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SAANICH EXTENSION OF B. C. ELECTRIC OPENED WEDNESDAY

PREMIER McBRIDE DRIVES LAST SPIKE IN PRESENCE OF PROMINENT MEN OF VICTORIA AND DISTRICT

The Officials of the Company Are Congratulated at a Luncheon Served at the Conclusion of the Ceremony—A Three Hour Service is Now Established Between Deep Cove and City.

On Wednesday last the first train ran over the rails of the B. C. Electric Railway Co. to Deep Cove carrying a large party of passengers from Victoria to witness the ceremony of driving the last spike in the railroad, which was performed by Sir Richard Mc. Bride.

The day was a splendid one, and gave the visitors an opportunity of seeing beautiful Saanich at its best. Nature had decorated the country as no human hands could have done and on every side the maples, the arbutus, the alder and their more sombre cousins the pine and the fir were in their most glorious foliage. The splendour of the scene was capped by the roses whose pink blossoms glowed on every side and filled the air with their fragrance. The richness of the country, was shown by the abundant verdure on all sides, the various grasses and ferns and the humbler members of the bush and tree families being in the very zenith of their beauty full of glowing vigour and untouched as yet by the effects of sun and drought.

The train arrived soon after twelve having made the run in a few minutes over an hour and the company at once adjourned to the extreme end of the line whose completion was now only awaiting the labor of Sir Richard.

About 150 or 200 people were present among whom were the Hon. Dr. Young Provincial Secretary, Messrs. Barnard, Thomson, McPhillips, Eberts, H. Pooley, M.P.P.'s, Mayor Morley, and all the members of the Victoria City Council except Alderman Houston, who is ill, the Hon. Senator MacDonald, the Hon. E. Dewdney, Hon. E. G. Prior, Messrs. Shallcross President of the Victoria Board of Trade and its Secretary Mr. Elworthy, R. W. Perry in his capacity as President of the Canadian Club, Messrs. Lugin Editor of the Colonist, Dunn, Editor of Daily Times, Blakemore, Editor of the Week, Sheridan Bickers, Editor of the Spokesman, Messrs. Crawford J. W. Taylor, Beasley, Capt. Troup, Messrs. Beaumont Boggs, President of the Real Estate Exchange, Mr. E. McGaffey, Secretary of the Vancouver Island Development Association, Reeve Saunders, of Esquimalt, Reeve Nicholson, of South Saanich, Messrs. Borden, Mc. Gregor and Williams of the same municipality, Messrs. Gamble, Halls, Bodwell, S. Leiser, McMicking, and many other representative men of Victoria. North Saanich was represented by Messrs. J. B. Kelly, F. North, F. Verdier, Ego, Mc. Killean, Mackenzie, John and Julius Brethour, Tester, C. Moses, Spencer, Johns, Hicks, Critchley, Cochran, Mailender, S. Roberts and Bates.

Arrived at the appointed spot Sir Richard McBride was presented with a silver spike and a hammer. Sir Richard before proceeding to work alluded to a similar function in which he had had the honor to assist at Chilliwack on the completion of the company's extension to that town, and he felt sure that this extension which he was now about to com-

plete would be followed by an equal growth of prosperity.

He then proceeded to place the spike in position and after a few vigorous blows, some of which failed to reach the object aimed at, finally drove the spike well and truly home. Cheers followed this accomplishment for Sir Richard and the company.

The guests then proceeded to a large marquee which had been erected close by and in which an excellent luncheon was served.

Having refreshed the inner man, Mr. Goward proposed "His Majesty the King" which was enthusiastically drunk and followed by the National Anthem.

Mr. Goward then presented Sir Richard with the spike he had just driven, and by a clever bit of sleight of hand indicating the adroitness and readiness of the company to meet every emergency, converted it from a plain iron implement into a handsome silver replica of itself suitably engraved, which he trusted Sir Richard would long treasure to remind him of this most auspicious occasion.

Sir Richard, in thanking Mr. Goward for the gift, congratulated him and his associates of the B. C. Electric Railway Company on this completion of their enterprising development of the company's system. He alluded to the early history of the company and its original inception when Mr. Frank Barnard used all his energy and courage in assembling men and money to start the enterprise at a time when prospects were by no means as bright as they are today. Today the company had made a capital expenditure of \$4,000,000, and had an enormous traffic and an enormous payroll and there was a splendid cooperation between the management and their staff. He felt sure that Mr. Goward enjoyed the trust and confidence of the people with whom he was brought into contact. He concluded by drinking the health of Mr. A. T. Goward.

In reply Mr. Goward thanked Sir Richard and the others present on behalf of himself and his fellow officials for the way in which the toast had been received, and he would forward an account of the kind remarks Sir Richard had made to the heads of the company in Vancouver and to the directors in London. Going into details he stated that the present extension had cost about \$1,000,000. They had invested \$7,000,000 in Victoria. Their present power plant produced about 23,000 horse power, and an additional 13,000 was now under construction, so that in the immediate future they would have over 36,000 horse power available. In 1890 the staff of the company in Victoria consisted of two men, of which he was the junior. There were now in their Victoria office about 102 individuals. He alluded humorously to the fact that he and all the officials of the company were the recipients of numerous complaints, but he believed that the service they gave the public was really up-to-date and a good one, and it would always be their

endeavor to keep up to the highest standard.

Short congratulatory speeches were then made by Mayor Morley, Hon. A. E. McPhillips, K.C., M.P.P., Hon. D. M. Eberts, M.P.P., and Reeve Nicholson, of South Saanich, after which Mr. Goward remarked that the company's trains always ran on time and that the return journey would be commenced in about fifteen minutes. He would make one or two stops on the way to town to enable the visitors to see the up-to-date and complete power plant which the company were erecting at Brentwood, and which would always be kept in reserve to be used only when an accident might shut off the power from their present source of supply so that no delay to the public might ensue.

The visitors then entered the train

RAILWAY COMPANY WILL COMMENCE IMPROVEMENTS

New Turntables to be Built and Workshops Established in Sidney to Care For Rolling Stock on Line.

The V. and S. Railway Company is getting busy over its improvements. On Sunday last a whole construction train with a large gang of men came over from New Westminster on the car ferry. There were four boarding cars. It is the intention of the company to install two new turntables, one at Victoria and the other at Sidney, to accommodate the new motor



Teachers and Children of Sidney Public School.

which consisted of three large cars decorated with bunting and flags, and started on their return to Victoria after an exceedingly pleasant trip in which they had witnessed the completion of an enterprise that means so much to the prosperity of Victoria and the Saanich Peninsula generally and to the material welfare of the inhabitants of the city and of the beautiful district through which the new line runs.

A REDISTRIBUTION BILL AND SENATE REFORM

Two of the Bills That Will Occupy the Attention of Parliament Says the Yukon Member.

Vancouver, June 17.—A redistribution bill and in all probability the drawing up of a program of Senate reform will be the next work to which the Dominion Government will turn its attention, according to the general consensus of opinion at Ottawa, said Doctor Thompson, M. P. for the Yukon tonight.

"Canada has been placed in a humiliating position," said Mr. Thompson "as a result of the naval debate. Mr. Borden feels that the Senate, being part of the constitution of the country, should be reformed along constitutional lines. He will not, therefore, appeal to the people at once, but so far as a private member can judge, will draw up a program of reform and submit it to the people when he next goes to the country. There will be no immediate dissolution of Parliament."

Mrs. Bantler who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Close left for her old home in Bellingham for a short visit. She was accompanied by Mrs. Close and Mrs. Rodgers who will spend a month at the sound cities.

SIDNEY NOW HAS ELECTRIC LIGHT

The Brilliant Ray Seen For the First Time on Saturday.

Test Made in the Afternoon in Departmental Stores of Sidney Trading Co. Proves Satisfactory.

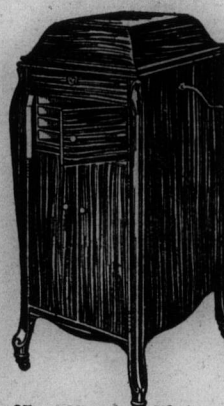
On Saturday last the electric light was turned on for the first time in Sidney. During the afternoon a test was made at the store of the Sidney Trading Company and in the evening the premises were brilliantly illuminated with many glowing bulbs. In addition to the above the glowing light was visible at the Popular restaurant, D. M. Evans' tailor shop, Bowcott's pool room, Scottish Stores, Smith's electric supply warehouse, Merchants Bank of Canada and other places of business on Beacon avenue.

Oil for British Navy

London.—Earl Winterton asked Rt. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill, in the House of Commons what steps were being taken to prospect for oil within the British Empire; if he was aware of many millions of acres, in Canada, British Africa and Australia, which were entirely unprospected, and if he would adopt some systematic policy of search before entering into binding contracts with firms obtaining oil outside the Empire.

Mr. Churchill in reply said: "Active, comprehensive efforts have for some time past been made by the Admiralty and the Colonial Office towards securing and developing oil supplies in the British Empire, and this most important object will be steadily pursued. The immediate task before the admiralty is to provide quantities of oil available at particular dates during the next few years. If desired by the house however, I will enter broadly upon this difficult and important subject when the vote on the navy estimates is set down for discussion."

The members of the Victoria branch of the Canadian Alpine Club have formed a party to leave Victoria on July 1st with the intention of climbing Mount Arrowsmith, the giant peak that overtops all the others in the Alberni district.



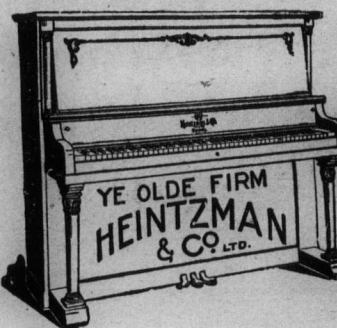
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BOARD OF TRADE DISCUSSES MANY IMPORTANT THINGS

The Board of Trade Will Ask Aid From Government For the Establishment of a Fire Brigade.

An ordinary meeting of the Board was held in Berquist's Hall on Tuesday evening last. Mr. D. M. Evans was duly elected a member of the Board. A resolution was carried that a letter be written to the Provincial Police authorities calling their attention, to the necessity for increased police protection during the camp of the Militia at Sidney, and it was explained that this was not required because of any fear of trouble from the soldiers, but that trouble might arise from the great number of strangers, who may be expected to be in the district during that time. It was resolved that a letter be written to Mr. McLaughlin District Engineer of the Department of public works, thanking him for his promptitude in attending to the repairs to the wharf. It was also resolved that an application be made to the proper authorities for the extension of the wharf into deep water to provide for the necessity that will arise in the near future for the accommodation of large ships. A committee was appointed to attend to the matter.

The question of the establishment of a fire brigade was then discussed during which it was stated that information had been received that the necessary apparatus would consist of 1,200 feet of hose and two reels, cost of which would amount to about \$1,500, and it was resolved to ask the Government to furnish this. It was also pointed out that a house of some kind would be required in which to keep this apparatus. It was suggested that the people of Sidney as represented by the Board of Trade were justified in making this application, as their request to be allowed to do this

for themselves had been refused. A committee consisting of Messrs. G. Cochran Byers and S. A. Kelly was appointed to deal with this matter.

The question of furious driving on the streets was then discussed and it was decided to apply to the provincial police department for adequate enforcement of the motor Act.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Health Department pointing out that in one of its communications it had been stated that Dr. Gordon Cumming was the medical health officer of the district, and that Dr. Gordon Cumming had so far heard nothing of his appointment to this post. Captain Adamson's communication asking for the endorsement of the Board to his application for a change in the roads adjoining his property was unanimously approved of as the proposed change would be very much in favor of the public.

EMPRESS EUGENIE.

The aged Empress Eugenie has now spent 42 years of her life in exile, but still likes to retain in her home the royal etiquette she enjoyed at the height of her fame and beauty as the wife of Napoleon III.

For instance, at her English home, Chiselhurst, her week-end guests are all expected to bow low when the Empress enters the drawing-room before dinner. In spite of her great age, the Empress can still make a stately courtesy, and this she does, taking in all the guests with the one bow, and afterwards proceeding alone before her guests into the dining-room.

In the little hotel where the Empress frequently stays in Paris she is treated by the manager and servants just as if she were still Empress. These little attentions please the old lady immensely.

These little weaknesses of the Empress Eugenie appeal to her friends, but the same cannot be said of the Duke d'Orleans, who has sold Wood Norton to Sir Charles Swinfin Eady.

The duke has announced that his wife's health does not permit her to remain in England, but clubmen in London tell a very different story. They say the duke was so unpopular he could never get guests to stay at Wood Norton, where he kept up a ridiculously regal state, even to making servants walk backward from his presence.

Englishmen never forgave the duke for his ingratitude to this country which he displayed by grossly affronting Queen Victoria at the time of the Boer war.

SWIFT JUSTICE AT SEA.

Punishments for offences committed at sea in the olden times makes the present-day penalties for violations of law on land and sea seem mild by comparison, says the New York Marine Journal. When a murder occurs on board ship now the murderer is arrested and later taken ashore and tried for the crime, but in the days of Richard I. of England the law provided that "whoso killed any persons on shipboard should be tied with him that was slain and thrown into the sea. And if he killed him on land he should in like manner be tied with the party slain and be buried with him in the earth."

Mutiny was discouraged in Elizabeth's time by hanging the offenders by their heels until their brains were beaten out against the ship's side, while men caught stealing on board ship were ducked three times, towed ashore and marooned with a loaf of bread and a can of beer. Sleeping on watch was punished in different ways, each offense being treated more severely than the previous one.

A bucket of water flush in the face was the punishment for the first offense; a second offense carried with it the pleasure of being hung up by the wrists and having water poured into the sleeves; the third time the offender would be loaded with weights and bound to the mast, and "the fourth time he was to be hanged to a balt-sprite, with a can of beer and a biscette of braede and a sharp knife, and so to hang and choose whether he would cutte himself down and fall into the sea or hang still and starve."

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THE SITUATION IN THE BALKINS BECOMES WORSE

Disease Takes a Hand in the Settlement of the Trouble—Demobilisation Now Taking Place.

Cholera has broken out among the troops of the Bulgarian army in Macedonia. Hundreds of cases are reported at the various military hospitals. The Bulgarian government has accepted the demobilization proposals made by Serbia and Greece, according to today's Neue Freie Presse. The condition is made, however, that joint garrisons composed of equal numbers of the soldiers of the states concerned be placed in the disputed territory in Macedonia and elsewhere before demobilization begins. Bulgaria also demands that all the parties submit to arbitration of the Russian Emperor on the basis of the treaty existing before Balkan war broke out.

Ganges Notes

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The cricket match was a most enjoyable one though the North Salt Spring were easy winners chiefly on account of the fine cricket played by Messrs. Lang, Sharp and Milne. Tea was dispensed by some kind hearted ladies during the afternoon and the day ended with a very jolly impromptu dance at the hall.

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High School Examinations

The annual examinations for entrance to a High school were held in Sidney school house on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Twenty seven candidates wrote, as follows. Beaver Point, 2; Pender Island, 3; Prospect Lake, 3; West Saanich, 2; South Saanich, 5; Sidney, 9; Vesuvius, 2; Ganges, (private school) 1.

Miss Mills, principal of North Dairy public school was supervising examiner.

Miss Logan, principal of the public school, was supervising at the entrance examination held at the North Dairy Centre on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. May district inspector of schools was also present in connection with the examination.

Heat Wave in the East.

Many prostrations and several deaths from extreme heat are reported from the Eastern States. In New York on the streets a temperature of 102 was recorded, while in other cities almost as high temperatures were noted. Philadelphia reports 96, Indianapolis and Terre Haute 96, Cincinnati 104, Chicago 98.5.

Mr. Hibben, of the well known book and stationery firm of Victoria, was a visitor to Sidney on Tuesday.

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SIDNEY VS. LATHERS

Match Stopped by Rain After Thirteen Minutes Spirited Playing.

Owing to unavoidable delays play did not commence until nearly 3.30 and after continuing for only 13 minutes was cut short by a heavy downpour of rain last Saturday.

His Honor the Lieut. Governor was in attendance and when all was in readiness approached the centre of the field, when he was addressed by the president, who thanked him on behalf of the Sidney Athletic Association and the Vancouver Island Intermediate Lacrosse Team for his presence. To this His Honour replied in a short speech urging his hearers to play a fair clean game and saying that he was very pleased to be called upon to face the ball in this his favorite game. He hoped that the noble game of lacrosse would grow and increase in popular favor and always have the highest standing among the sports of the Canadian people.

The play then commenced and while it lasted was remarkable, as lacrosse always is, for a constant succession of interesting points. The home defence had little to do, the play being mainly confined to the visitors quarters and one goal was scored by D. Robertson for Sidney. The play of the home team was particularly good in combination, and clever and intelligent passing, and the team may be congratulated on having such players as E. Morris and Jamieson. The line up was as follows.

SIDNEY	LATHERS
Mould.....goal	Medrich
Jameson.....point	Baynes
Tester.....cover point	Sherwood
E. Munroe.....1st defence	Wall
Pottinger.....2nd defence	P. Humber
F. Humber, c.....3rd defence	McKay
W. Munroe.....centre	Brown
Robertson.....3rd home	Steele
Johnson Bob.....2nd home	Coffey
S. Humber.....1st home	Moore
W. Norton.....outside home	Smith
Bedford.....inside home	Steven
Referree, N. Roach.	
Judge of play, J. Nelson.	
Timekeepers, Messrs. J. Hemper, Melanson and Jones.	
Goal umpires, A. C. Johnson and A. Jones.	

The match is to be played again tomorrow evening at 6 p.m.

Official Lacrosse Schedule.

The following dates have been definitely selected by the management of the Island Intermediate Lacrosse championship series and will be played on the grounds of the first named club:
June 5—Oak Bay vs. Sidney.
June 12—Lathers vs. Oak Bay.
June 21—Sidney vs. Lathers.
June 26—Oak Bay vs. Lathers.
July 5—Sidney vs. Oak Bay.
July 12—Lathers vs. Sidney.
The second round of the schedule will be drawn later.

Canadian Arctic Expedition

The Canadian Arctic expedition, under Vilhjalmur Stefansson, sailed from Victoria on Wednesday morning on board the steam whaler Karluk. The evening before they sailed a civic deputation headed by Mayor Morley presented four Canadian flags to the ship from the City of Victoria.

LAND ACT

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SIDNEY'S PROGRESS

The past few days, may be taken, as marking an epoch, in the growth and development of Sidney. It has been marked by the acquisition of two of the greatest needs of a modern town, and these two are, water, and light. Last Saturday the clear bright light, first shed its brilliant beams abroad and it is only a matter of a little adjustment until nearly every house in the town, is fitted with the modern illuminant. At present only a few meters have been available and they are all in use. More will arrive in a few days, if indeed they are not here before this in print, and then the installation will be complete. A great many houses, business places as well as private residences, have been fitted with the necessary wiring and they only await the arrival of the meters, to put the old fashioned kerosene lamp away into the store room.

The water has been turned into the pipes of the new system and is now available to all who may choose to connect their houses to it.

Wednesday of this week saw the opening of the new electric railway line, connecting Sidney with Victoria, and if perhaps Sidney itself is not connected, the service is so close to its gates as to be readily available. Meanwhile arrangements are in progress to bring the car actually into Sidney and it will not be many weeks before residents on Beacon Avenue are able to board the cars at their very doors.

The installation of the new railway opening up, as it does, severe competition with the old steam line, has acted as a powerful incentive to that road to get up and shake itself and open its sleepy old eyes, to the disgraceful state, into which its service has been allowed to fall, and the public may expect to see very rapid progress in the completion of such betterments as will render it more comfortable to travel on and more in accordance with modern ideas of locomotion.

Sidney may well be proud of these achievements, but there are many others great and small, to which allusion has been made in previous issues of this paper. Among the greater ones, the most urgent is a drainage scheme and this is closely followed by the necessity of a concrete or stone breakwater, which will at once make a safe and permanent wharf and also provide a shelter for the smaller craft of those visitors, who so often come to us from the neighboring islands, and who would come so much oftener and remain so much longer if this provision for the safety of their boats was made.

A perusal of the report of last Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Trade will show the great range of subjects dealt with by the Board and afford a measure of its great usefulness to the public of Sidney.

UNEXPLORED COUNTRY

The terrible fate of Captain Scott and his brave companions, whose memories will remain for ever green, though their bodies lie amid frozen whiteness, reminds us of the many unexplored territories which have yet to receive the impress of a human foot, and, doubtless, their toll of heroic victims.

On a rough estimate, about seven millions of square miles, or one-eighth of the total land surface of the world, are waiting to be discovered. Some 200,000 square miles of this lie in the Arctic regions of the North, but among the frozen tracts that form "Antarctica" in the South, where Scott and his gallant followers were penetrating, nearly 3,000,000 square miles are relegated to the sole use of whales, seals, penquins, petrels and other animal and

bird inhabitants of frozen homes.

It is true that human habitations could never be formed in such climes as these, but the scientific world is ever eager for the discoveries of explorers, and even among uninhabited districts their work is never wasted.

In Arabia there exists a tract of unexplored country nearly five times as large as Great Britain. It stretches from Mekka almost to the southeast coast, and is called Dahkna, or "The Dwelling of the Void." Probably no more desolate waste is to be found on the globe, for not a single river is estimated to flow throughout its entire 400,000 square miles. Imagine Germany and France combined, without river or stream, and you will gain some idea of the parched condition of Dahkna.

The Sahara is a blissful retreat by comparison.

Some authorities state that the whole desert is not worth the price of a good Malacca cane. Others give credence to the legend that treasures and hidden cities lie in the heart of the sands.

Of quite a different character are the enormous mountain-fastnesses of South America, which lie along the Upper Amazon and in the districts of Columbia and Peru. The celebrated treasure of Cuzco lies secreted among the Peruvian heights. Impenetrable forests, mountain jungles, and innumerable fever-spreading rivers hold the most intrepid adventurers at bay, to say nothing of carnivorous ants, malignant snakes, water-moccasins, and those most deadly of serpents, anacondas. During recent years over a dozen expeditions have been either wholly or partially wiped out in their efforts to wrestle with these regions.

Although the famous El Dorado which set the sixteenth century ablaze has never been unearthed, the country generally might fittingly be called El Dorado, from the rich minerals and priceless stones emanating therefrom.

Strange, wild-eyed men descend occasionally from the mountains, bringing wonderful fragments with them. But they refuse to act as guides to those who would accompany them back.

It is curious to realize that vast portions of our own Empire have never been seen by British eyes or the eyes of any white men. Nearly a quarter of Australia is still unexplored, mainly in the west, where the population averages only one person in about every twenty square miles. According to this basis, England's total population would work out at 2,500, and the Isle of Wight's at 7½.

New Guinea has baffled countless expeditions, though many are still trying to fight their way inland from the coast. Despite the fact that the interior of this island is practically a geographical blank, it is neatly divided on the maps between Britain, Germany and Holland. Among its products are birds of paradise, spices and cannibals.

Another particularly interesting district which has so far defied civilization lies secreted among the Himalaya Mountains. Rumor accounts that it is presided over by women, who are responsible for such rude laws as are necessary even in a lawless district, manage the affairs of state, and live in a luxury of inverted Mormonism by possessing four or five husbands apiece.

To the hill-men are relegated all the rough tasks and menial labors. "Mere man" is of small account beside these Himalayan amazons. But we may assume that, in due season, the men will rise to claim their vote.

The foregoing selection does not exhaust by any means the list of geographical blanks waiting to be filled. Before the Atlas Complete can lie on our shelves we must penetrate the darker haunts of Borneo, Arctic Canada, the Congo basin, the seven-hundred mile mountain range that stretches from Der Fur into the heart of Sahara, and numerous other spaces.

The regular service of the B. C. Electric Railway commenced yesterday, trains running on a three hour schedule.

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LOCALS and PERSONALS

Mr. Fred Hooten spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Whiting.

On Wednesday morning the first direct train to Cowichan Lake left the E. & N. station in Victoria.

Mr. Jack Roberts spent the week end in the city when he attended the popular theatre "The Dominion."

The Salt Spring Island Dramatic Club has decided not to come to Sidney during the coming month but to defer their visit until the autumn.

Mr. Mann, of the late firm of Muirhead & Mann, died in Victoria on Tuesday last. Mr. Mann was a brother of M. s. Julius Brethour.

It is reported that Mr. Frank Shepherd, M.P., will shortly make a tour of his constituency during which it is expected he will visit Sidney.

Colonel Cunliffe, who was Commissioner of the Boy Scouts, in Alberta, has been appointed district Commissioner, for Victoria and the neighborhood.

A new wharf of a most substantial nature is being built at Union Bay by the proprietors of the Genoa Bay Saw Mills. The company proposes to establish a lumber yard in this vicinity.

On Sunday next, 22nd inst., the North Saanich Methodist church will be closed owing to the repairs not being completed and both morning and evening services will be held in Berquist's small hall.

Mrs. F. J. Pfister accompanied by her daughter Hazel and her son Donald left Monday for a three months trip to Toronto and other Eastern points. Mr. Pfister went as far as Seattle with them.

The ladies of the Methodist church intend holding an ice cream and strawberry festival on the grounds opposite the parsonage on Thursday, June 26, at 3 p.m. Afternoon tea will be served and the ladies wish it to be understood that everyone is welcome.

On Sunday last the following members of the official board of the Methodist church were elected: Mrs. Knowles, S. McDonald, W. J. Neal. These are known as the Society members. The other members are J. Jackson, A. E. Moore, Mrs. McCaskill and J. Talbot.

The United States government is making an interesting experiment. It proposes to bring lobsters from the Atlantic and to plant them in the Pacific. It also proposes to make the attempt of transporting the Pacific salmon to the Atlantic. It will be remembered that in this country an attempt has also been made to acclimatise the lobster in our Pacific waters, but hitherto no result has been visible.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company has decided to make a further extension of their three phase power line in Sidney. The district to be served with this class of current is on Third street from Beacon avenue to the new Hydropathic. This move will make commercial power for large motors available for quite a distance along the waterfront. The lighting lines will be completed within the next few days when connections to the various residences and stores, which are wired and ready for service, will be made.

An interesting programme was given by the International Order of Good Templars on Friday evening. The concert commenced with number of piano selections by Mr. Sloan, followed by a trio Mr. Hicks, Mr. Simister and Mr. Lait; song, Miss Violet Wright; recitation, Mr. Fralick; trio, Messrs. Crawford, Gehrke and Lait; song, Mr. Musgrave. After the concert Mr. Crawford auctioned the many pretty baskets which were made by the young ladies of Sidney. Tables were then set for the couples to partake of the dainties the baskets contained. Everybody being satisfied, thanks were extended from Bro. McDonald for the pleasant concert and to the gentlemen for the way they bid on the baskets. The evening was brought to a close by a few games and singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

On Thursday last the S.S. Queen City took the place of the S.S. Joan which is undergoing repairs. The Joan will be on her old run again next week.

Mr. James Dickson Manager of the Dominion Life Assurance Co. in Vancouver Island was in Sidney on Wednesday.

Mr. R. H. Breeds at one time a well known resident of Saanich was in Sidney on Sunday. Mr. Breeds will be here again in a few days.

We are pleased to hear that Miss Vivian Brethour, who has lately been suffering from an attack of measles, is rapidly recovering and is very nearly quite well again.

Captain and Mrs. Adamson and one of their boys left Sidney on Tuesday for a short visit to their old home at Edmonton. They will probably be away about two or three weeks.

Mr. Ian Mair, who recently left this district, is at present in Bad Nauheim, in Germany, where he has gone in order that his little boy may have the benefit of the famous baths of that town. In the autumn Mr. Mair proposes to go to New Zealand.

The mills of the Canadian Southern Lumber Co. have now been connected with the new water service, so that the vexatious shutdowns owing to shortage of water which have of late been so frequent, may now be regarded as things of the past.

This week we publish the picture of a group of the children of the Sidney public school. Next week we propose to publish a similar picture of the children of Deep Cove school the original of which was taken by Mr. Mallender at the opening of that institution a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Musgrave Morris are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kelly, on Third street. During the past week Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have also entertained Mrs. W. H. Brodie, wife of the general passenger agent of the C. P. R. at Vancouver, and Mrs. McMurray, of Winnipeg.

Preparations are well on the way for the camp of the militia which opens next week. Messrs. Smith and Brethour have nearly completed the necessary sanitary buildings and on Tuesday engineer officers were busy marking out the ground for the camp itself. The water has been laid on for some days.

The S.S. Petrel of the Public Works Department called at Sidney on Friday afternoon, with the district engineer Mr. McLauchlan. After inspecting the repairs to the wharf recently executed, Mr. McLauchlan boarded the steamer which left for Victoria. Mr. Harry Price, Secretary of the Conservative Association was a passenger.

The final result of the recent elections in Australia is hardly yet known. The immense size of the country and the remoteness of many sparsely settled districts make the coming in of returns slow and further complication of some disputed returns renders the result which in any case is exceedingly close still more doubtful.

On Sunday, 29th inst., a flower service will be held in North Saanich church at 2.30 in the afternoon. Both the Sunday schools of the Methodist congregation will unite in this service and short addresses by the pastor and superintendent will be given, and also recitations of scripture passages by the scholars and several special choruses will be sung. It is hoped that the repairs and decoration now being carried out at this church will be completed in time for this service.

On Saturday last the members of the Commission, in the course of their tour of inspection, of the Indian reserves on the Saanich peninsula, visited Sidney and took lunch at the Sidney hotel. The members of the commission are, Hon. E. L. Wetmore, Messrs. N. W. White, J. A. McKenna, J. P. Shaw, D. L. McDowell, J. G. H. Bergeron, W. E. Ditchburn, Inspector of Indian agencies, W. R. Robertson, Indian agent, and James A. McArthur. After lunch the commissioners proceeded to visit the reserves on Union Bay and Cole Bay.



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FREAKS OF NATURE.

A Tree That Throws Somersaults and a Waterfall Reversed.

A tree gone mad and a waterfall that falls up instead of down are among the strange things to be seen in Hawaii, as described by John Burroughs in the Century Magazine:

"Nature in the tropics, left to herself, is harsh, aggressive, savage; looks as though she wanted to hang you with her dangling ropes or impale you on her thorns or engulf you in her ranks of gigantic ferns. Her mood is never as placid and sane as in the north. There is a tree in the Hawaiian woods that suggests a tree gone mad. It is called the hau tree. It lies down, squirms and wriggles all over the ground like a wounded snake. It gets up and then takes to earth again. Now it wants to be a vine; now it wants to be a tree. It throws somersaults, it makes itself into loops and rings, it rolls, it reaches, it doubles upon itself. Altogether it is the craziest vegetable growth I ever saw.

"It was near Pali that I saw what I had never seen or heard of before—a waterfall reversed, going up instead of down. It suggested Stockton's story of negative gravity. A small brook comes down off the mountain and attempts to make the leap down a high precipice, but the winds catch it and carry it straight up in the air like smoke. It is translated; it becomes a mere wrath hovering above the beetling crag. Night and day this goes on, the wind snatching from the mountains in this summary way the water it has brought them."

WHEN PRINCES GO A-WOOING.

In the annals of royal love-making there are few prettier stories than that which tells how the German Emperor won (to quote his own words) "the jewel that sparkles by his side." When, more than thirty years ago, the youthful Prince Wilhelm left Berlin for a few days' shooting as the guest of Duke Friedrich of Schleswig-Holstein, he little dreamt, we may be sure, that he was making the most important journey of his life. The moment the castle came in sight, with boylike impatience, he left the carriage to take a "short cut" across the park; but he had not proceeded far before his steps were stayed at sight of a young lady swinging dreamily in a hammock, the book she had evidently been reading lying open in her lap.

It was an idyllic picture, which might well have arrested the steps of a much less romantic young man. Under the somewhat filmy pretext of inquiring his way, the Prince advanced to the young lady and exchanged a few pleasant words with her before continuing his journey. An hour later he was laughingly making his formal bow on introduction to the blushing Princess Augusta Victoria whose sister he had disturbed. Idyllic weeks followed, when, with the beautiful Princess by his side, he forgot, in many a blissful ramble, that there was such a weapon as a gun; and when at last he returned to Berlin it was to announce to his parents that he had left his heart behind in the Castle of Prinke-nau.

The wooing of the present Emperor of Austria was no less romantic and "quick in the doing." When, nearly sixty years ago, Francis Joseph was spending his twenty-third birthday with his mother, the Archduchess Sophia, she decided to give a ball in honor of the anniversary; and among the invited guests were the Duchess of Bavaria and her two beautiful daughters, Helene and Elizabeth. The Duchess accepted the invitation for herself and elder daughter, Helene, but regretted that Elizabeth would be unable to come as she had not yet made her debut, and moreover had no dress suitable to such an occasion. "But she must come," exclaimed the young Emperor imperiously; "let her wear the simplest dress and a rose in her hair, and we will make her 'Queen of the Ball.'"

To such a command there could be no refusal. Attired in a simple muslin

dress, with a red rose nestling in her glorious hair, the Princess Elizabeth dazzled all eyes by the radiance of her girlish beauty, and so effectually captured the Emperor's heart that he would dance with no other lady, however fair. Long before the last strains of music died away, he took his lovely partner to an adjacent room, and, opening an album full of pictures of Austrian costumes, said, "All these are my subjects. Will you not help me to reign over them?" The Princess with downcast head and quivering lips, placed her hand timidly in the strong ardent grasp of her lover, and the sweet compact was sealed.

The love-romance of the Czar of Russia had for its first setting the nursery of the Palace of Darmstadt, when the youthful heir to one of the most splendid thrones in the world shared the romps and games of Princess Alix, the loveliest daughter of the Grand Duke of Hesse, and, child as he was, fell under the witchery of his "sunny" little playmate. But it was not until many years later that the romance thus begun in the royal nursery reached its zenith, on the banks of the Thames, when the child-lovers were the guests of a royal relative at Walton-on-Thames.

Those were indeed halcyon weeks that the two young people spent together, in long, delightful rambles through the country lanes, "padding in little wherries, or exploring backwaters"—the world forgetting in their blissful solitude a deuce; and sealing the compact made when they had "played at sweethearts" among the toys of the Hesse nursery.

When Princess Elizabeth, the beautiful and gifted daughter of Prince Hermann of Wied, paid a visit some fifty years ago to the Court of Berlin, her maid, Royal or plebian, was more heart-free. From early childhood indeed, she had declared that she would never marry; but Cupid only smiled in his sleeve, and bided his time. On the very first day of her stay in Berlin she was running hurriedly down a palace staircase when she tripped, and was only saved from disaster by falling into the outstretched arms of Prince Charles of Hohenzollern. Though she little suspected it in her confusion, she had fallen into the arms of her future husband, who was to offer a crown as Queen of Roumania.

It was also by accident (if accident it can be called) that the present King of Italy met the charming lady who to-day shares his throne. When, some years ago, he was present at a gala performance at a Venice theatre his eyes fell on a radiant vision of girlish loveliness in an opposite box. So fascinated was he by a sight so fair that during the rest of the performance he had no eyes but for the unknown beauty with the glorious dark eyes; and he knew no peace until he had not only made the acquaintance of, but secured as his own, the Princess Helene, the fairest of the daughters of Montenegro.

It was during a chance stroll in the Thuringian Forest that the young Queen and idol of Holland met her fate in the form of the stalwart and handsome Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin—the first of many equally idyllic meetings which rendered their she gave her hand and a share of her happy climax in the Odenwald when throne to the young soldier. "Never," wrote one of the Queen's ladies, "has a wooing been more unalloyedly happy. They are just like two children, so frankly and blissfully happy in each other's company, and sharing all their pleasures and games."

And similarly romantic and charming are the love-stories of our own Royal Family, since the girl-Queen, Victoria, "blushing deeply and trembling with emotion," took her courage in her hands and invited her Cousin Albert (of whose love she was assured) to share her life. Nothing could have been more idyllic than the wooing of Queen Victoria's eldest daughter by the heir to the Russian throne—the long rambles, hand in hand, over the Scottish moors, culminating in that moment when the Prince stooped to pick a sprig of white heather, and offered it with his heart to the blushing girl who was to wear with him an imperial crown.

SCHOOL TEACHERS.

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School teachers' salaries range from \$50 a month up—but not far enough up to make them dizzy. On her salary the teacher must dress nicely, buy herself things for her work, which the city is too poor to get, go to twenty-nine lectures and concerts a year, buy helpful books on pedagogy, pay her way to provincial conventions, and during vacation improve herself with foreign travel. In addition the teacher is supposed to hoard away vast sums of money so that when she becomes too nervous and cross to teach, at the age of fifty or thereabouts, she can retire and live happily ever after on her income.

There is a popular superstition to the effect that the great financiers can be found in the big office buildings of the city and that they gather their money at the stock exchanges. But they don't. They gather in the schoolhouses every morning, and as they teach the children twice as much as they will ever remember, they figure out new ways of dividing it into a month's room rent, a new nightshirt, four meal tickets, a pair of boots, a visit to the skating rink, a visit to a concert, the dentist's bill, the woman's educational club dues, a subscription for a wedding present for the first assistant, and insurance assessment and a deposit in the savings bank—Vancouver Province.

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Commencing at a post planted on the northwest corner of Lot Eight (8), of Block Seventy-three (73), as shown upon a plan of Sections Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18), Range Three (3) West, North Saanich, deposited in the Land Registry office at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, and numbered 1151; thence southerly at right angles to the shore line ten chains; thence southeasterly two hundred feet parallel to the said shore line; thence northeasterly to the southwest corner post of Lot Five (5) shown on the said plan; thence northwesterly following the said shore line to the point of commencement and containing three acres more or less.

Dated the ninth day of May, A.D., 1913.

R. G. KENNEDY,
W. F. U. COPEMAN, Name of Applicant
212 Jones Bldg., Victoria.

EDUCATION OF JAP GIRLS.

How to Be Good Wife and Mother Were Former Standards.

The education of Japanese women up to recent times has been planned with the main idea of upbuilding their moral character. How to be a good wife, how to be a wise mother; these, says Jinzo Naruse in The Oriental Review, have been the questions to which the minds of Japanese girls have been directed century after century.

All the books written for the edification of girls were those of ethical instruction, the teaching of the daughter how to behave toward her parents, of the wife to her husband and the mother to her children. One of the accepted precepts for women was the teaching of "three stages of obedience."

It said: "When young obey your parents, when married obey your husband, when old obey your son." This idea of womanly obedience has undergone a decided change in modern Japan, although the principle remains that moral culture shall have the position of supreme importance in women's education.

It is important for the correct understanding of conditions in Japan to bear in mind that moral culture has always been the all important object of the education of the daughters of Nippon. Under these circumstances it is only natural that religious and ethical teachings should have formed the basis of education both for men and for women.

Confucius did not show much admiration for womanly virtues. He paid the fair sex the negative compliment that its individuals were as difficult to manage as was every person of small mind.

As a logical conclusion of such teachings being accepted in Japan the Japanese women could do nothing in way of asserting their own character and originality without meeting with the disapproval of their friends. Their instructions were to be as quiet as quiet could be, as obedient as could be and as meek as could be.

Even at present there are some Japanese who think that the sole object of women's education is to make them good wives and wise mothers. But that this idea is not a generally accepted one is shown by the fact that at present there are more than 200 girls' high schools of 500 students each in Japan. There are many schools devoted to training girls for earning independent livelihood, such as those teaching music, the arts, medicine, bookkeeping, sewing, pedagogics, and many other kinds of work.

The Japan Women's University, which I was able to establish in 1901 with the support of the leading men and women in every walk of life in Japan, has now 1,100 students divided into department of pedagogics, literature, English literature and house-keeping. The university intends to organize in the near future departments of music, art and medicine.

SECTS MAKE THREATS.

To the Christian sects of the Near East, and including those of Russia and the Balkan countries, the most sacred place in the whole world is the space of ground of buildings commonly known as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Ever since the Bishop Macarius, under the auspices of the Emperor Constantine the Great and his mother, the Empress Helena, discovered about 326 A.D. what he believed to be the tomb of the Christ and the place of His crucifixion, pilgrims have been visiting the spot.

Thousands annually now journey to Jerusalem at Easter time, and of these a large proportion are from Russia and the Balkans. And just as the Turks have threatened to blow up the Church of St. Sophia in Constantinople, also built by Constantine, before they will allow the infidel to worship in it again, so James F. J. Archibald is quoted as saying that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre will be destroyed in reprisal if the holy war is ever begun by Islam.

Mr. Archibald, who has just been in

Turkey, is credited with saying that he was told by a member of the Turkish cabinet that St. Sophia would promptly be dynamited if the conflict became primarily one of religion.

Curiously enough, it is the Mohammedan soldier in Jerusalem who now preserves peace and prevents fierce fanatical outbreaks in the place of all places which it would seem should be full of peace. The church consists of a large number of buildings of a rambling architectural nature, and it possesses many chapels claimed by the different Christian sects as their own property. Orthodox Greeks, Roman Catholics, Armenians, Copts, Syrians—all the many sects are certain that they possess the real sacred places, and are ready to fight for their belief. Even the interior of the reputed tomb itself—an imposing though tawdry structure built directly under the central rotunda—is divided into three compartments, for Greek, Roman Catholic, or Latin and Armenian, each claiming to be the actual spot where Christ's body lay.

The hatred of the Christian sects in the East for one another is quite as bitter as that of Christian for Moslem. So it happens that at the great feasts of the church, when the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is crowded, fights and outbreaks are frequent. In the past there has been much bloodshed, and so, to prevent serious consequences from the fights between Christians in the shadow of the tomb of the Prince of Peace, the Mohammedan has to stand guard.

Just inside the entrance of the church a Mohammedan sheik is always stationed, and he has with him a number of soldiers. Ordinarily his task is limited to collecting backsheesh from the traveller, but on feast days things become more strenuous and the guard is increased.

ARTIFICIAL MEAT.

The use of the spent yeast of breweries as food has already been noted in these columns. One of the products so obtained is the invention of a Belgian chemist, who names it "Viandine," because he considers it a complete substitute for meat. We quote a description from an article on "The New Artificial Foods" in Minerva (Rome, April). After discussing soy milk, which we have described here at some length, the writer goes on to say:

"A Belgian chemist named Effront has found a means of substituting for beef, veal, or mutton a vegetable food which has synthetically the same nutritive properties. The inventor substitutes for meat certain residues of the manufacture of beer, washed, compressed, treated with sulphuric acid, combined with a certain amount of lime, and then filtered, evaporated, and pressed again. By means of certain supplemental processes which the inventor does not describe, there is finally obtained a substance similar in all respects to flesh, but much less expensive.

"This artificial meat, to which Effront has given the name of 'Viandine,' has the same physiological effects on the digestive organs as the real article. Belgian physicians who have tried it declare it in certain respects superior to beef. A workman, usually ill-fed, whom the quarter of a pound of meat that he consumed daily did not nourish properly, increased in weight and improved in health when given an equal quantity of viandine. Experiments made on rats have demonstrated that the new artificial food has three times the value of lean beef."

"Again, a professor in Berlin University, Emil Fischer, already known for his important laboratory experiments, has obtained from coal-tar products a polypeptide much resembling animal albuminoids; but the final results, though scientifically noteworthy, have not yet any other practical value than to demonstrate the possibility of solving one of the most important problems of life."—Translation made for The Literary Digest.

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CHURCH NEWS

ANGLICAN CHURCHES.

June 22—Fourth Sunday after Trinity
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer, and Holy Communion—St. Andrew's
8.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer—Holy Trinity.
7.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer—St. Andrew's

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services:—
11 a.m. Berquist's small hall.
3 p.m. South Saanich church.
7.30 p.m. North Saanich church.
Sunday School:—
10.15 a.m. Berquist's small hall
2 p.m. South Saanich church.
2.30 p.m. North Saanich church.
Wednesday 8 p.m. Prayer meeting in parsonage.
Ladies' aid meeting 2nd Thursday of each month.
JAS. HICKS, Pastor.

PHANTOM SHIPS.

There are numerous legends and stories of ghostly vessels that roam the briny deep, and many hard headed mariners, free from the common superstition of the ordinary seaman, stoutly maintain that they have at least once in their maritime career encountered what was undoubtedly a phantom ship.

Best known of those mysterious craft that haunt the high seas is, of course, the famous Flying Dutchman, or phantom ship of Vanderdecken. How the story originated is doubtful, but it has been ascertained that there was a seaman of repute who many years ago sailed from Holland to the east via the Cape of Good Hope, but was never again heard of.

Some authorities say that, meeting with contrary winds off the cape, he swore a terrible oath, in consequence of which the Divine wrath decreed that he should be occupied till the crack of doom in endeavoring to weather the headland. Others state that this punishment was meted out to him in retribution for a terrible murder he committed before commencing his fateful voyage.

Whatever the cause of this ancient gentleman's monotonous wandering may be, it is probably in connection with him that the most authentic and cold-blooded record of any phantom exists either afloat or ashore, for it is stated that in the log of H. M. S. Bacchante while on a voyage round the world with the little prince in 1881, there appears on July 11 the entry, "Flying Dutchman crossed our bows." The log book of one of the then largest of her majesty's warships is certainly the very last place to expect to find that which is generally associated with the hysterical of either sex.

During January, 1847, a vessel left New Haven, Conn., on her maiden voyage, but was never again heard of. In the following June, just before the hour of sunset and after a severe thunderstorm, the missing ship was seen sailing up the river. The inhabitants, taking their evening stroll, were overjoyed at her return, but the most observant of them noticed that there was something uncanny about her, especially in that she appeared to be sailing up against the wind.

Then, to the consternation of all, she gradually faded away before their eyes and entirely disappeared. We may be assured that there were not wanting those who maintained that the vessel in spirit had paid a last visit to her port before resting for good on the ocean bed.

In the "Chronicles of the St. Lawrence," by Le Maine, it is recorded that on a certain day in the year a phantom ship is seen off Cap d'Espoir, in Gaspé bay. Lights are seen aboard her, and her decks are crowded with men. By the foot of the bowsprit a man is conspicuously standing and facing toward the shore, with a lady clinging to his arm. Gradually the lights go out and the vessel sinks. It is said to be the ghost of the flagship of a fleet which was sent out to reduce the French forts, the vessel being lost, with all hands.

Concerning British waters, there are

numerous instances related in local history of the visitations of ghostly vessels, the west of England, as might be expected, being most prolific in these records, says a writer in the London Globe. Indeed, Cornwall boasts of a goblin ship probably unique the world over, as she not only sails the water, but proceeds most unconcerned a good distance inland.

This is the specter ship of Porthcurno, and in Robert Hunt's book on "Romances of the West of England" are related the experiences of a local inhabitant who witnessed one of her escapades. She is described as a black square rigged single masted vessel, sometimes towing a small boat. No crew are ever seen; presumably they are down below. The personal narrative goes on to say:

"On came the craft. It passed steadily through the breakers, gilded up over the sands, steadily pursued its course on the dry land as if it had been water. On it went to Bodelan, where St. Leven formerly dwelt. It then steered its course to Chygwilden and there vanished like smoke."

BOOKS THAT NATIONS PUBLISH.

According to a government return recently issued, the official history of the South African war cost £34,706.

This sounds a big sum, but it is quite small by comparison with that expended by the Germans on their official history of the Franco-Prussian war. This colossal work cost £240,000, and is illustrated by nearly one million maps and plans.

The official history of the Russo-Japanese war has only cost, so far, about £6,000; but then it is not nearly completed. The Americans, who usually do these things in style, spent \$1,500,000 in illustrating and printing their official history of the great Civil war of 1861-'65.

This is believed to be a world's record as regards expensive government publications. In our own country, however, the record is held by the report of the Challenger expedition. This was a scientific expedition for deep-sea sounding, and through it the world was first made aware of the existence of the deep-sea fishes—strange, wonderful creatures, some stone blind, others with eyes as big as saucers.

The report of this remarkable voyage fills some fifty volumes and 28,000 pages, and the cost was just on £90,000.

SERIOUS OFFENCE.

A gentleman was walking through the negro portion of an American town when he came across a woman unmercifully beating a little boy.

"Here, my good woman," he said, seizing her by the arm, "you must not do that. What has he done, anyway?"

"Mustn't do that! What has he done?" ejaculated the enraged negress. "If you want to know, he's been and lef' de chicken hous' do' open, an' all dem chickens got out."

"Well, that is not so serious," said the gentleman, soothingly; "chickens always come home to roost."

"Come home!" snorted the woman; "dem chickens will all go home!"

ALL GAS.

"Laura," said that young lady's mother, "it seems to me that you had the gas turned rather low while young Smartly was here last evening."

"It was solely for economy, mamma," answered the maiden.

"There is no use trying to beat the gas company, my daughter. I have noticed that the shutting off of the gas is always followed by a corresponding increase of pressure."

"Well, that lessens the waist, doesn't it, mamma, dear?" replied the artless girl. And her fond parent could find no answer.

The curtain rose on the life romance of King Edward in the Cathedral of Worms when his eyes first fell on the beauty and exquisite grace of the Danish Princess Alexandra, who chanced to be visiting the cathedral at the same

time. An introduction to the lovely stranger quickly followed, and the climax was reached when the Princess, flushed and radiant, one day produced a photograph from her pocket, and announced her betrothal to her excited relatives at Rumpenheim.

There is a charming story of the late King Oscar, of Sweden, who, when the "yes" had faltered from the pretty lips of the Princess Sophie, of Nassau, produced from his pocket a knife and carved on the nearest oak tree a heart between the letters of O and S.

But it would be an easy matter to fill many columns with royal love stories, all equally romantic and pretty.—Weekly Telegraph.

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Last Link in New Victoria-Vancouver
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Afternoon in Saanich Waters

Two miles of cable, from Coal Point which is about a mile west of Deep Cove to a point two miles east of Mill Bay were successfully laid across Saanich inlet on Tuesday afternoon. This is the last link in an entirely new system of telephonic communication between Victoria and Vancouver which has taken months in its installation, and has cost the B. C. Telephone Company over \$200,000. Officials believe that the line, which they say is as modern and efficient as any long distance telephone to be found anywhere in the world, will be open to the general public for commercial use by Friday at the latest. They also state that it will be disappointing to them if Victorians are not able to talk to residents of the sister city as clearly and as easily as is communication by wire with in the confines of the city.

SAANICH PAVING
CONTRACTS ARE LET

Awarded, Subject to Government Approval, to Worswick Company and Warren Construction Company.

The Saanich Council at a meeting held on June 24, decided to adopt the engineer's report on the tenders for bitulithic paving, in which he recommended the awarding of the contract for the Cedar Hill and Mount Tolmie Roads to the Worswick Paving Company, and that for the remainder of the roads to Warrar Brothers. The reeve stated that full particulars were already in the hands of the government, whose approval and consent was necessary before the contracts could be signed.

The Worswick Paving Company will pay, according to their tender, 95 per cent. for the municipal bonds, will lay the paving at \$1.715 with a five years' guarantee, or at \$1.87 with a ten years' guarantee; wooden margins \$51 per 1000 feet, and crushed rock or gravel binder at 96 cents per square yard.

The Warren Construction Company will pay 95 per cent. for the municipal bonds, will lay the pavement at \$1.725 per yard with five years' guarantee, or for \$1.825 with ten years' guarantee; wooden margins, \$50 per 1000 feet, and crushed rock or gravel binder 97 cents per yard. By a letter to their manager in Victoria, received since the tenders were sent in, they authorize him to offer crushed rock only for the binder and also to allow the council, if they chose the five years' guarantee, to have the option of extending it to ten at any time before the expiration of the first period at two cents per yard per year for the last period of five years.

VICTORIA VS. SIDNEY

Sidney Expects to Field the Following Lacrosse Team Dominion Day at Athletic Park

Mould, goal, E. Munro, cover point, Tester, first defence, Pottinger, second defence, Humber, cap. third defence, W. Munroe, centre, Johnson Bob, 3rd home, M. Norton, 2nd home, Sid. Humber, 1st home, Robertson, outside, Bedford inside, J. Kirke, W. Saunders, and W. Webb, spares. Game called at 4 o'clock. P. N. Tester, manager, F. Humber, captain, H. Beresford, vice-captain.