Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Make the blood pure, vigorous and rich; create appetite, give vitality, strength and animation and cure all eruptions. Have the whole family begin to take them today.

Busy Meeting Of Executive Board of Management of Tourist Association

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Continued from page 11. The health committee has been formed and the necessary steps are being taken to improve the health of the community.