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## TALES OF THE TOWN.

THE proprietors of THE HOME JOURNAL have kindly favored me with a perusal of a letter written by a young man of the city of Victoria, in which is poured out upon the head of the humble architect and builder of the "Tales of the Town" a little harmless abuse. Naturally, my curiosity was aroused to know what manner of man this youth might be, and my inquisitiveness was more than satisfied at beholding this quaint shadow of a horrid dream on the brow of Beacon Hill, last Tuesday night. It was difficult to get his correct dimensions, his arms being entwined once or twice around the waist of a comely young woman, who was indeed fair to look upon. As she did not appear to offer any resistance, I took it for granted that the sickly-looking youth had a license to use all reasonable means within his power to protect her from the chilly breezes which ever and anon came sowing upward from Goodacre Lake.

I am not prepared to say that this beardless youth, who has the reputation of being a very poor auctioneer, impressed me favorably. His physiognomy is weak, and I verily believe that he could pass for an imbecile in almost any ordinary assemblage of idiots. To make matters worse, his head is badly shaped. The humps indicative of low, vulgar origin are abnormally developed, as are also those which plainly mark viciousness. Taking him altogether, he is about as poor a specimen of humanity as one would expect to see among the freaks in a dime museum, and I am led to the conclusion that this shape must have been born in an English workhouse, and that its dissembling nature can be attributed to the never failing laws of heredity. I would offer the youthful auctioneer some advice, but it might be thrown away. In the meantime I will leave him, but in a future issue I may take him up again, as offering an interesting theme in the way of biological study.

"It may surprise many people to learn that already in Victoria there are at least 150 Icelanders," says Mr. J. B. Johnson, the proprietor of the grocery at the junction of Humboldt street and Churchway. This gentleman, the other evening, informed me that in the Province of Manitoba there is an Icelandic population of nearly 10,000 or nearly one-seventh of the entire resident population of the island of Iceland itself. That the Icelanders are a most desirable class of immigrants is evidenced by the fact that there is not one of the nationality confined in the Manitoba penitentiary. In Victoria they have a regular place of worship, on Fernwood Road, Spring Ridge, which is well attended every Sunday morning.

In the interest of these people there are now published in Winnipeg two weekly newspapers, and one monthly periodical devoted to ecclesiastical matters. They have a synod of their own, belonging to the Lutheran church, to which church the larger number of the scattered congregations belong. Preparations are now being made for establishing a higher institution of learning under the auspices of the Icelandic synod.

In the latter part of the ninth century, when Norway was disturbed by political animosities, many of her nobility quit their native land, their estates and homes, and settled in Iceland. Here, on an isolated island on the broad Atlantic, they founded a republic which for centuries flourished, free from the tyranny of kings or an alien government. It was a model republic. The legislative power was vested in the althing, an assembly, where the more influential men met once a year to discuss national questions. In this modest legislature some specimens of oratory and statesmanship were displayed that have never been excelled. The althing vies with the immortal Roman senate for the glory of ancient legislation.

The only religion of the Icelanders

was the same as that of other Scandinavian nations, their principal gods being Thor and Odin. Christianity was established in the year 1000, and the manner in which it was finally accomplished was remarkable. All the nobles and leaders of the island had flocked with their retinues to the althing. Some of these had already adopted Christianity; the others were radically opposed to it. A discussion now arose as to which religion should be taken as the state religion. Both parties contended desperately for their principles and both prepared for battle, that the sword might decide, but at the last hour a compromise was effected by selecting one man, a man admitted to be the wisest of the land, who should decide the question. This person was Thorgier. He betook himself to his "booth," where he stayed for three days, not taking any food nor permitting anyone to come near him. Having reached a conclusion, Thorgier arose and went to the althing to announce his decision. It was that Christianity should be the religion of the land. Both factions, true to their promise, submitted to the decision.

During this medieval period literature and learning flourished on the island, and Iceland came to be known as the "Land of the Skald (poet) and Saga (history)." Hither resorted the historian, and even to-day all the Scandinavian nations draw their historical knowledge from facts preserved in the Icelandic language.

It was in the tenth century that an Icelander by the name of Eric and called the Red, discovered Greenland. In 1001 his more famous son, Leifur Heppni (Leif the Fortunate), discovered an unknown land on the west side of the Atlantic, which he called, from the abundance of vines growing there, Vinland. The point at which Leif landed is now known to have been within the present confines of the United States, probably in Massachusetts or Rhode Island. Here the Icelanders formed a little colony, which

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struggled along for a few years and then vanished; but the fact remains that the voyagers from Iceland were the earliest European settlers of the country.

A period of decay in the Icelandic history begins when it was brought under the Norwegian sceptre. Later on the island became a Danish province, and remains so yet. With the loss of independence begins a condition of oppression from foreign government. A constitution given to the country in 1874, however, has greatly improved the recent political status of the country, and the island is at present making rapid progress both in commercial and industrial matters.

I notice a telegram from Chicago in the Victoria Times to the effect that there are likely to be some revelations in the Cronin murder case. This Cronin matter has always interested me very much, perhaps because when a detective in that city I knew intimately several of the persons concerned in the affair. For this reason I have watched carefully anything pertaining to that celebrated murder, and as a result of my observations I find the following:—Patrick O'Sullivan, the iceman, who figured in the Cronin murder, died of consumption at the Illinois state penitentiary at Joliet; John F. Beggs, who was tried as a principal and acquitted, died in Chicago on April 6 last; Patrick Dinan, owner of the white horse and one of the most important witnesses for the state, died a few weeks before Beggs; Peter McGeehan, who was accused by Dr. Cronin of conspiracy to kill him, died in delirium in Cook county hospital; Robert Gibbons, who was an alibi witness for Burke in the trial, was shot and killed by Capt. Schuettler in April, 1890, having picked a quarrel with Schuettler because of the part taken by that officer in the prosecution; Edward Spelman, the Peoria distiller, who was a large contributor to the defence fund and an active "triangle" sympathizer, lost his life by falling from a ladder; Michael Gannon, a member of Camp 50 and a great friend of Coughlin, whose name was often mentioned in the trial, died shortly after the conviction; Luke Jordan, brother of Harry Jordan, Wm. Nieman, and a Miss McInerney, the two latter witnesses for the state, are also dead. Other witnesses not yet

dead are scattered all over the country, and if the doctrine that the future is only a continuation can be accepted as infallible, it is safe to predict that their mission in this world will soon be ended.

These are the hours when tepid showers descend on hill and valley; about this time erotic rhyme gets in its liveliest rally. The bulbous root begins to shoot, so does the sportsman dapper; the auctioneer resumes his sphere and lubricates his clapper. Across the sea the wealthy flee; the tramp forsakes the city, and lopes away to sleep on hay and sigh for rum and pity. The May Day breeze, through budding trees, but likewise through the gutter, impartial tears and what it bears is quite too utterly utter. The perch is here with all his gear of bones complete and fearful, but, spite of jokes, the man who chokes dies justified and cheerful. On every block appears a flock of summer Dolly Vardens; the Chinese bland, with pipe in hand, set out their summer gardens. Begins once more the baseball score of triumphs and disgraces, and everywhere we breathe an air surcharged with bats and bases. "Oh, happy time! Oh, blessed clime! Oh, race of men supernal!" the poet sings, for all these things are gratis and diurnal.

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**JUST THINK ABOUT IT.**

Victoria is not a great throbbing metropolis; its million or more inhabitants do not swelter in the smoke and dust of a thousand factory chimneys and workshops. On the contrary, its people are wonderfully blessed with abundance of fresh air, sea breezes and phenomenally health-giving climate. And yet this much favored people, with the natural dissatisfaction of the human species, long for change. They are tired of the streets after the day's work, and long to get out and away for the night from the scene of daily toil, in the hunt for the almighty dollar. The father, who can afford it, longs for nothing better than to see his little ones browned and tanned by the sun as they run to meet him in the evening, the picture of health and happiness. This is but natural. But many a family, even apparently well off, lingers in a city residence, with pale children, and parents whose only ailment is want of sufficient fresh air. They think they cannot afford to live "out of town." Father has to get to town early, and the children have to be at school by nine o'clock.

In this argument, one great principle is lost sight of. If the family live a little way out of town, they must necessarily get up earlier to enable the father to get to business in time and the children to be at school. This necessarily means an appetite for breakfast after a run in the early morning air. That in its turn means increased health. It most directly then means a saving in doctor's bills, at least. People who have brought up a family in the city will appreciate this fact, and acknowledge that the doctor is only too frequent a visitor to the town household.

Now, it is possible to avoid all this in a great measure, and be no more out of pocket in the year, extra, than one ordinary doctor's bill occasioned by a defective drain or the bad air of the city houses. A little careful thought will put it in the way of every father who has the welfare of his children at heart, to lay up such a store of wealth for them in the shape of robust health as will carry them safely and successfully through life. And, after all, this is the best fortune a man can leave his

children. There are many delightful places in and around Victoria, where a home can be had at practically the price and terms paid for mere rent.

There is a particular friend of mine out at Mount Tolmie, (which, by the way, is fast becoming the popular suburb of Victoria) in the person of the Rev. Mr. Browne. He is supremely original and happy in all his ways, and particularly in his sermons. A couple of Sundays since, he was verbally flogging his flock on the subject of Sunday slothfulness as he called it, and he told them that if they had the same religious spirit as their forefathers before them, they (his flock) would be found early Sunday morning on their bended knees at the foot of Mount Tolmie praising God for His gracious bountifulness in allowing them to live in such a delightful place.

And truly, when I got outside and looked around, I found that he was perfectly right. It was a lovely sight that met my gaze—a valley full of delicious fragrance stretching away towards the city which lay peacefully beyond. Scattered around were many happy homes that were not there but two short years ago, and everywhere evidences of health, happiness—all that life is worth living for. The cosy church nestles on a hill among flowers and foliage, while a little distance up the same hill is the school house, where, by the way, there is quite a large attendance of scholars already from this district. The change that has come over this part within the last two years owing to the energy and enterprise displayed by the people interested and living there is, to speak mildly, astonishing. It is a picture worth seeing just now in all the glory of the wealth of budding summer. Who would not make an effort to have this for home?—in the city, yet out and away from its gases and trouble. The present summer will see the street car service extended to this place, which needs no summer hotel and no brass band to make known its beauties. They are self-evident, and therefore convincing to the thinking mind. An extensive park has been laid out for the use and benefit of the residents, but it is a much frequented resort for the people of the city, hundreds of whom walk out from town on Sundays and holidays to enjoy

the invigorating atmosphere and the unequalled view from the observatory on the summit of Mount Tolmie.

I would simply advise people, instead of throwing their money away on Bogusburg and other wild-cat schemes, which never realize anything for anybody but the land shark, to "look it up" and pick out a home at Mount Tolmie, for it will pay them to do so,—financially, in health, and in every way. Just think over it you who seek a home of your own, and the rest will come.

RAMBLER.

**SELECTIONS.**

French reporters now take notes at night by the light of a tiny incandescent lamp attached to the pencil.

It is computed that if the traffic of the city of London were to be dispatched by a procession of trains, each with the engine touching the preceding trains, as far as Liverpool and back, 400 miles, the first to return to London would find 214,000 persons waiting to start.

A Belfast paper makes the wonderful announcement that a real live snake has at last been found in Ireland. It was killed at Nora's Glen, and it measured seven and a half feet long and nearly seven inches in circumference. It was taken to a contractor's yard in the town, where it was inspected by a large crowd of people. This solitary reptile will be preserved in a glass case for the inspection of future generations.

An English paper says that Cheshire owns the stupidest man in the kingdom. He is a farm hand, and was engaged to plow a ten acre field. Wishing him to make a straight furrow, his employer directed his attention to a cow grazing right opposite, telling him to drive directly toward that cow. He started his horses, and his employer's attention was drawn to something else; but in a short time, on looking round, he found that the cow had left her place, while the sagacious plowman was following her, drawing a zigzag furrow all over the field.

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BOGUSBURG BUGLER BLASTS.

From the Bogusburg Bugler.

An effort is being made to infuse new blood into the Bogusburg syndicate. In a few days we will be able to give fuller information as to the new arrangement.

Bogusburg did not celebrate the 24th May, for the reason that there is no one in Bogusburg to celebrate the 24th of May or any other day, for that matter. This is strictly in confidence.

A new and thriving industry has sprung up in Bogusburg. It is a new process of marking the names of towns which have no existence in fact on maps belonging to the C. P. R., contrary to the statute in such cases made and provided.

The Bugler has received a letter from the East in which the writer makes inquiries as to the prospects of Bogusburg ever becoming a city. The editor of this paper has written back that "Bogusburg will be a great city when London has been forgotten—but not till then."

The London Harmony seems to be the cause at present of much Victoria discord. This wretched old shack, besotted with the iniquities of a leprous neighborhood, is, we hear, not doomed to long-merited destruction, but is to be towed away to infect some other quarter of that unfortunate city. We should be disposed to regard it as a mercy if some Bogusburg dynamiter were to take it in his head to rift the Harmony, failing the success of the rumored negotiations of our syndicate to buy it for a Town Hall.

SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

Would some gentleman please turn the hose on McLean, the

alleged champion oarsman?

"Shall we try the tricycle or buggy this morning, Laura?"  
"George, I'm your's for wheel or for whoa."

The rumor that Doc Griffin is seriously ill is denied by advices from New Westminster. It is understood, however, that he is confined to the house.

We appreciate the fact that Victoria has a very poor baseball club, but just the same, it is a bleak, barren, malarial day when it cannot get away with the muffers from Tacoma.

It is said that the Hon. John Robson, while in England, will carefully inquire how it was that the Premier of Ontario was knighted and the Premier of British Columbia was not.

"Was everything lost in the fire?" asked Miss Passee, when she recovered from the excitement.

"Yes, everything."  
"The family Bible?"

"Yes."  
"Oh, how relieved I am. It makes me feel ten years younger to hear that."

Husband—"What did the doctor say, Mary?"

Wife—"Not much. He asked me to put out my tongue."

Husband—"Yes."

Wife—"And he said, 'Over-worked.'"

Husband (with a long breath of relief)—"Then you'll have to give it a rest. That doctor knows his business."

A shopkeeper in Vancouver has contrived many economical schemes to lessen the drain upon his purse, but his latest excuse for reducing wages may be truthfully proclaimed "a corker." He hired a clerk, and gave him \$4 for the first week's work. The second week he gave him only \$3, saying that as he was new familiar with his duties, they were easier.

A Maine Yankee has an order for idols and graven images from Central Asia that will keep him at work two years. The most singular part of the business is that the order was brought by a missionary, also a Maine man, who came back

for a rest from his labors. If the heathen must bow down to graven images, your Yankee missionary thinks they might as well be made in Yankeedom. If it keeps on, Central Asia will have to put a protective tariff on its gods.

Over the balusters bends a face,  
Darlingly sweet and beguiling;  
Somebody stands in careless grace,  
And watches the picture, smiling.

Tired and sleepy, with drooping head,  
I wonder why she lingers;  
And when all the good-nights are said,  
Why somebody holds her fingers.

Holds her fingers and draws her down,  
Suddenly growing bolder,  
Till her loose hair drops its masses brown  
Like a mantle over his shoulder.

Over the baluster soft hands fair  
Brush her cheeks like a feather;  
Bright brown tresses and dusky hair  
Meet and mingle together.

There's a question asked, there's a swift caress  
She has flown like a bird from the hallway;  
But over the balusters drops a Yes  
That shall brighten the world for him alway.

The American press seems to consider that the execution of the Australian monster within 73 days after his discovery and arrest reflects great credit upon the certainty and celerity of British justice. We must confess to a feeling, however, that the rapid movements of Judge Lynch would have been more apposite to the taking off the villain than those of the ordinary machinery of justice. Had the wretch been down in the United States it is safe to say that he would not have lived 73 hours, not to talk of 73 days.

Three non-commissioned officers of the Montreal garrison artillery compelled several business men of that city to take down American flags that they had raised on the Queen's Birthday. These officers evidently believed they were doing something loyal by making such a contemptible exhibition of themselves; they should be made to learn that it is only in the United States such narrow-mindedness is really endorsed. It is a common practice on the other side of the line to pull down the Union Jack, but the Lord forbid that Britons should descend low enough to imitate their American neighbors in this respect.

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## PICKED UP AT RANDOM.

I HAVE frequently noticed the prominence given to American flags on Canadian soil on gala occasions, and the good nature with which Canadians regard this is remarkable when contrasted with the churlish antipathy of Americans to anything Canadian.

It is surprising the amount of rancour Americans display when the Union Jack is unfurled on holidays. It must be admitted that the loyalty of Canadians to Canada does not suffer in the least from their good-natured treatment of the stars and stripes, while the conduct of the Americans towards our flag is not only insulting but utterly ridiculous.

It seems curious, too, that this same good nature of Canadians is carried into other matters of more importance than bunting. Canada uses American money at the small discount of 5 per cent., while across the line 20 per cent. is demanded off Canadian currency. While I like to see harmonious relations, I would also like to see Canadians give the Americans a little of their own medicine. There is a danger of being too good-natured, and I am sure Canadians would gain more respect from Cousin Jonathan if they would dispense with stars and stripes altogether and accord the flag precisely the same treatment received by the Union Jack.

The Egyptian Government is now surveying a route for the extension of its railroad along the Nile as far south as Wady Halfa. It is estimated that it will cost £800,000 to build a narrow gauge road from Girgeh to Wady Halfa, which forms the present southern frontier of Egypt. When the railroad reaches Wady Halfa it will not be difficult to extend it further south to Dongola. The establishment of rapid communication between Cairo and upper Nubia would enable the Khedive rapidly to transport an Egyptian army to the frontier of the Soudan, and all the British officers now in Egypt believe that as soon as such an improvement is carried out the Soudan will fall again into the hands of Egypt and without a blow.

An English gentleman now in

Victoria informs me that several prominent leaders of society in London have inaugurated a rather startling custom, which is being widely discussed in Mayfair and Belgravia. They have decided never to invite husband and wife to the same dinner party, rightly concluding that a married couple see quite enough of each other in their own home without wanting to be chained together in public. The woman is undoubtedly more attractive to the male guests, displays more clan and verve when free from the restraining presence of her lord, and is, consequently, a more useful guest as far as the success of the function in question is concerned. The man, on the other hand, never talks better, is never more original or more entertaining than when his better half is absent, and, consequently, unable to take mental notes of his remarks, on which to base an omnious cross-examination later on.

PHILIP.

## THE TWENTY-FOURTH.

The celebration of Her Majesty's birthday was creditable to all concerned. Perhaps the most interesting event was the lacrosse match between the clubs of Victoria and New Westminster. This was the finest exhibition of the Canadian national game that has ever been seen in this province. The play of the Cullin brothers and Doherty was simply marvellous. The regatta and park illumination were also worthy of remark. Altogether, the celebration was one that will long be remembered in the city of Victoria.

## LACROSSE.

This day week will witness the second lacrosse match in Victoria this season, when Vancouver and Victoria will cross sticks for the championship. The home club, it is expected, will place a good team in the field to retain the honors won last Monday afternoon in their match with Westminster. Vancouver has a strong team and will appear on the field determined to win. The boys in blue and white should take good care of themselves in the interval and be in as good shape as possible.

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## JUSTICE PREVAILED.

There was once a robber in Cairo who fell from the second story of a house he was trying to enter and broke his leg, says Harper's Young People. Thereupon, he went to the cadi and complained. The man's window was badly made, and he wanted justice. The cadi said that was reasonable, and he summoned the owner of the house. The owner confessed that the house was poorly built, but claimed that the carpenter was to blame and not he.

This struck the cadi as sound logic, and he sent for the carpenter. "The charge is, alas! too true," said the carpenter; "but the masonry was at fault, and I could not fit a good window." So the cadi, impressed with the reasonableness of the argument, sent for the mason.

The mason pleaded guilty, but explained that a pretty girl in a blue gown had passed the building while he was at work, and that his attention had been diverted from his work. The cadi thereupon demanded that the girl be brought before him.

"It is true," she said, "that I am pretty, but it's no fault of mine. If my gown attracted the mason, the dyer should be punished and not I." "Quite true," said the cadi; "send for the dyer."

The dyer was brought to the bar, and, hoping to help his business, he pleaded guilty. That settled it. The cadi told his robber to take the guilty wretch to his house and hang him from the doorsill, and the populace rejoiced that justice had been done. But pretty soon the crowd returned to the cadi's house complaining that the dyer was too long to be hanged from his doorsill. "Oh, well," said the cadi, who by that time was suffering with ennui, "go find a short dyer and hang him. Justice shall prevail!"

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**MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.**

Mr. Thomas Rankine, who for a number of years has met with much success in cities in the Eastern States and in England, in training amateur opera companies for performances in aid of charitable organizations, has arrived at Vancouver, and will probably settle for a period in that city. Mr. Rankine has a large repertoire of operas with which he is thoroughly conversant, and is not only an excellent actor himself, but is an admirable tutor and possesses good judgment in his selection of performers for the roles in the various operas he puts on. The eastern papers speak very highly of Mr. Rankine's abilities.

Richard Mansfield, with a supporting company of 32 persons, is booked for The Victoria, June 3rd and 4th. Mr. Mansfield is, without a doubt, one of the greatest of living actors, and ranks with Irving and Booth. In connection with Mr. Mansfield's appearance, it might be mentioned that at every revival of his famous productions of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, the Jack the Ripper murders invariably occurred. His realistic acting in the dual role of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is said to be something fearfully realistic. Mr. Mansfield is an Englishman. His opening here will be in Beau Brummell.

Sol. Smith Russell gave one of his old time monologue entertainments at Minneapolis, last night, May 27, for the benefit of the First Unitarian Church, of which denomination he is a member. The entertainment was given almost solely by Mr. Russell himself, who appeared three different times during the evening in comic songs, character sketches and in impersonations.

The novelty of the Cake Walk, at The Victoria, Monday and Tuesday evenings, will no doubt attract large audiences. This craze has swept all along the coast, and is said to afford much amusement for spectators.

The music by the Victoria City Band at the Hill last Monday was universally commented upon for its excellence.

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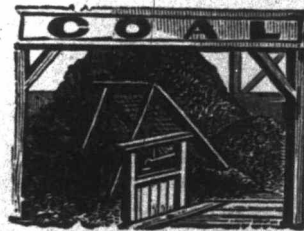
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**PERSONAL GOSSIP.**

The announcement was made in yesterday's issue of the *Official Gazette* that Mr. Farquhar Macrae has been appointed police magistrate for the city of Victoria. Mr. Macrae is an English solicitor who has been practicing in New Zealand for some years, and a few months ago came to Victoria to reside. His appointment will no doubt give general satisfaction.

Mr. Walter G. Agnew, late with Jas. H. Ashdown, Winnipeg, has arrived in this city, and will in future be found with Mr. A. McGregor, hardware, Johnson street. Mr. Agnew is a young man of excellent character, and previous to his departure from Winnipeg was presented with a handsome gold watch by his friends.

Mr. A. Lee, of Lee & Fraser, real estate agents, was on Monday evening married to Miss B. Butler, daughter of Capt. Butler, late of Newfoundland. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. C. Watson, in the presence of a number of friends of the principals. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon on the Sound.

Rev. Thos. Scouler left Vancouver last Wednesday via the C. P. R. for Toronto, from where he will proceed to Glasgow, Scotland. Mr. Scouler expects to be away about three months. A large party of friends gathered at the depot to see him off and bid farewell, some of whom went out to the Junction with him.

Mr. Robert Clark, clothier, of Vancouver, was married on Monday, the 23rd inst., to Miss Frankie Gilmore, late of Chicago. The ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. D. McRae, took place at the Goldstream Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are now on a trip to the Sound cities.

F. W. Teague, the late general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., left last Wednesday evening, by the City of Kingston, for a visit to his old home in Worcester, Mass. He will stop over at Omaha and other cities en route, and expects to return to Victoria in September.

Harry S. Black, traveling salesman for John G. Miller & Co., Chicago, came over from Seattle for the celebration, and went away well pleased with the manner in which Victoria people recognize the anniversary of the birth of the Queen.

Mrs. Cash, of New Westminster, who was very ill at the Burnes, is somewhat improved.

Capt. Brandon Kirby, Fort Stanton, New Mexico, is a guest at the Hotel Victoria.

Miss Eberts, of Winnipeg, is in the city, the guest of her uncle, D. M. Eberts, M. P. P.

W. F. Cochrane, of the Cochrane Ranch Co., Fort Macleod, Alberta, is in the city.

Frank Campbell is improving, but will not be around for a week or so.

Preparations on an extensive scale are being made for the naval ball.

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