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HOTEL AND RESTAURANT
THE TE-DE-PONT BARRACKS,
Old SUNNYSIDE HOTEL,

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SUPT. ROYCRAFT.

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Electric Bells. Electric Light, Telephone and Telegraph Connections. Guests are Never Disturbed.

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By order of the Chinese Lovers,
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&c. &c.

DEDICATION.

We respectfully dedicate this journal to Supt. ROYCRAFT, the amateur Detective, who never has succeeded in a case; to Honest John, author of "Letters from the Dungeon," (see Reg. Westminster Jail); also to Davy and Hig-Gins leaders of the Victoria Rioters, without permission.

OUR NEW EDITOR.

The Management of this Journal, so long known to the inhabitants of this Province as the CHESTNUT, realizing that to keep apace with this progressive age, has at a great expense procured from one of the eastern cities a gentleman to occupy the Chief Editor's chair. This was done some weeks ago, but the announcement was not made public until this morning's issue, so as to give the new Editor time to look about him, get fairly in the harness, and able to sit easy in the Editorial Chair.

Our policy in the future will be to espouse the rights of that much abused and down-trodden race, the Mongolian Celestials, with the object of educating the incoming emigration to this fair Province, that we can't live without them, and if possible, induce the Local Legislature to cede to them that part of British Columbia known on the chart as Vancouver Island. Of course, there will be some objection on the part of a few whites, who some years ago settled on the southern portion of this Island and established a village known to the Hudson Bay Co. as Victoria. There are only a few whites however, as the Chinese are largely in majority and own all the best property. But there will always be cranks in every community, no matter how small. We have concluded to present our subscribers with the first copy free, double the price next week.

No Fraser River salmon taken as payment for advertising.

LOCAL.

STORMY weather on the Inlet.

GOING, going, gone up,—Meat of all kinds

The General Question not solved: When will the 'Specials' leave us?

CHING a ring a ring Ching China a Man
What is it to be a Higgins Man.

ARRIVAL to-day from the Royal City, 17 Chinamen in charge of 35 victorious specials.

TIME AND TIDE wait for no man. So the Chinaman said when he skipped to Westminster last week.

DON'T the specials look nobly in their new uniforms—Blue seamen coats, sailor cap and duck overalls, to say nothing of rubber coats.

CHING WANG AH DOUGALL has had conferred on him by his Celestial Majesty, Ah Robson, The Mandarin of the Yellow Button.

COLONIST Higgins is having translated God Save the Queen into the Chinese lingo. To be sung at Victoria by his countrymen on the Queen's Jubilee.

If the Victoria Government does not recall their pets, there will certainly be a famine in Vancouver. What grub the poor devils stow away!

SERVICES in all the churches at the usual hour. There will likely be a large turn out of the fair sex, to mash the Victoria specials. Their new uniforms are just stunning.

Our reporter going down Burrard avenue heard a special remark, "We only come up for what money there is in the job, we don't want to kill white men, we don't give a damn for Chinamen."

We would call attention to Mr. Shakespeare II. in his new and affecting *spring poem* "Old Sunnyside," first published in this issue of the CHESTNUT.—ED.

H. R. H. King Robson, of Victoria, and his Private Secretary, Wah Chung Higgins, will visit Vancouver the coming spring to colonise some more of their countrymen from China, and will pass an Act of Parliament to defray their expenses.

At the last meeting of the Law and Order Society it was moved, seconded and carried that when the next street brawl takes place in Victoria that the citizens of Vancouver enroll themselves as Specials and take charge of the said City of Victoria.

A correspondent wants to know why the specials all asked the way to the Siwash camp the first night they arrived? You see, coming from Victoria most of them have Siwash blood in their veins and no doubt felt it their duty to call on their sisters (and brethren.)

1st News Boy—Hellow, Jim, what was the gentleman tackling you for?

2nd do.—Didn't you ketch on? Why, his was taking up a collection to buy white gloves for the specials. There is going to be a grand self-abration on Dupont street, (Chinatown) Kum-tux.

1st do.—Heap sava—so long—SUNDAY MORNING CHESTNUT! all about Calcraft at Victoria. only a bit a copy!

Our reporter on Police and Marine, going his rounds the other day, called at the Barracks Hotel and heard the following conversation: "Say, Bill, this is boss living up here, I tell you I was awful tired of that soup we were getting in Victoria." "Yes," Bill replies, "them fellows at the soup kitchen keep all the best for themselves and put in water for us. I tell you, the Government have long heads to send us up to live on these people. They know we can't work."

PLAYING HEEL AND TOE WITH DEATH.

Monday afternoon while Roycraft was marching his brigade down to False Creek bridge and people were looking from afar off with smoked glasses and field-glasses, a man taking his life in his own hands ventured alone within a few yards of the mighty leader and actually started whistling "The Mulligan Guards." The General turned one glance from his eagle eye on him and the poor fellow was actually paralyzed for half an-hour. After the specials had moved on his friends took him down and gave him an order on Harry Bristow for a saltwater bath. The man has completely recovered.

We are happy to be able to state to our readers, Attorney Davie has secured ten 80 ton guns to be placed on the Brighthouse estate for the use of the specials; said guns to be char'd to City of Vancouver. This is just as it should be, and shows the wise policy and forethought of our Attorney-General. The cost of ten 80 ton guns will be felt much lighter than if he had burdened us with guns of a smaller caliber. It can be easily seen, it would take so many guns of the smaller pattern to be able to hit a rioter. Again, it only takes 900 lbs of powder, and a projectile weighs 1800 lbs.; the aggregate cost of firing each round would be only from 12 to 15 hundred dollars. It would take 15 to 20 men to handle the old fashioned small guns, while two men would handle an 80-ton gun. This ought to settle the question of the wise policy of our rulers.

TUESDAY was a red letter day for Roycraft. About 2-30 p.m. the tread of martial feet was heard on Westminster avenue, it echoed up along the hill side, over hill and dale across False Creek, and fairly died away among the tall pines on the Westminster road. On the brave fellows went towards False Creek bridge. The people had turned out in mass to get perhaps what was to be their last look of Victoria's only General Superintendent Roycraft: old men who had sat for years in the accustomed corner winking and gazing as the fire sparkled and sputtered day in and day out for years.

hobbled out on their crutches to get one more look at their hero, and were then ready to die. At last they reached the bridge and were drawn up in line ready for the fray. After hours of patient waiting the Chinamen arrived. It was a grand sight to see seven almond-eyed, pig-tailed, dyspeptic Mongolians surrounded by 35 Victoria specials, marching up Carroll street to the tune of the Rogues March.

SPEECH OF ROYCRAFT

AT THE

SIEGE OF VANCOUVER.

And now unto the wharf dear *bums* and win,
Or close the gangway with our *hoodlum* dead!
In peace, there's nothing so becomes a man
As modest stillness and humility;

But when the *China shrieks* rings in our ears,
Then imitate the action of the tiger—
Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood;
Disguise old clothes with these stripe-sleeved
blue coats;

Then lend the eye a terrible aspect;
Let it pry through the portage of the head
Like the brass cannon; let the brow o'erwhelm it
As fearfully as doth a galled rock
O'erhang and jutty his confounded base,
Swilled with the wild and wasteful ocean;
Now set the teeth and grasp your pistol tight;
Hold hard the breath and bend up every spirit—
To his full height!—On! on you *soup house bummers*
Whose blood is fetched from *Chinamen* and
klootches

Parents, who like so many chamber-maids
Have in those parts Victoria from morn till even
washed

And stole the clothes for lack of chickamin
Dishonor not your fathers, now attest
That those whom you call *Chinese* did beget you.
Be copy now to men of Siwash breed
And teach them how to *bum* and you good *hood-*
lums

Whose limbs were made in *Squimall* and in Vic.,
I see you stand like *bull pups* on the deck
Straining upon the start. The game's ashore,
Follow your leader and upon the wharf
Cry "Hurrah for *China* and the *Rice Brigade!*"

SHAKESPEARE II.

VANCOUVER, B. C.,
March 7th. 1887.

OLD SUNNYSIDE.

In the year of our Saviour
Eighteen hundred and eighty-seven,
We were put on our behaviour
By some thirty-six or seven
Rice Brigaders.

Ordered here to quell a riot
Why in blazes don't they do it
When they got here couldn't see it
Mr. Roycraft, do you rue it?
Guess you do.

Now they are filling up their bellies;
Eggs and pork go up in price;
And they hanker after jellies;
After living months on rice
In the soup house.

SHAKESPEARE II.

GENERAL ORDER.

VICTORIA WAR OFFICE.

March 8th, 1887.

To Superintendent Roycraft, commanding
Victoria Specials.

It is our command that you assemble the specials under your command in the woodshed of the barracks and read to them the following rules to govern them during their stay in the City of Vancouver. It is to your vigilance that we look for the prompt enforcement and implicit obedience to all general orders and regulations:

- 1st. No one belonging to the specials shall walk faster than a mile an hour.
- 2nd. No one belonging to the specials shall make any extra moves whatever.
- 3rd. None shall take out an accident policy with R. D. Pitt, Esq.
- 4th. No one belonging to the specials shall buy any tobacco either smoking or chewing.
- 5th. You must buy at least 12 chews a day or 20 pipes of smoking.
- 6th. Any one soliciting work of any kind shall be cashiered.
- 7th. Any perspiring shall be immediately locked up.

WINDY ROBINSON.

General Commander.

WAH AH HIGG-INS.

Aide-de-camp.