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### Warships To the Cape

#### Two Cruisers Despatched With Naval Brigade of a Thousand Men.

#### British Cabinet Move Deliberately Settling the Transvaal's Fate.

#### While Outlanders Think War Imminent and Seek Safety in Flight.

London, Sept. 19.—It is announced this evening that the British first-class protected cruisers "Terrible and Powerful" have been ordered to the Cape. They have reliefs on board capable of forming a naval brigade of a thousand men. The steamer Jelungawi takes 500 troops bound for Natal to-morrow, and she will embark a rifle brigade at the Island of Crete for the Cape. The Royal West Sussex regiment left today for Malta, where it will replace the first border regiment, which goes by the same steamer to Natal.

Summonses were issued late this afternoon for a cabinet council, which it is understood will be held to-day. This is regarded as the result of a visit of Lord Salisbury to London, whence he came this afternoon, remaining at the Victoria office from 4:30 to 6:20 p. m., and conferring with Mr. Chamberlain. The lack of all excitement in official circles shows the deliberate manner in which the highest officials are handling the crisis. Nor is it by any means certain that the cabinet council will adopt extreme measures, in spite of the uncompromising nature of the Boer application. This deliberation on the part of the government is interpreted not only in London, but in other European capitals, as a desire on the part of Great Britain to gain time while the transports are hurrying to Cape Colony.

The Berliner Neue Nachrichten, commenting on this to-day, says: "The present calm is only meant to deceive the Boers. When England feels equal to the task of conquering the Boers, this peaceful tone will give way to a blatant cry for war."

Even rumors of a movement of the Boer forces towards the Cape, which would excite the military authorities here, who profess at least not to fear such a contingency at present. In the meantime the movement of troops continues. The Pall Mall Gazette prints a despatch from Cape Town, which says that the general impression is that the Boers will at once take the initiative, and an attack is expected at any hour. The Highlanders see nothing but war ahead, and urges Outlanders to leave immediately. Troops continue to leave Capetown for Kimberley and the north, and the first-class cruiser "Terrible" is reported to have been ordered to go to the Cape instead of Suez.

According to a despatch from Durban, Natal, the premier of the colony says that the alarm of the people of Natal at the unprovoked invasion of the Boer towns is quite unwarranted, and that all efforts to incite the Zulus have failed.

KRUGER VERY ANXIOUS. London, Sept. 19.—The full in the Transvaal gives opportunity to the Boers to continue their negotiations. The government of the Netherlands is privately exerting its influence in favor of a peaceful solution, and it is understood that President Kruger, through Dr. Leyd, the plenipotentiary of the South African Republic to the governments of Europe, has unofficially approached three powers with a view to their intervention.

From Capetown comes a report that the government of the colony contemplate introducing a motion in the Cape assembly urging the Transvaal to accept the demands of Great Britain.

MUST DECIDE HIMSELF. Sir Alfred Milner has addressed further inquiries to the President of the Orange Free State. Whatever the official attitude of the Orange Free State may be, the temper of the Boers is shown from numerous meetings held in Bloemfontein and elsewhere, in which the Transvaal, according to Free State commandants are now in France, discussing the position with the Transvaal Commandant-General, and the meeting of the Free State volunteers to-morrow (Thursday) will have an important influence on the situation.

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Other special despatches report details of preparations for a general advance of Boer troops now control the Biera and Newcastle railways, as they enter the Transvaal territory.

Pretoria, Sept. 19.—The reply of the government to the latest British note is variously commented on. The Pretoria press printed in English and Dutch and other papers profess to believe that the commission will get held, and that there is still probability of an understanding being reached. The Volksraad declares that in the absence of a treaty the Transvaal will remain neutral. The Volksraad to-day referred the new draft law, providing for the confiscation of the property of persons found guilty of treason and lese majeste, to a special

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Washington, Sept. 19.—To-day's cabinet meeting lasted longer than usual. The cable of General Otis informing the Secretary of War that at Agualdo's request, one of his representatives would be allowed through the American lines to confer with General Otis regarding the release of American prisoners, was discussed at some length. The cabinet agreed in the opinion that too much significance should not be attached to Agualdo's proposal. Secretary Root said that so many similar conferences in the past had come to naught that he doubted very much whether this one meant anything towards the establishment of peace and good order in this region.

The navy department has received the following cablegram from Admiral Watson, dated Manila, September 18: "Davison on the Paraguay, had sharp engagement on the 14th at San Fabian, Lryngayen Gulf, with about 300 insurgents heavily entrenched, at a distance of from 1100 to 700 yards. The insurgents fled. Their fire was weak and ineffectual. On the Paraguay there were no casualties. The senior officer commends Davison highly." The Paraguay is one of the little gunboats turned over to the army by Admiral Watson, and Davison, the commander, is a young ensign. The scene of the battle was on the north coast of Luzon.

The Imperial Chinese government, through its minister here, has lodged with the state department an emphatic protest against the military order of General Otis excluding Chinese from the Philippines. Not only the state department nor the Chinese legation will give any information concerning the protest, but from entirely reliable quarters it is known that General Otis' objection is contrary to international law, in violating existing treaties, and in contravention of the relations which have been so long maintained between the two countries.

#### SUBMERGED AT VANCOUVER.

Tug Swan at Bottom of Harbor—Stone Barge Capsizes.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Sept. 19.—The tug Swan sank to the bottom of the Inlet last evening. She sprang a leak, but how is not known.

#### FRASER OILERY BURNED.

Misfortune Overtakes an Important Adjunct of the Salmon Cannery.

#### AN UNFORTUNATE DENTIST.

Second Patient Within Two Weeks Dies in His Office—Chloroform the Cause This Time.

#### A WIFE ABDUCTED.

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#### JULIUS SCRIVER VERY ILL.

Montreal, Sept. 18.—Julius Scriver, M. P. for Huntington county, who is now in his 74th year, suffered a paralytic stroke on Thursday, his left side being affected.

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[Note.—This libellous story referred to above is doubtless the appearing in the Grit daily headlines in the Times of last evening, and editorially credited by that paper to its correspondent at Ottawa. It is based on a suit entered by Hon. Edgar Dewdney against Major Walsh, for illegally refusing entry into the Yukon of a consignment of liquor being taken in under permit from the trading company of which Mr. Dewdney was manager, and the damages claimed resulting largely from others being permitted to take in liquor and supply the market, while this consignment was stopped.

Besides Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., Sir Hibbert Tupper's name is associated with the libellous statement, because the regular solicitors for the corporation, have entered the suit.]

#### NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Counterfeit Dollar Bills—Minister of Agriculture to Visit Coast—Canadian Regiment For Transvaal.

Ottawa, Sept. 19.—The government have not taken any steps in connection with the proposition to raise a regiment for service in the Transvaal. The staff of the government printing bureau are busily engaged on the federal voters' lists.

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Dry Weather Has Caused Great Havoc—Whole Population Fighting the Flames.

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Albany, N. Y., Sept. 19.—The protracted dry weather has caused the forest fires in the Adirondacks, which have been smouldering, to start up afresh, and they are increasing rapidly in the northern part of the woods. The flames have been under control by cordons of men, but in the Adirondacks, where the fire is spreading, the local fire wardens, A threatening blaze is reported at Brant Lake, and the town of Hoosic and numerous small fires have started in the Red Horse chain of lakes. In the southern portion of the woods the fires are somewhat beyond the control of those who are endeavoring to check them. Tremendous fires have been burning near Hague for the past few days, destroying farm buildings and forests. In Warren 1200 men are now engaged in fighting fires in the woods.

#### SOVEREIGN ODD FELLOWS.

Fifty Thousand Members of Order in Detroit For Meeting—Next Year's Gathering in Virginia.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 19.—Next year's convention of the Odd Fellow's order will be held in Richmond, Virginia. The streets are bright to-day with the flags from all parts of the country who are here attending the order's diamond jubilee. Estimates place the entire number of Odd Fellows in the City at 50,000. At the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to-day little business was done. Uniforms and regalia of Fellows were announced, so many propositions were presented that all were referred to committees, without reading.

#### DEATHS BY VIOLENCE.

Parents and Child Caught on Level Crossing—Fatal End.

Montreal, Sept. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Saucier and child were driving across the C. P. R. track at Lachine in a buggy and were struck by a train and all three killed.

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#### SPANIARDS IN HAVANA.

Havana, Sept. 19.—An attempt was made to-day to mob and perhaps lynch a number of Spaniards at Regla, a suburb of Havana. The Spaniards had arranged a dinner, which was just commencing when the attack was made. The mob got the impression that the dinner was being given for political purposes. The police intervened, and managed to save the banqueters, who said that they were bakers, and that the dinner was merely intended to celebrate the success of a recent strike.

#### VENGEANCE ON MONTEJO.

Madrid, Sept. 19.—The trial of Admiral Montejo, formerly chief of Spain's naval force in the Philippines, who surrendered to Admiral Dewey after the destruction of the Spanish fleet in the battle of Manila, began here to-day. The prosecution demanded a sentence of imprisonment for life. The defence will be presented to-morrow.

### Swindled at Long Range.

#### Author of Enticing Announcements of Bequeathed Estates Again a Prisoner.

#### Made Hundreds of Foolish People Pay High for Visions of Fortune.

Washington, Sept. 18.—An accomplished swindler, shrewd confidence man and a fugitive from justice for years, Dr. G. T. Howard, was captured to-day by Post Office Inspectors Baird and Gould at Jackson, Mich. He escaped from the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, about two years ago, after having served less than three years of a nine-year term for using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes.

Howard, who equipped himself with half a dozen different names, is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, fine education and great energy, and is a persuasive orator and a careful writer. He is a doctor of divinity and a lawyer, and was the editor of two or three religious papers. His conviction necessitated two long trials, both of which resulted in a jury disagreement. Witnesses were subpoenaed from all parts of the country and Europe, among them being Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, United States minister to Great Britain, and Hon. John G. New, consul-general to London.

By sending broadcast over this country circulars representing that the recipients had fallen heir to estates in various parts in Europe, Howard under the name of E. Ross, managed to obtain a large number of victims, and obtained remittances of \$25 from many of his victims, on the pretext that he would prosecute their claims to the estate. Subsequently operating from London under the name of William Lord Moore, Howard represented that his correspondents that Ross had died, and that the estate, which he had obtained another remittance of \$25 each. Returning to New York, Howard sent out fraudulent decrees purporting to emanate from a supreme court of chancery. The decrees authorized Joseph Leger, the name Howard was using, to issue possession papers in each case to persons entitled to the estates under the decrees on the payment by them of \$25 taxes due. This scheme netted Howard thousands of dollars.

Early in 1884 Howard was convicted, fined \$1,200 and sent to the Ohio penitentiary for nine years and one month. Since his escape he has been operating in the West, his victims principally residing in Great Britain. He is regarded by the postal authorities as one of the most dangerous confidence men and swindlers in the country.

#### THE DEAL AWKWARD.

Abandonment For Time Being of Proposed Grand Trunk Monopoly of Intercolonial Traffic.

Montreal, Sept. 18.—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Blair gives out a statement to the effect that under an agreement arrived at between the Intercolonial and the Canadian Pacific, connection with St. John will be continued by the C. P. R. as heretofore. The settlement practically covers all matters in dispute between the parties, and has been arrived at without the abandonment of any ground taken by either party during the negotiations. Freight and passenger arrangements existing at this date are not to be disturbed during next winter, and the Canadian Pacific is to be permitted to solicit traffic in intercolonial territory, to be routed over its line.

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"The proposals now fallen through, contained in the Transvaal despatches of August 10 and 21, were elicited from this government by suggestions made by the British diplomat agent in Pretoria, Mr. Conyngham Greene, to the Transvaal state secretary, Mr. F. W. Reitz, suggestions which this government acted upon in good faith, and after unceasingly ascertaining whether they would be likely to prove acceptable to the British government.

"The government had by no means an intention to raise again needlessly the question of its political status, but acted with the sole object of endeavoring to put an end to the strained condition of affairs. This was done in the shape of a proposal which to this government seems, both as regards its spirit and form, to be so worded as, relying upon intimations to this government, would satisfy Her Majesty's government.

"This government saw a difficulty as to the acceptance of these proposals by the people and legislature of the Transvaal, and contemplated possible dangers connected therewith, and asked them on account of a sincere desire to secure peace, and because assured by Chamberlain that such proposals would not be deemed a retrograde step, but would be settled on their merits.

"As regards the joint commission, the Transvaal adheres to the acceptance of the invitation thereto given by Her Majesty's government and cannot understand why such commission should have been deemed necessary to explain the complicated details of the seven years' law should now be deemed unnecessary, and it should be unnecessary, by this inquiry, be thought possible to declare this law inadequate.

"Further, there must be a misapprehension if it be assumed that the government was prepared to lay proposals for a five years' franchise and a greater representation of the new population before the subjects to be discussed in the conference. As to the language, this government never made any offer such as is referred to in the terms of the London convention of 1884."

The proposed conference, as distinct from the joint commission, in which this government is likewise unwilling to enter upon, but the difficulty is that an acceptance thereof is made dependent upon the subjects to be discussed at the conference remain undecided.

This government ardently desires and gladly accepts arbitration, as its firm intention is to adhere to the terms of the London convention of 1884."

The despatch concludes by trusting that the British government on reconsideration may deem it fit to make more generous or new proposals, but that this government will "adhere to Great Britain's proposal, which was the basis of the Transvaal reply to the British despatch of August 23, 1899."

"If Her Majesty's government is willing and feels able to make this decision, a joint commission as first proposed by Mr. Chamberlain would put an end to the present tension, race hatred would decrease and die out, and the prosperity and welfare of the South African Republic and the whole of South Africa will be developed and furthered, and fraternalization between the different nationalities will increase."

The evening papers all indicate the seriousness of the crisis, but the St. James Gazette says: "We need not be imagined anything will be done on our side in a hurry. The cabinet has first to consider and secondly to formulate fresh proposals; therefore, these considerations may deem it fit to make more generous or new proposals, but that this government will 'adhere to Great Britain's proposal, which was the basis of the Transvaal reply to the British despatch of August 23, 1899.'"

A HOSTILE MOVE. London, Sept. 18.—The second edition of the Times contains a despatch from Johannesburg, which says: "There is, I am informed, some early commotion contemplated. Quantities of impressed forces forwarded in the direction of the Rand stores for them during the next few months. It did not take Mr. Foster long to make mincemeat of Sir Richard Cartwright's defence of the government. One of the most effective parts of his speech was his reference to prohibition, when he charged Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues with agreeing among themselves to take no action on the question, no matter what the vote against the state, and empowering the

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#### MONTREAL BLOCK COLLAPSES.

Four Storeys Fall Into St. Catharines and University Streets—Fortunately Not a Working Day.

Montreal, Sept. 17.—At eight o'clock this evening the southeast corner of the Queen's Hall building, in which was located W. H. Scroggie's big retail dry goods store, collapsed, falling into the street. Ten minutes later, when the congregation of Christ Church cathedral, adjoining, would have been dismissed, there might have been a loss of life. The building fell gradually, and warning was given to the few people on the street at the time, so that no one was injured.

The building was an imposing one, occupying a whole block fronting on St. Catharines street, between University and Victoria streets, and was five stories high. On an upper floor, adjoining the Scroggie establishment, is situated the Queen's theatre, an old-fashioned structure, and in the spring the Scroggie firm, which started business in the corner store, and in the adjoining, up business took in four stores adjoining, put in a modern front, and remodelled their end of the building. The repairs had only been completed a short time.

This afternoon at five, the watchman employed in the building heard ominous sounds and immediately notified the agent of the Ogilvie theatre, which was being fitted up. When he arrived there was no sign of anything wrong, and the sounds had ceased. He went to the theatre, but when he began to enter, he was very much surprised to hear one or two dull reports and a shower of plate glass fell out on to the sidewalk. Everybody in the vicinity got out of the way and as they did so the toppling over into the street, falling with a deafening crash. The wall on the University street side also fell. Both St. Catharines and University streets were blocked through which figures could be seen rushing to places of safety and the spluttering of broken electric light wires added to the excitement of the moment.

The fire brigade were called out but their services were not required. The fire department was called out by the entrance to the theatre, which was not damaged, as necessary because of an engagement in the house to-morrow evening, which must be given. The loss is placed at \$25,000 on the building and \$30,000 on the Scroggie stock.

#### MACHINE RULE SOON TO CEASE.

Ontario Applauds Conservative Campaign Against Knavery in Politics.

Special to the Colonist. Toronto, Sept. 19.—Commenting on last night's meeting of Conservatives, the Mail says: "A more brilliant, thoroughly responsive audience could not have been assembled. Mr. Foster, it is needless to say, dealt with federal issues in a masterly way, showing that we must cleanse our politics, cast out ballot thieves and let the people rule."

The World's call Whitney the coming premier of Ontario, and says he gains popularity on every appearance. Mr. Hardy outfit cannot survive the denunciation and ridicule he and his colleagues have in store for them during the next few months. "It did not take Mr. Foster long to make mincemeat of Sir Richard Cartwright's defence of the government. One of the most effective parts of his speech was his reference to prohibition, when he charged Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues with agreeing among themselves to take no action on the question, no matter what the vote against the state, and empowering the

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Death Rides Upon The Sudden Storm.

Three Thousand Human Beings and Thrice Three Thousand Homes Destroyed in a Few Hours in Japan.

Empress of India Called Upon to Render Assistance to the Shipwrecked Soldiers of the Transport Morgan City.

Political Crisis in China Presages Civil War—The Crafty Empress-Dowager in a New Diplomatic Role—Other News of the Orient.

Such a storm as that which devastated Porto Rico a month or so ago, but tenfold intensified in fury, passed over Japan towards the close of August, working the destruction of no fewer than ten thousand homes, and claiming fully three thousand human victims, with innumerable fishing and other small craft.

The magnitude of the disaster was only just beginning to impress itself upon the lethargic Japanese when the Empress of India sailed from Yokohama, and the statistics were crowding the ambulance corps in the pursuit of such information as the Japanese civil service appears to glory in.

Having its origin somewhere to the south of the Biakian Islands, the storm grazed the east coast of Kiushiu, and crossed Shikoku by the provinces of Tosa and Sanuki, invaded the main island and via Bizen and Bitchu, emerging finally into the Japan Sea through Lu-mo and Hoki.

The previous typhoon—that of the 14th, 15th and 16th of August—had its origin at practically the same initial point, but followed a more westerly course, its ravages on shore being therefore insignificant in area.

The greater hurricane seems to have attained its maximum of violence at or near Idoitsu, the barometer falling to 724 mm., the velocity of the wind being 32 metres a second, and the rate of the storm centre's advance being 90 miles an hour.

The prefectures of Kochi, Takamatsu, Ehime and Okayama suffered most severely, according to present information, the greatest fatality being in Ehime, where in the neighborhood of the Beashu copper mine a large village was completely obliterated, with a loss of upwards of 1500 lives.

Here up to the morning of August 30 no organized attempt had been made to clear away the debris of the wreckage, the mangled bodies, the stench from which was already beginning to pollute the air. Upwards of 225 corpses were buried, and it was estimated that the killed and mangled through cave-ins coincident with the passage of the storm numbered total 600 wounded, with a further number of 2000.

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A Life-Saver's Record.

Facts Upon Which the Humane Society's Representative May Take Action.

How Mr. Ferneyhough Has Won a Right to Some Measure of Recognition.

The recent presentation of Humane Society medals to Mr. F. G. Norris of Sidney, and Mr. William Cotford of Salt Spring, for conspicuous bravery in life-saving, have again directed public attention to the justice of recognizing the heroic services of Mr. William C. Ferneyhough, of the Victoria Gardens, similarly directed, during the season now past.

Had it not been for this gentleman's efforts and presence of mind, not one but many lives would in all probability have been lost, and in order that the representatives of the society may have the facts at hand in preparing the necessary claim for recognition, the Colonist presents the following memorandum of cases in which Mr. Ferneyhough has figured this summer.

June 18—He saw a man acting very strangely in the water at the gorge, which was running strong at the time. Cutting the painter of his boat, Mr. Ferneyhough rowed after him. The man in the water tried his best to evade his rescuer, but the latter finally got hold of him and despite the man's unpropitious and uncooperative attitude, he succeeded in getting him ashore, where he was brought in the hospital two days afterwards.

June 24—Two young men in a rowboat capsized at the Gorge, riding their boat bottom upward. They were in no immediate danger, Mr. Ferneyhough assisted them, as also another party of four later in the day, who were also capsized, recovering boats and belonging to them.

June 26—A boat containing nine people capsized on the beach, and Mr. Ferneyhough jumped into his boat and rescued them. He also rescued a man and a woman ahead were fast drowning.

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TRADE INCREASING.

Victoria Clearing House.—The returns of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending September 19 were \$750,158; balance, \$314,172.

Daughters of England.—A meeting of the Victoria Chapter, Victoria, was held on Wednesday evening, September 14, 1899. The meeting was held in the Victoria Chapter, Victoria, and was held in the Victoria Chapter, Victoria.

Harvest Festival.—The annual harvest festival will be celebrated at St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, on Thursday evening. The preacher will be Rev. Canon Beaudin.

Not Passed.—Yesterday's report of the city council meeting inadvertently omitted mention of the fact that Ald. W. H. Brown's motion to have the city undertake the work of registering voters was defeated.

A Big Nugget.—Mr. E. A. Morris is in receipt of a letter from his representative in Dawson, telling of the finding of a large nugget of gold in the Yukon. It weighed just 75 ounces, and at \$15 an ounce would be worth \$1,125.

To Investigate.—Constable Murray of the provincial police force leaves this evening by the steamer Queen City for Carmanah to arrest Sam, the Indian, who is charged with having murdered an old woman and a man, while on a drunken debauch.

Improving Their Lines.—The British Columbia Electric Railway Company are doing a lot of work on their lines. The Spring Ridge line has been well improved, and now the Fort Street road is receiving attention, new and larger rails being laid on that thoroughfare. The road beds are being made to last.

Initiation and Social.—At the regular meeting of the Victoria Chapter of the Victoria Chapter, Victoria, was held on Wednesday evening, September 14, 1899. The meeting was held in the Victoria Chapter, Victoria, and was held in the Victoria Chapter, Victoria.

Could Not Come.—The local Orangemen and others who were looking forward to a visit from N. Clarke Wallace, of the Victoria Chapter, Victoria, were disappointed to find that he was unable to come. The Orangemen expected him last evening, and arrangements were being made for a public meeting in his honor, but he could not come. Col. Prior also expected word from Mr. Wallace to the same effect.

Charges Withdrawn.—The charges against a number of city hackmen of ignoring the back-street regulations were yesterday withdrawn by the police, it being shown that the hacks only stood on the street at the earliest possible date. The withdrawal of the charges was a relief to the hacks, who were being charged with refusing to pay the revenue tax for this season. As the collector threatened to bring fresh charges, Sam Fox was fined \$100 for keeping a house of ill-fame.

A Sign of Better Times.—The improved condition of the trade locally—an immense improvement being noted this year over last—has induced the resident bricklayers to revive their union, steps to which were taken at a well-attended meeting in Pioneer hall last evening. Mr. W. Featherbell was chosen as president; Mr. F. Flows as secretary; and Mr. William L. Dunlop as treasurer. A delegate to the Trades and Labor Council will be named at an early date.

A Good Show.—The best that can be said of the show given by the Victoria Chapter, Victoria, was held on Wednesday evening, September 14, 1899. The meeting was held in the Victoria Chapter, Victoria, and was held in the Victoria Chapter, Victoria.

Missionary Meeting.—Among the passengers arriving on last evening's steamer were the Revs. Dr. J. Robertson, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in the Victoria Chapter, Victoria, and Mr. W. A. Wilson, of the Victoria Chapter, Victoria, who were attending the half-yearly meeting of the home mission committee of the Synod of British Columbia, which has the supervision of all the missionary work of the Presbyterian church in the whole of British Columbia and Alberta, N. W. T.

The French war office is rejoicing over a new civilizing influence which may be introduced into the English dum dum bullet. It is a rifle invented by a Captain Daudet, and experiments have proved how deadly a weapon it is. At 2,000 yards the bullet went clean through a horse placed obliquely to the line of fire, the bones in the track of the bullet being shockingly smashed.

Some months ago Mr. Napier Denison, of the meteorological service, was authorized by the director at Toronto to install in Victoria harbor one of his combined tide and atmospheric recording instruments. As well as recording much interesting information in this branch, Mr. Denison is voluntarily taking up the duties of a volunteer in this neighborhood, and already is applying it to a practical commercial use by publishing a local two-day tidal prediction which gives the heights and depths of the semi-diurnal tides at Victoria. These appear at the head of the Local News on the fifth page of the Colonist, and are read with interest not only by mariners, but pleasure-seekers, who govern the times of their water excursions accordingly.

To increase the value of these predictions, Mr. Denison has personally sounded for and located the shallowest part of the channel (which is off Shoal Point), and made the zero of his instrument correspond to 14 feet at this spot. This zero means also 18 1/2 feet of water above the sill of the Esquimaux dry dock.

For the convenience of all incoming vessels, but particularly for the Victoria, which draws 14 feet, this consulting investigator has placed a sight gauge on the Shoal Point beacon, in order that before entering the channel it may be ascertained with accuracy upon it and see how many feet margin she will have. As a check upon the recording instrument, another sight gauge has been placed upon the government wharf.

The data from these records are being carefully tabulated, and are already showing much light upon the errors sometimes found in the American tide tables.

While this valuable service is purely voluntary on Mr. Denison's part, the Dominion authorities make regular provision for keeping track of the tides on the coast, and it is to the interest of local shipping that these records and observations should be kept up, it would be in order to suggest that the government should take up the subject, as Mr. Denison's love cannot be expected to continue indefinitely.

"Pa, did you know ma long before you married her?" "No, my boy, I didn't know her until long after."—Tit-Bits.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

COBBLE HILL. Cobble Hill, Sept. 19.—At a reception given on Monday by Mr. and Mrs. John Nightingale, of Cobble Hill, about thirty-five invited guests had a most enjoyable time. Numerous amusements were indulged in, and after refreshments were finished, the reception was ended with three cheers for the popular hostess.

BARKERVILLE. The Cariboo Gold Fields are running a drain on their pit to catch bed rock above and are said to be going through some remarkably good ground.

Gold Commissioner Brown, who has been known to all as somewhat improved, but not yet well. He was lately visited by the doctor from Quenelle, there being no medical man now in Barkerville.

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Advertisement for S. G. Goin, agent for the company, with details of shipping services and contact information.

Advertisement for Paine's Celery Compound, describing its benefits for various ailments and providing contact information for the manufacturer.



Fall Fairs Commence.

A Splendid Showing of Fruit at Salt Spring—Packing for Market.

Flowers the Feature of the Wellington Exhibition Entry List Doubled.

Last Wednesday afternoon saw the initiation of the autumn circuit of fall fairs, which during the next few weeks will monopolize the attention of agriculturists and all who are interested (though less directly) in the development of the industries that are the backbone of the country.

Two shows have been held thus far—the first at Salt Spring, and the second at Wellington—and of each it may truthfully be said that it far outclassed its predecessor of 1888.

The Salt Spring show on Wednesday was a notable success in every respect of its fruit; Wellington's fifth annual exhibition yesterday was remarkable for a double-entry list, and for a really magnificent showing of flowers, both cut and potted.

Next in order comes the Comox show on Thursday of this week, the list as at present will be held to-day in the Metropolitan.

THE "ISLANDS" ASSOCIATION.

A Splendid Display of Fruit—Practical Exhibition of Fruit Packing—Other Features.

The third annual exhibition of what is now known as the Islands Agricultural and Horticultural Association—separated from the Cowichan and Salt Spring Islands Association by reason of the difficulties of communication—was held last Wednesday, with perfect weather and a consequently large attendance of visitors embracing many of the residents of Pender and Mayne islands, as well as quite a number from the city and Victoria.

Agricultural hall, midway between Vesuvius and Ganges Harbor, was the scene of the gathering, and included in the guests from "town" were Mr. R. M. Palmer, provincial inspector of fruit pests, who with Mr. K. Layritz judged the fruits; Mr. J. H. Anderson, superintendent of farmers' institutes, who was a judge in flowers and vegetables; Mr. Richard Bray and Dr. Tomlin, superintendents of the awards in horses and stock were made.

The conspicuously commendable showing was in fruits, despite the fact that the earliness of the show date, or the lateness of the season, had introduced the winter varieties, and included, before they had gained their finest color or fullest size, the fall apples, on the other hand, were almost, if not quite, perfection, dogmatically testing to the suitability of the island soil for extensive orcharding operations.

The horticultural prizes also admirable, Salt Spring Island this season having, possibly, the best crop of this variety of any district in British Columbia; while the island's seedling up to a standard calling for expressions of warmest appreciation from the critical.

There were also some fine specimens of silver and German prunes, prune-growing in this locality, and one resident having planted extensively with promise of substantial returns. In peaches some fine Crawford were shown, together with a seedling of Mr. B. H. Tomlin, superintendent of the island, which appears to be well adapted to the climate and conditions of the district.

During the afternoon the visitors and farmers had an opportunity of witnessing a practical illustration of modern fruit packing, given by the presence of Mr. A. T. Bassford, of Vancouver, whose useful instruction had been arranged for by the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association. Needless to say, perhaps, the illustration was worth a volume of papers or essays on the subject, no matter how thoroughly prepared.

Field crops, thanks largely to the moist weather of July and August, were larger and better than usual, while in horses some magnificent animals were decorated with the red-and-blue ribbons of merit, deserving the honorable distinction. There were competitions in running, jumping and driving, Mr. E. Abington being well to the front among the prize-winners.

In the number of entries, the show developed fully 40 per cent. growth upon the exhibition of 1888.

A FLORAL FESTIVAL.

Potted and Out Flowers in Splendid Variety—A Doubled Entry List—and The Band Contributes.

When it is stated that there were upwards of 650 entries for the collection of the Wellington District Horticultural, Agricultural and Industrial Society, held yesterday in the Masonic hall and on the Rectory grounds, Wellington, as against some thing less than 400 in 1888, some idea may be gathered of the signal success achieved by the association.

The attendance, too, was good, although the sports at Nanaimo and a fireman's excursion to Cumberland made extensive inroads upon the available population.

The residents of the district were out for profit rather than amusement, however, and the show was just what agriculturists and florists originally designed to be—a display of the best products of the district, without side-show features, the owners being present and comparison of notes, with a view to mutual helpfulness, being the order of the day.

The flowers were the feature of the show. There were some truly magnificent dahlias, stocks and collections of greenhouses and stove plants, while the sweet peas were superlatively fine, quite the equal of any display of this kind that has ever been made at the larger horticultural shows of the province.

Particular notice should be given to a gladiolus, Mr. A. C. Wilson, of the Comox Road Nursery, showing a beautiful harmony of shades and colors being the characteristic of the display, which was not for competition.

Another notable feature was a study in yellow and red table decoration—Mrs. P. H. Marshall being the creator of the dainty arrangement, which would have done high credit to the most skilled city florist's display.

In apples, pears and plums the display was excellent for the season—a marked improvement upon any previous show—the Lord Suffields in particular were

large and showy fruit, and the Wealthies an almost equally strong collection. In roots and vegetables the same all-round superiority noted at the Salt Spring show was to be commended, while in poultry a number of very handsome and high-scoring birds were sent by Mr. W. Spence, the superiors of which are possibly not to be found in any of the provinces. The birds were not for competition, or would undoubtedly have swept the field.

Whether united with the show had not been arranged so as not to conflict with so strong counter-attractions as it was forced to contend against yesterday will be a matter for conjecture. Still, more impressed as each year goes by, with the desirability of the neighbors, Wellington and Nanaimo, setting together to demonstrate in a thoroughly successful exhibition the truth of the axiom, "union is strength."

Whether united with the Nanaimo show or not, the managers of the Wellington fair would do well hereafter to give greater prominence to the placing and method of judging. Mixes were not infrequently yesterday, and in quite a number of instances, more particularly in the roots and vegetables, clearly superior products were necessarily passed over by the judges, as they were unmarked in the entries, tickets not being marked with an exhibitor's number that much confusion was caused, and although this year a number are still awaiting final adjudication.

The inspection of exhibits during the afternoon was enlivened with good music by the local band, while a great extra feature, not of the management's providing, Edwards, the celebrated Australian comedian, endeavored to entertain the Wellington folk in the same manner as he did Victorians on a certain well-remembered night at the A. O. U. W. hall. But the Wellingtonians were canny, an profits were small—if indeed the salesman did not come out at the wrong end for any profits.

Mr. P. Marshall is this year president of the agricultural association, the other officers being: Theo. Bryant, secretary; L. O'Brien, B. A., treasurer; and W. Spence and D. Stephenson, trustees.

Here are the prizes as awarded yesterday:

APPLES.

Gravelstein—J. Treloar 1, W. Roberts 2, J. Treloar 3, J. Treloar 4, R. F. Hickey 5, R. F. Hickey 6, R. F. Hickey 7, R. F. Hickey 8, R. F. Hickey 9, R. F. Hickey 10.

PEARS.

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STOCKS.

Gravelstein—J. Treloar 1, W. Roberts 2, J. Treloar 3, J. Treloar 4, R. F. Hickey 5, R. F. Hickey 6, R. F. Hickey 7, R. F. Hickey 8, R. F. Hickey 9, R. F. Hickey 10.

FLORAL.

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POULTRY AND PIGEONS.

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ROOTS AND VEGETABLES.

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A Meeting Of Giants.

Everything Ready for the Exhibition Tennis Tournament Start to-morrow.

Two Participants in Yesterday's Twenty-Mile Road Race at Saanich.

Arrangements are now complete for the exhibition lawn tennis tournament on the Belcher street courts to-morrow and Tuesday. Provided the weather is favorable, a record crowd is sure to be on hand, as the tennis will be of a character never before seen on British Columbia courts. In anticipation of this attendance, the committee has provided an extra stand on the east side of the grounds, capable of furnishing seats for at least 200 more spectators than at the August tournament. The admission will be 50 cents for each day, persons attending the morning games being furnished with pass-out checks, which will admit to the afternoon events. In order to prevent confusion at the gates, the committee request club members to sign their names in the members' book on entering. Programs will be furnished, and although it is probable that several impromptu events will be pulled off, the schedule, as already published, will be adhered to as far as practicable. The rule of permitting no one to pass behind the courts while the ball is in play will be enforced. An innovation in the providing of refreshments will be introduced, the end of the grounds covered by the wooden court having been handed over to the "Victoria Cafe Company," who will furnish tea at a nominal charge.

PORT ANGELES FERRY.

Mr. As Victorians are now approaching the question whether to vote for or against the Port Angeles by-law, allow me, Mr. Editor, to say something on the subject. Let us consider some of the good points of the scheme. As to saying there is not, and never will be enough freight handled here for a car ferry, we shall find on going into the matter, it is not so.

Those who were in Victoria or elsewhere at the time the C. P. R. bill was proposed will remember that a great number of seemingly sensible merchants and citizens were opposed to the plan, and that the first place, and in the second place that the Dominion government could not afford to pay for the construction of the ferry.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

CLEAN STREETS.

Mr. Editor: I am sure that no progressive citizen will disagree with you, that our streets should be kept free of paper.

As to whether merchants should be held responsible for their own front yards, I think that it would be a little further and say that our streets, residential as well as business, should be kept free of paper.

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ATLIN AND THE ALIEN PLACER MINDING AOT.

Mr. Editor: In the Rossland news I notice extracts from the speech of Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, referring to the alien minders of the A. T. & C. P. R. line.

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DAIRY PRODUCTS.

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Indian Orgie at Ninitan Has Serious Results—Coal Charters for Honolulu.

Skagway has had a second earthquake shock this time on Sunday week—and but two buildings in the place do not show the effects of the tremor.

On Sunday of Nainimo will sail for Los Angeles, leaving for Los Angeles on the m. The fare for the party orchestra will be placed.

E. H. Braden, on the gallery, discovered by Braden, as describing weeks ago, the Queen City. This can be traced centre is 4 feet of

There for those who at home. The hospitable ladies, determined that this from the establish- a yet better day date of the festival Friday next—and a extending the city of the pleasures of

The anniversary of the Methodist place in October, of the Methodist Westminister, will be a pulpit. A favor from Mr. Sippl also consented to the address of the Tuesday evening

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A gentleman from Sunday, on from the Terminal manager. The wife of the latter, who is a widow, has a fine experience what to locked the gates, save as much as his projects, and the fences, stripped or plants up by the on an almost every from the recent destruction is wit-

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One of the after- gives publicity Stratford, Ont., to J. Leslie Clay is in the pastorate of the church of the On- the case no one in it—certainly not en enjoyed a vaca- and is expected to Danube to-day. was at Skagway ed, but as she had lock room to also expected to a large party of reported by tele- the river, it is quite not be in until late

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Hayes, who had intended to come to the city, remained to ascertain the extent of his good fortune.

SEALERS COMING HOME. Several of the Victoria Fleet Pass Carmanah—Other Straits Reports.

Local owners of sealing craft were just beginning to expect some of the schoomers to appear in port, when, confirming their judgment, the report is received from Carmanah that several sealers pass- sail in on the Straits yesterday.

It is expected that a number will remain in the Sea until even later than last year, although the 15th of September is generally regarded as the departure date for home, and the majority will probably remain out no longer than this.

At midnight last evening Carmanah's re- sult in the Straits yesterday, south- wind; weather fine, clear and calm; sea smooth. Nothing passed Otter Point yesterday except a steamer's lights last evening. It was then too foggy to make her out.

ONE OF THE GROWN-UPS. Big Ship Elginshire on Berth at Liverpool for R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.

Probably the largest fleet of general merchandise carriers ever bound for this port at any one time from the Old Con- tinent, is the following: The Elginshire, berthed, consigned to R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. Half a dozen of the vessels included in it already been named and described in the "Colonist," and the others are being added to the list.

COAL-CARRIERS FOR HAWAII. A Fleet of Three Now Bound For Departure Bay to Receive Cargoes.

Partly through the extra demands of calling warships to or from Manila, and partly from a rapid increase in popula- tion and general shipping business, Honolulu is becoming a vastly improved market for British Columbia coal.

DELETED BY GALES. Tug Pilot Has a Rough Time on Her Trip From Frisco.

The tug Pilot, Captain Bisset, passed on Sunday night, with the coal barge Colfax, from San Francisco to Departure Bay, and returned to Victoria last evening.

THE WEST COAST. Rich Find at Hayes' Camp—Wreck Bay Sand Proves Profitable—Liquor Makes Trouble.

The steamer Queen City, which takes the West Coast run, in charge of Captain Hughes and his crew, consisted of a fast morning, arriving at about 3 o'clock.

Those who are constantly on the look- out for the solution of the mystery sur- rounding that phantom delirium of the West Coast, yesterday afternoon, at Otter Point reported the prize picked up and towing in toward Tuxedo up the coast with an American tug.

GOSSIP OF THE WATERFRONT. Odds and Ends of Marine News Con- densed for Convenience' Sake.

Steamer Mystery arrived down from Alert Bay on Sunday last, the cargo work there having ended with a pack maddened Sam, but not so severely as the Indian informant Johnnie had indi- cated, inasmuch as there is little danger of the man's injury proving fatal.

Steamer Victorian will hereafter ar- rive and depart from the outer wharf, her passengers being 8 a. m. among them E. C. Hawkins, general manager, and M. W. Irwin, traffic manager, of the Victoria and Alaska Steamship Com- pany; and C. E. Pesbody, general manager of the Alaska Steamship Com- pany.

Fire in the Mountains—An immense fire was raging all last night in the mountains over the Straits. What it is, or how costly, has yet to be disclosed.

Ferry Report Presented.

Special Committee of Council Reports on McKenzie Ferry Project.

Tenders Opened for Erection of Addition to Electric Light Station.

Chief among the matters coming before the city council for consideration last evening was the report of the special committee appointed to examine into the Mainland ferry scheme of McKenzie Bros. of Vancouver.

There were present the Mayor and Aldermen Kinsman, Williams, Raymond, MacGregor, Humphrey, Beckwith, Stewart, Hayward and Cameron.

Major C. T. Dupont wrote again re- closing of a ditch through his property, which in a previous communication he had to close. This he now requested to withdraw. The matter was referred to the City Engineer.

Mr. Dayburn wrote on behalf of the residents of Houghton street, Spring Ridge, requesting the city engineer to be built on that thoroughfare. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

It was moved that the report be tabled for consideration. Ald. Beck- with also wanted time in which to study the project out. Ald. Hayward re- served that only two members of the committee had signed the report, where- upon Ald. Brydon wanted to know if it was one committee or two.

Mr. MacGregor then gave his reason for not signing the report, as he thought the proposition not a business-like one, repeating practically what he had stated in an interview published in the Colonist last week.

Ald. Humphrey, on the other hand, thought the scheme a good one. After some crossing the report was carried. The electric light committee recom- mended that an electric lamp be placed on Howard street, between Edmondton road and Pembroke street, at an estimated cost of \$75.

The old difficulty over some sewer pipe existing between the city council and Mr. Keller was next brought up. Bay, with Mr. Keller's consent, the latter in full as if for new pipe. After arguments pro and con lasting for half an hour, it was eventually decided to pay for "rejection" pipe, involving an outlay of something like \$10 or \$15.

The Old Men's Home committee recommended that August Van Stickle be admitted into the home. The report was adopted.

The Mayor reported that the Port Angeles railway by-law was not ready. He wanted some explanation why it was not ready.

City Solicitor Bradburn, who was present, on being asked, said that on re- quest of Mr. Frank Higgins, solicitor for the Port Angeles ferry company, he con- sulted with Mr. Cushing before starting to frame the by-law, but was unable to see that gentleman until Sunday morning.

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS. Quebec to the Fore With Interesting Educational Reforms.

In the course of his speech at St. Michel on Sunday Hon. Mr. Marchand made the happy announcement that the distribution of free school books, which has been de- termined upon by the legislature, will begin this year.

A great deal of interest attaches to the experiment on which a beginning is now being made, as explained the debates of every pupil in the elementary schools a book which shall contain within its covers the whole course set for the work of the last year.

City Police Court.—Yesterday's ses- sion of the city police court was some- what longer than the preceding has been of late. In the first place, it took some time to dispose of the charge against Charles McCorkick of using threatening language to T. J. Brown, two weeks ago, who was night watchman and Boran fore- man of the Fort street paving work.

The foreman accused McCorkick of neglect- ing his work, and discharging his duty, was then the threatening language was used. McCorkick was bound over to keep the peace in the sum of \$200, him- self in \$100 and one or two sureties for the other hundred, or in default, 30 days with hard labor. Ike Roberts was fined \$15, or in default, one month for drunk- enness, and a charge against a Chinaman of refusing to pay his license was withdrawn, the license being paid.

Farm Produce At Paris.

Prof. Saunders Interesting the Government in an Agricultural Exhibition.

General Manager Clouston of the Bank of Montreal. Here Yesterday.

Professor William Saunders, superin- tendent of the Canadian experimental farms and one of the Paris exposition commissioners, is a guest at the Hotel Driard, having arrived from the East on Sunday. The professor is on one of his periodical trips west, visiting the government farms at Brandon, Manitoba Head and Agassiz, and also the principal agricultural districts. He came over the Crow's Nest Pass railway this trip and paid his first visit to the prairie provinces. Although his special line is agriculture, he has been much interested in the mines and was greatly pleased with the signs of pros- perity everywhere observed, effort was made to get a better idea of the agricul- ture of the prairie provinces, and where land can be obtained good crops could be raised.

For Deaf Mutes.—A meeting for the deaf children of this city, their parents and friends who are interested in their education, will be held at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon in the lodge-room of the A. O. U. W. building.

McArthur-Deighton.—At the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. William Drysdale, North Park street, the Rev. Dr. Campbell last evening celebrat- ed the marriage of Miss Mary McArthur, of Brandon, and Miss Annie Maud Deighton, of this city. The young couple will make Brandon their home.

Point Roberts Scheme.—The committee appointed some time ago by a citizens' meeting to secure data and report on the feasibility of the Point Roberts ferry scheme, will present their report at a meeting to be held on Wednesday evening at the Board of Trade rooms. The committee has been holding regular meetings since their appointment.

Was Not Lost.—George Christie, who left the Queen hotel several days ago without notifying the clerks, and who, it was feared, had met with some acci- dent, or had drawn attention to his belongings. He had simply gone to Vancouver on short notice, and had not had time to notify the hotel officials. His light trunk is still in the hotel, and it would be looked after at the Queen's.

Missionary Meeting.—A public mis- sionary meeting will be held in the Andrew's Presbyterian church on Wed- nesday evening next, to be addressed by the Rev. Dr. Wilson, who is a member of the Presbyterian Synod of British Columbia. The following are expected to be present: Rev. Dr. J. Robertson, Vancouver; Rev. Dr. J. W. Tolmie, New Westminster; Mr. D. McF. Gandler, Rossland; G. W. Wilson, Vernon; and J. C. Herdman, Calgary.

Harvest Thanksgiving.—The annual harvest thanksgiving service will be held at St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, next Sunday (Sat.) evening, at 7 o'clock. The Rev. Canon Beaulieu will be the preacher. The ladies of the con- gregation are very busy preparing for an interview with the superintendent of Mr. J. W. Tolmie, to decorate the church. For the accommodation of friends from the city, a bus will leave the Orient hotel, Yates street, at 2:45 p. m.

Laid at Rest.—The remains of the late Richard Henry Carr, who died at Santa Barbara, Cal., on the 5th inst., arrived yesterday by the steamship Unami- cilla, the funeral services being held at the parson from the family residence, Carr street, and the Reformed Episcopal church, Right Rev. Bishop Gedge, assist- ed by the Rev. Dr. Wilson officiating. The following gentlemen were pallbear- ers: Messrs. J. Martin, Ray Wilson, K. MacRae, J. Lawson, E. A. Powell, B. Goward.

A Day's Outing.—The fine weather has been prevailing, and the means of attracting a very large attend- ance to the sacred band concert to be given at Goldstream to-day. Trains will leave the P. & N. at 9 a. m., and at 2 p. m. for the pretty resort, and returning will leave Goldstream at 5:30 and 7:30 p. m., hours which will suit the majority of the country people. The concert is worth that, so that the ride alone is practically a free one.

To Register Voters.—Realizing that the more names there are on the voters' list, the greater will be the number of his candidates at the next election, the executive committee of the local opposi- tion party have taken steps to give ev- erybody an opportunity of registering. A meeting last evening it was left in the hands of the district chairman to see that every voter in their respective dis- tricts had his name placed on the list, and they were authorized to engage help if necessary. Mr. Richard Hall, M.P.P., has placed his office at the disposal of the committee, and will be on hand at- tendance at all hours to fill out and witness the necessary papers for applicants.

Banner Lodge.—The organization of the new lodge A. O. U. W. was com- pleted last evening, and the charter- ed Banner Lodge No. 6. There are al- ready over 100 members on the roll, with the prospect of a number more. P. G. M. Workmen, J. E. Church, E. J. Sel- mon and R. T. Williams; Grand Recor- der, J. T. McMullin officiated at the opening ceremony, and installed the following officers: Wm. J. Smith, P. M.; W. W. W. Rankins; overseer, Harry Ross; recorder, J. Gordon Smith; financier, A. G. Sar- son; receiver, H. S. Henderson; trust- ees, G. Langley, Dr. E. C. Hart and M. Guttman. The other officers will be appointed by the grand master.

Raymond-Whitcomb excursion party of 215 people, in charge of George P. Raymond, special Sunday and Monday in the city, as guests at the Driard. William Denance, E. Fudicker and E. R. Sparks and wife, of Dawson who came down on the Alpha, are at the Queen's.

George Mntter, George MacNeill and Thomas W. Adams, of the Dominion, are guests at the Driard. C. M. Beecher, of the Hastings mill, Vancouver, and his son T. L. Beecher, are guests at the Driard.

The Sam T. Shaw company of 23 people are guests at the Queen's during their stay in Victoria. J. C. Randolph is again a guest at the Victoria, having returned from Shaw- nigan Lake.

Mr. B. Ironsides Currie, of Dawson, one of the arrivals by the Alpha, is at the Victoria.



