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TWICE-A-WEEK EDITION

VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1904.

THE TORPEDO BOATS FOUGHT ALL NIGHT

Russian Account Says They Kept Up a Running Fight With the Japanese Until Early Wednesday Morning--The Sinking of a Battleship and Destroyer.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—5:52 a.m.—Rumors are current here that Vice-Admiral Togo sent in a number of steamers on the night of March 31st, and succeeded in sinking several of them and in blocking the channel of Port Arthur. The rumors cannot be confirmed at this hour.

The date referred to by the correspondent in the above dispatch, March 31st, is probably according to the old style calendar, by which the event would have taken place on April 12th, according to the new style calendar.

Plunged in Grief.—St. Petersburg, April 14.—The official bulletin conveying the intelligence of the loss of another torpedo boat destroyer and the accidental crippling of another battleship was almost as severe a blow as the loss of the Petropavlovsk yesterday, and plunged the whole town into a new grief. It is considered remarkable here that the destruction of the old style calendar, by which the event would have taken place on April 12th, according to the new style calendar.

After the official bulletins had been issued this afternoon there was talk of the possibility of the destruction of the Petropavlovsk having been caused by a submarine boat, but this received little credence in official circles.

It is confirmed that Grand Duke Cyril's injuries consist of burns on the neck and legs. A life buoy was thrown to Grand Duke Cyril, by which he escaped himself in the water until picked up by one of the boats which were lowered immediately by the other warships.

The exact character of the injuries to the Grand Duke is being ascertained. The Petropavlovsk sank two and a half minutes after striking the mine.

The Sinking of Battleship.—St. Petersburg, April 14.—The Associated Press obtained to-night what is practically the official version of the sinking of the battleship Petropavlovsk at Port Arthur, and it clears up, to a great extent, the mysterious features of that vessel's destruction. This version is as follows:

Retiring before the advance of a superior Japanese fleet, the Russian squadron approached the entrance to the harbor. It was shortly after 8 o'clock in the morning, and most of the officers and members of the crew were at breakfast on the flagship, Vice-Admiral Makaroff was eating breakfast in his cabin and the wardroom was crowded with officers. On the bridge Grand Duke Cyril, his friend and the other officers were on watch, examining the situation in which were stored the mazzines. Huge gaps were torn in the hull of the ship and the water rushed in. The centre of gravity having sunk, the ship rolled on her side and sank.

All information tends to prove that a mine was responsible for the destruction of the battleship.

The scene below will never be described as so far as known, not a single person on deck succeeded in escaping. The hot steam which scalded the men on deck indicated what must have been the character of the death met by those in the engine room. The men on deck were thrown in all directions, those falling into the water swimming and grasping the wreckage floated up in the vortex caused by the sinking of the ship.

The remainder of the squadron immediately stopped and lowered small boats, and torpedo boats steamed as quickly as possible to the rescue of the survivors.

Rear-Admiral Uri's statement that Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet was responsible for the sinking of the Petropavlovsk is the opinion entertained by the general staff. There is a disposition in some circles here to raise a controversy as to whether the explosion occurred inside or outside the battleship.

The Emperor this evening appointed Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Black Sea fleet, successor to the late Vice-Admiral Makaroff as commander-in-chief of the Russian navy forces in the Far East, and has telegraphed him to direct from Sebastopol to Port Arthur and assume command there.

Yasuli Vereschagin, the famous Russian painter of war scenes, was Vice-

Admiral Makaroff's guest on the Petropavlovsk. It is reported that he was lost with the ship. Nicholas T. Kravtchenko, the well-known Russian literary man, who was acting as correspondent of the Associated Press at Port Arthur, it is believed, went down with the battleship. Telegrams to him remain unanswered.

The exact number of Vice-Admiral Makaroff's staff on board the ship when she sank is unknown. She had a complement of about 650, of which 52 were saved at last accounts.

Was Ship Torpedoed?—London, April 15.—A news agency dispatch from Port Arthur, by way of St. Petersburg, says that after a fierce fight between torpedo boats on the night of April 12th, the squadron went out in the morning into the roads and took up combat with fourteen large Japanese vessels. At 10:20 in the morning, as the result of an explosion, the battleship Petropavlovsk sank with her crew. The dispatch then gives a partial list of those saved from the vessel. The battleship Pobieda, to which Rear-Admiral Prince Okulskiy had transferred his flag, the dispatch continues, is damaged on the water line. The enemy, the correspondent concludes, attempted to escape an open fight, remaining at a distance of 45 cable lengths. The Russian squadron ran back into the harbor under command of Prince Okulskiy.

The Daily Mail's Chefoo correspondent declares that advices from both Russian and Japanese sources indicate that the battleship was torpedoed. Admiral Makaroff, the correspondent says, was enticed outside and the Japanese submarines were lying in wait, waiting for the blow as he was nearing the harbor on the return.

WEDNESDAY'S FIGHT.—Port Arthur Dispatch Tells of Sinking of the Torpedo Boat Destroyer.

Port Arthur, April 14.—An engagement occurred at 6 o'clock yesterday morning between Russian torpedo boats and the cruiser Bayan and the Japanese fleet. The torpedo boat destroyer Bezstrashni was sunk. Five of the torpedo boat destroyers, with the Bayan, returned at 7 a.m. The Russian squadron was surrounded by the three Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and sank.

their Port Arthur attacks are given color by a statement credited to a retired naval officer in this city. He declares it to be the only way in which one can account for the succession of disasters met by the Russian ships.

"It is incredible," he said, "that ships which undoubtedly have charts of the mines aboard should be blown up by them. One of the first things Vice-Admiral Makaroff did when he reached Port Arthur was to survey the harbor and locate the mines. 'What is the sense of these constant bombardments if they are not feints made in order to entice the Russian ships out. Theories that the Petropavlovsk struck her own mine or that the Japanese planted a mine during a night attack are untenable, and we know that the Japanese have submarines.' A United States naval officer landed at the Wring dock, an apparently unused wharf in a Japanese town, before the war, and saw a submarine surrounded on three sides by high fences, so that it was visible only from the water side. Before he had an opportunity to examine it, Japanese soldiers on guard drove him away. They were so highly indignant that he should have caught sight of the boat at all."

JAPANESE REPORT.—Rear-Admiral Says Torpedoes Were Responsible For Sinking of Battleship.

Paris, April 15.—The Japanese legation says Rear-Admiral Uri's report shows that Japanese torpedoes sank the Petropavlovsk and damaged the Pobieda, and declares that the reports that submarine boats did the damage are incorrect, as the Japanese fleet had no submarine boats. The Japanese legation pays a high tribute to the late vice-admiral.

HEARD FIRING.—There May Have Been Another Engagement Off Port Arthur on Thursday.

Chefoo, April 15.—2 p.m.—Admiral Tash, in command of the Chinese cruiser squadron, reports that he heard intermittent firing in the direction of Port Arthur all day yesterday (Thursday).

SINKING OF BATTLESHIP.—Russian Officials Deny It Was Result of Being Struck by Torpedo.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—The naval staff here has information confirming last night's report that the Japanese have succeeded in blocking the entrance of the harbor of Port Arthur.

Grand Duke Boris is being brought back to Russia, by command of the Emperor. At the Vladimir Palace the correspondent of the Associated Press was informed this morning of the receipt of a reassuring telegram from Liao Yang, where the Grand Duke has arrived with his brother Boris.

The admiralty authorizes the Associated Press to deny Vice-Admiral Togo's claim that the Japanese sank the Petropavlovsk in a fight off Port Arthur. The official declares positively that there was no naval engagement, excepting the torpedo boat destroyer fight, either preceding or following the loss of the battleship.

Russia has formally acceded to Japanese request, made through the United States, to allow 600 Japanese refugees and the Japanese consular staff of the Island of Sakhalin (in the North Pacific) to depart for Japan. They will be taken off in a neutral ship, which will be arranged for by the Washington authorities.

GRAND DUKE'S ESCAPE.—Swept From Battleship and Was Picked Up by One of the Destroyers.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—A telegram from Grand Duke Boris to Grand Duke Vladimir, dated at Liao Yang, yesterday, gives Grand Duke Cyril's account of his escape from death in the disaster to the Petropavlovsk.

According to his story Cyril fell at the moment of the explosion to the port side of the bridge, and from there he lowered himself to the deck. He was then swept away by an immense wave, and sank to a considerable depth, but succeeded in regaining the surface. By his own efforts he caught a floating fragment of the Petropavlovsk's launch, to which he clung for about ten minutes when he was picked up by the destroyer Bezstrashni.

UNCONFIRMED RUMOR.—That Grand Duke Cyril Is Dead—Last Telegram He Was Improving.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—3:25 p.m.—Persistent rumors are current here that Grand Duke Cyril is dead, but the representative of the Associated Press cannot secure any information. On the contrary, Lieut.-General Prince Galtsine, master of the Grand Duke Vladimir's household, is the Associated Press authority for the statement that the telegram received this morning reported the condition of the Grand Duke Cyril as being better.

WAS IT WORK OF SUBMARINE?—Retired Naval Officer on the Disaster to Russians at Port Arthur.

New York, April 15.—Expressions from St. Petersburg of the belief that the Japanese are using submarine boats in

escaping to a near-by refuge. The report does not mention any loss of life, nor does it give the cause of the fire, but the recent political unrest in the Korean capital leads to fears that the destruction of the palace was the work of the rebellious element.

SITUATION IN RUSSIA.—Reports From Vienna State That There Is Considerable Unrest.

New York, April 15.—A cable to the Times from Vienna says:

Under reports are afloat regarding the situation in Russia, but no confirmation of them has been received save an account of a bomb outrage in St. Petersburg, and reports of demonstrations against the war by workmen at Khar-koff. All accounts agree that the Russian state of mind is depressed both for military and financial reasons, while the Czar is said to be inclined to despondency. Fancy doubtless plays a large part in these reports, but as Vienna has been in comparatively close touch with St. Petersburg since the commencement of the war, it would not be surprising if the present forebodings possess some foundation in fact."

Admiral Makaroff and the sinking of the Petropavlovsk.

Wireless Telegraphy.—Washington, April 15.—The Russian government has given notice that newspaper correspondents using wireless telegraphy will be treated as spies and shot.

THE BOMBARDMENT.—According to Russian Accounts One of Japanese Cruisers Was Damaged.

Port Arthur, April 15 (Delayed in transmission).—At six o'clock this morning a small Japanese squadron appeared on the horizon and soon drew off, but at about 10 o'clock a hostile fleet, numbering 23 vessels, was again sighted. They formed in two divisions, one taking up a position beyond Cape Liao Shang, the southern extension of the peninsula on which Port Arthur is situated, shelling the shore and the Tiger peninsula, while the other bombarded Golden Hill and other batteries from a point opposite the roadstead.

the Turkish-Russian war, both distinguishing themselves.

One paper reviewing the naval situation, argues that there is no cause for despair, the ships left at Port Arthur and Vladivostok still constituting what Captain Mahan calls a "fleet in being," which leaves the Japanese not free to act.

The first two brigades of the line of Siberia, twelve brigades have been ordered to be converted into nine divisions, increasing their numerical strength to about 100,000 men.

The Russ prints a sensational telegram from Moscow, saying its correspondent has been notified during the last three days that the Chinese are hurriedly leaving that city owing, it is said, to orders received from China. The report is ridiculed as the Chinese legation here, where it is said that the relations between China and Russia are good, the case of friction regarding the Japanese instructors with the Chinese army having been satisfactorily removed as set forth in these dispatches on April 14th.

PLACED MINES AT NIGHT.—Message From Togo Regarding the Sinking of the Petropavlovsk.

Tokio, April 16.—9:30 p.m.—Admiral Togo reports that in the attack on Port Arthur on Tuesday night the Japanese sunk mines at midnight, and at 8 in the morning drew the Russian ships out 15 miles from the port. The Petropavlovsk struck a Japanese mine and was sunk.

ALEXIEFF'S ARRIVAL.—The Victory Has Hoisted His Flag on the Sevastopol.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—Viceroy Alexieff took over the command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur this afternoon and raised his flag on board the battleship Sevastopol.

ON THE YALU.—Twenty Thousand Russians Will Oppose the Invasion of Manchuria by Mikado's Soldiers.

Tokio, April 16.—Private advices from Korea confirm the reported massing of 20,000 Russian troops on the right bank of the Yalu river, with the object of opposing the Japanese invasion of Manchuria. Although it is unknown when and where the Japanese will effect a crossing of the Yalu, it is still believed that what remains of the fleet will pass a narrow strait without serious loss.

An error was made in translating a cipher telegram giving the number of Russian killed on a skirmish at Yalu river last Tuesday, west of Wiju, the number was given as 22, but the number actually killed was only three.

JAPANESE ARRESTED.—Two Officers Confessed They Intended to Blow Up Railway.

Harbin, Manchuria, April 16.—Two Japanese officers of the general staff have arrived here under strict escort, having been arrested by the railroad guards about eighteen miles from this place. They were dressed as Tibetans. In their tents were found thirty pounds of explosives, a fuse, a string of keys to unlock the mine, and they evidently intended to blow up the bridge over the Nonni river, near Fullard.

The prisoners displayed great coolness, confessing that it was their intention to destroy the railroad.

RECEIVED BY EMPEROR.—Korea's Ruler Has Recovered From Shock Caused by Burning of Palace.

Seoul, April 15.—8 p.m.—The Emperor received in audience this evening the members of the diplomatic corps. The Emperor had apparently recovered from the shock caused by the burning of the palace, and was calm, making inquiries as to the health of the ladies of the legations, etc. His intimates report that he is still nervous, however.

Many Koreans believe that the burning of the palace has a political significance, in that it will force the Emperor to return to the Kyeong Bok Palace, in the outskirts of the city, where the Queen was assassinated in 1895, and from which the Emperor fled to the Russian legation. The Emperor, however, refused to return, claiming that the palace is haunted by the murdered Queen. He prefers to remain in the Imperial library in the Kins-Ed-Ecken building, where he took refuge during the fire, until the palace is rebuilt.

The electric plant, which was totally destroyed, together with thousands of dollars' worth of instruments and machinery, has been reinstated.

The heaps of smouldering ruins are being guarded by a cordon of vigilant soldiers stationed one foot and a half apart around and within the walls. The superstitious populace is excited and depressed over the fire, regarding it as an evil portent.

The fire furnished a wonderful spectacle. The steep mountains about the city were lighted up as though it were day, and hurrying crowds of French, Koreans and Japanese troops arrived on the scene in double quick time. All Korean government records and accounts are lost, together with much treasure. The loss is estimated at three million dollars.

H. P. Dickinson, manager for the Grant Express Co., for the Keesleys, is in the city on a brief business visit.

MAKAROFF'S SUCCESSOR.—Appointment of Vice-Admiral Skrydloff Gives Great Satisfaction.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—Vice-Admiral Skrydloff's appointment to command the naval forces at Port Arthur has been received with great satisfaction by both the navy and the public. He is a great favorite with the jockies, Skrydloff is considered to be one of the ablest seamen and strategists in the Russian navy. He is the natural successor of Makaroff, whose comrade he was during

D RIVER IS FALLING STEADILY

ANGER OF FLOOD NOW APPEARS OVER

Farmer Drowned While Crossing the Pipestone River—Body of Mail Carrier Found.

Empress, April 18.—The water is going down steadily in the river, and no in the Red River valley is Antler. The water in the city is five feet high water mark.

Body Found. The body of Frank Finn, who was lost February during a storm in Moose strains, has been found. He was a carrier.

Boy Lost. The eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mason, of Eton, was lost last week. Portage is Prairie.

The total value of property in Portage is \$2,500,000. The population is 5,000.

Dry Kiln Burned. About 1 o'clock this morning, the kiln of the Rat Portage Lumber Co. at Portage was completely destroyed.

President Todd presided, and there was a large attendance. After the usual preliminaries the president reviewed the business transacted by the board during the last quarter.

In regard to the Dominion fair he observed that a committee of the board had considered the question at several meetings and were doing their utmost to have the exhibition here.

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BOARD COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE

CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST SECRETARY

A Lively Time at Regular Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon—Reports of Committees.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Victoria Board of Trade on Friday afternoon started somewhat like the hostilities in the Far East—in a rather strikingly lively fashion.

The report of the committee on harbor commissioners was then read, as follows: (1) Your committee finds that boards of harbor commissioners have been created by Dominion statute for the ports of Toronto, Quebec, Montreal, Pictou, Eureka, and North Sydney, C.B.N., with power to levy tolls, erect wharves, etc., in addition to the general control of the respective harbors.

(2) Your committee would point out that it is of paramount importance that the regulations enforced at Victoria should be adapted to the special conditions existing on the Pacific coast.

(3) Your committee cannot too strongly express its opinion that it would be of great value to the trade of Victoria and of Canada, and of assistance to the Dominion government in understanding the special needs and conditions of this coast.

(4) Your committee would suggest that such boards of harbor commissioners should consist of five members, the Dominion government, two appointed by the Dominion agent, two appointed by the city of Victoria and one by the board of trade.

(5) Your committee would urge that the conditions existing on this coast are different to those existing on the east coast of Canada.

(6) The subjects which would more particularly come under the consideration of the board suggested by your committee would be:

"The improvement of the harbor. "The inspection of all vessels. "The shipping of crews.

"The supervision of all wharves so far as this was necessary for public safety. "Lights and buoys within the harbors of Victoria and Esquimalt.

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once and the matter settled, otherwise it would hang over indefinitely. Finally the amendment was proposed and carried. Mr. Morley will appoint two members of the committee and Mr. Elworthy two, and the president will be asked to preside.

Growers' Association, enclosed the following resolution passed by the association on the 15th of January, 1904:

"Whereas, a large percentage of the jams and jellies labelled 'genuine and pure' which are offered for sale within this province are adulterated;

"And, whereas, the low prices quoted on these articles secure for them a ready sale to the disadvantage of the pure article, and whereas, the interests of the manufacturers of pure goods, the fruit growers and the public generally, are thereby injured;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that this association urgently requests the representatives of British Columbia in the Dominion House to use their influence with the government in securing the immediate enforcement of the Pure Foods Act.

"And further, be it resolved, that this association respectfully, but most strongly, urges the Dominion government to extend to the fruit canning and preserving industry of this country the same system of aid already extended other industries, by enabling them to buy their raw material at the lowest possible cost, and that to this end the duty on sugar used in canning and preserving and on packages used for holding canned or preserved fruit be remitted."

The committee on manufactures reported as follows on this communication: "Your committee recommends that the board endorse the resolution of the Fruit Growers' Association and Exchange Ltd., urging the enforcement of the Pure Foods Act by the Dominion government, but do not prepared to buy their raw material at the lowest possible cost, and that to this end the duty on sugar used in canning and preserving fruit, and on packages used for holding canned or preserved fruit be remitted."

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CHAMPIONSHIP IS STILL UNDECIDED

PALM FOR LAST YEAR YET TO BE AWARDED

So Lacrosse Association Has Declared—The Annual Meeting—Gold Tournament Concluded.

The British Columbia Lacrosse Association, which was organized on the 1st of July, 1903, is still undecided, and a match to settle the superiority of the teams will be played off on May 14th on grounds to be decided upon by both the interested clubs.

This course was decided upon at the annual meeting of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association, which was held on Saturday at the Hotel Vancouver.

The meeting convened at 3 o'clock, with President H. Ryall, of New Westminster, in the chair, and the following delegates present: Vancouver, E. A. Quinn, R. H. York, and A. E. Suckling; New Westminster, A. W. Gray, Robert Jardine and A. Turnbull; Victoria, J. Mellis, George Snider and R. Jesse.

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PRINCESS VICTORIA SUCCEEDS BEATRICE

On Wednesday Next the Steamship Princess Victoria Will Replace the Princess Beatrice on the Victoria and Seattle Run.

This statement was authorized by Capt. Troup this morning. He says that the ship will not take the Vancouver route until the Imperial limited train service has been arranged in connection with which the steamer is to be operated.

The importance of this fine steamer on the Sound run can hardly be estimated. Victoria has already felt the benefit of the C. P. R. Sound service, and there can be no doubt that the Victoria will stimulate travel to a still greater extent than the Princess Beatrice, fine ship though the latter is.

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THE SCHOOL BY-LAW.

The defeat of the school by-law by the ratepayers Thursday places the trustees in a rather serious predicament. They are called upon by the law to provide certain accommodations for the taxpayers...

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POSSIBILITIES

In England the prophets are lifting up their voices and warning the people that the time of their declension as a nation is at hand unless they take heed and mend their ways.

Enlarging on this subject, one of the latter day prophets of England traced in vivid phrases the growth of the pleasure-seeking instinct in ancient Greece, and the attendant neglect of the sanctity of the marriage state...

there is no power on earth that can check the symptoms of decay. In our case the teaching and warnings of history are at our service, but doubtless in the pursuit of our ideals they will be unheeded.

INDIA, THIBET AND RUSSIA.

The British government, possibly not unreasonably, is being subjected to a great deal of criticism on account of the expedition it has sent into Thibet. Most of the strictures are founded upon ignorance of the facts.

It is said that by nature Thibet is admirably adapted for the purposes of a buffer state. In marked contrast with India, it is a poor and sterile country.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S INTERESTS

Outsiders are deeply impressed with the importance to Canada of the proposed new transcontinental railway. It is only in the Dominion itself that one hears the project condemned.

adian territory, says: "There is no exaggeration in the telegraphic statement of the enterprise that the scheme is the most important railway project mooted in the American Northwest, as the line, if built, will tap a large number of important gold fields on the way to Dawson City, all of which are now practically inaccessible, and consequently imperfectly developed."

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ANOTHER RAILWAY FOR THIS CITY PROMOTERS NOW HERE SEEKING ASSISTANCE

Connection to Be Made With U. S. Lines and via Vancouver Island With Alaska.

In spite of the attempts at various times to prove that Victoria's insular position deprives her of the chances to become a great shipping centre, from time to time it is found that great transportation companies turn their attention to this city in an endeavor to make it the terminus of their trans-continental railway lines, and the connecting point for Oriental and northern trade.

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It is essential that something definite should be done with respect to the British Columbia end of the scheme, as the New York interests seek an early decision. With the United States government guaranteeing 5 per cent. on the railways built in the Philippine Islands, capital for railway construction is naturally being diverted in that direction, and it cannot be expected that the eight or nine millions involved in this great undertaking should remain locked in uncertainty.

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VICTORIA WEST INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL TEAM—PROVINCIAL AND CITY CHAMPIONS. This team has established a reputation rivalling that of the seniors. After capturing the six-game series of city league matches, the boys challenged the Nanaimo provincial champions. The latter accepted and the deciding match took place several weeks ago at the drill hall. It was won by the local aggregation, after what might be called a somewhat tame game. The Victoria West intermediate team has gone through the season without having met with one defeat.

rooms. Among those injured was a naval cadet.

GRAIN RATES.

No Spring Reduction in the Tariff From Chicago to the East.

Chicago, April 15.—Eastern traffic officials at their meeting here have decided not to make the customary spring reduction in rates on grain and grain products from Chicago to the East. This will leave the tariff on domestic grain and grain products from Chicago to New York, by the all-rail rates, at 20 cents per hundred pounds, or two cents higher than last summer.

L. McMillan returned on Thursday from Portland, where he has been taking a course in medicine.

Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder

IS A CATARRH CURE THAT CURES COLDS AND CATARRH. Actually, positively, indisputably, irrefutably, Cures Colds and Catarrh! Not always with first application, although even that invariably brings relief in 10 minutes. But it Cures, it Cures Colds and Catarrh! Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills cure Liver Ills. 40 doses 10 cents.

VICTORIA'S FIRST DIRECTORY

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position in favor of the proposition largely signed by Victoria merchants, who realize in the scheme an opportunity to attract capital to Vancouver Island resources.

Cain is anxious to have something at once, as those interested financiers wanting a definite answer. It is important that no time be lost with the opening of the social meeting of Monday evening. If the work is to go on.

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corner of Yates and Government, where the B. C. Market now does business. The second is the store of Webster & Co., Yates street, the building now occupied by Bissinger & Co., hide dealers. Mr. Jesse Cooper, who is a resident of Menzies street, James Bay, was a partner in the firm, and a cousin of the Websters, and has after many years connection with the business retired to enjoy the result of his success in this business. Janion & Green, commission merchants, foot of Johnson street, near the bridge, come next. The firm was afterwards Janion, Green & Rhodes; the latter was the respected father of Mr. Rhodes, of the firm of Brackman & Ker Milling Co., and was Hawaiian consul, having previously been in business in Honolulu. The business house of A. Hoffmann, dry goods, northwest

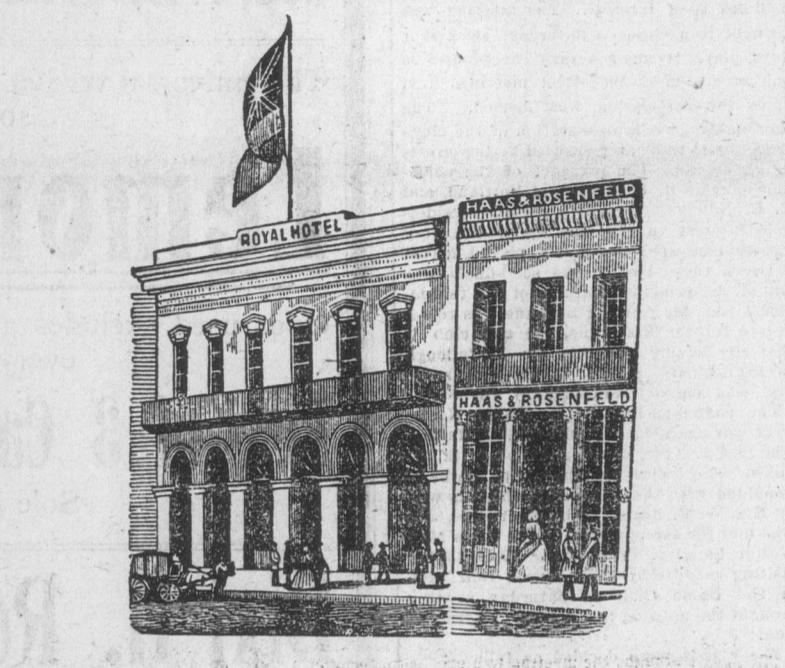
BY EDGAR FAWCETT.

Just 44 years ago this month was issued the first directory of Victoria, Vancouver Island, by Edward Mallandaine architect, who continued to issue a Victorian directory at intervals for years afterwards. Through the kindness of Mr. Mallandaine, who is a pioneer of 1858, I am enabled to review this relic of early and interesting times, for those of us who remember them as "the of our old times." I shall here give some of the authors "Prefatory Remarks":

"It has been thought by the author of the following work that the present being an anniversary of the period has felt a desire to give to our fair town of Victoria an index of sufficient importance to denote that index of commercial progress, serve that about 35,000 immigrants from California and elsewhere have arrived, and have produced a most marvelous state of transition in the two counties (Vancouver Island and British Columbia) a number of wharves have been constructed this past season, a new timber bridge across James Bay has been built, giving access to the newly-erected bulkheads for Public lands and Government houses, which are of an ornamental character. Streets leading to the bridge have been graded and metalized over, and are passable at all times. A temporary want of funds alone prevents more being done in this way, as also the completion of two embankments (filled of bridges) in a ravine (Johnson street, I think, E. P.). Wooden buildings have ceased to be the order of the day. We have been fortunate in hitherto escaping with but one single disaster in coping with our public-spirited citizens taking the lead, a Hook and Ladder Company has been organized, and subscription raised to defray the necessary cost of a building and a Hook and Ladder Apparatus and an Engine. We have a large book-store (Hibben & Carswell); two hotels of considerable dimensions, "Royal Victoria" and several houses, all erected in brickwork. The Hudson's Bay Company are erecting a warehouse of pretentious dimensions, of a warehouse they import from a distance more than 40 miles, and a new bank, Bank of British North America, Great demands are made for a Public Hall for meetings, and the want of a well known firm, viz., A. Gilmore, merchant tailor, Yates street, fourth door from Waddington alley, and K. Gambitz, Yates street, next to Bank of British North America. He was an American Hebrew, and sold out to Thomas & Wm. Wilson, who for many years conducted the business on Government street as the "City House."

James Bell, general hardware, Johnson street; Robertson, Stewart & Co., commission merchants, Yates street; "Bayley's Hotel," which was on the site of the Pritchard house, now being transformed into a bank; Spurgin & Co., furniture dealers, Yates street; Wells, Fargo & Co., Express & Exchange Co., C. C. Pendergast, accountant, Yates street, between Wharf and Government streets; G. Huston, gunsmith, Yates street, below Wills, Fargo & Co.; Langley Bros., wholesale and retail druggists, Yates street; J. D. Carroll, wines and liquors, wholesale, Yates street; Reid & Macdonald, commission merchants, Wharf street; Wm. Burlington Smith, grocer, Government street, near Yates; Selim, Franklin & Co., auctioneers and land agents, Yates street. I think all these names will be familiar to some of

baths for all ailments. One morning when his furniture store which then occupied the site of the Colonist building, not opening up at the usual hour, the door was broken open, and Mr. Seymour was found dead in his cold bath. He was a good-hearted man, and a good friend to many. Lester & Gibbs, the colored grocers, Yates street, between Wharf and Government streets; Adolph Sotro & Co., wholesale cigars and tobacco, corner Wharf and Yates streets; A. Blackman, stoves and tinware, Yates street, near Wharf; N. Moore & Co., Yates street, opposite Stationers' hall, dry goods and clothing, Pioneer Mineral Water Works, Humboldt street, south side, Phillips & Co., E. Mallandaine, architect, Broad street, near Yates; Macdonald & Co., bankers, Yates street. Of this bank I have a



THE ROYAL HOTEL IN 1860. The above is said to have been the first brick block completed in Victoria. It stood on the site of the present Occidental hotel, corner of Wharf and Johnson streets.

lively recollection, as its career came to an end suddenly by the discovery being made one morning that the bank had been robbed and all been made through the roof! I have 83¢ of my notes to remember it by. W. F. Herro, News Depot, Yates street, between Wharf and Government streets; W. H. Oliver, Johnson street, opposite Wharf street, wholesale dealer in liquors (situated over the ravine); O. J. Midwell & Co., furniture dealers, Yates street; Wells, Fargo & Co., Express & Exchange Co., C. C. Pendergast, accountant, Yates street, between Wharf and Government streets; G. Huston, gunsmith, Yates street, below Wills, Fargo & Co.; Langley Bros., wholesale and retail druggists, Yates street; J. D. Carroll, wines and liquors, wholesale, Yates street; Reid & Macdonald, commission merchants, Wharf street; Wm. Burlington Smith, grocer, Government street, near Yates; Selim, Franklin & Co., auctioneers and land agents, Yates street. I think all these names will be familiar to some of

the early pioneers, as they are to me. Public Departments of Vancouver Island For 1860.

Governor—James Douglas, C. B. Legislative Council—His Excellency the Governor, Hon. John Work, Hon. Roderick Finlayson, Hon. David Cameron, Judge, Hon. Donald Fraser, clerk; Rev. Edward Geisge.

House of Assembly—Members for Esquimalt—J. S. Holmcken, M. D.; Speaker: Capt. Cooper, harbor master, and Capt. J. Gordon; Members for Victoria District—W. F. Tolmie, M. D.; A. D. Waddington, H. P. P. Crease, barrister; G. H. Cary, Attorney-General, B. C., and Selim Franklin, local solicitor; C. Collet, Vancouver—A. R. Green, Lake District—Major Foster, Salt Spring; J. J. Southgate, Methosin—J. McDonald.

Ecclesiastical—R. R. George Hills, Bishop of British Columbia; Rev. Edward Cridge, Victoria; Rev. R. Dundas, Esquimalt; Rev. R. Dawson, Craigflower.

Judicial—Hon. David Cameron, judge Supreme court; Attorney-General, Geo. H. Cary, sheriff, G. W. Heaton.

Colonial Secretary's Office—W. A. G. Young, R. N., colonial secretary; clerks, Philip Nind, Joseph Porter.

Treasury—Capt. W. D. Gossett, R. E., treasurer.

Lands and Works—J. D. Pemberton, colonial surveyor; surveyors and draughtsmen, B. W. Pearce, H. O. Tedieman.

Police—A. F. Pemberton, J. P., commissioner; police; superintendent, Joe Bayley, four sergeants and twelve constables.

Postmaster, Victoria, J. D. Ewens; clerk, J. Morrison.

Harbor Master—J. Nagle, J. P. Postage—To Australia, via England, 48c; to France, 50c. To Great Britain, 34c; Germany, 40c.

It will be seen that postage was high and letters a great luxury, and I have only mentioned the four principal countries we have an interest in, also to call attention to the number of police constables required in those early days, there being a total of seventeen.

REPINERY IN FLAMES.

The Domingo Note Amounts to Nearly \$500,000 and Fire Still Rages.

Beaumont, Tex., April 18.—The explosion of an agitator at the No. 3 refinery of the Gulf Refining Company at Port Arthur has resulted in the almost total destruction by fire of the refinery, with a loss of nearly half a million dollars. Three men were injured, one fatally, while fighting the flames. The fire is still burning, and at no time has it been under control. Three 37,000 barrel tanks have blown their tops off and are burning. Flames from them shot into the air fully 200 feet.

The No. 3 refinery is said to be the largest independent refinery in the world, and the largest of any character in Texas. It is capitalized at \$1,000,000.

LONDONER WILL PRESIDE.

St. Louis, April 18.—Sir Hugh Gilson-Reid, of London, founder and first president of the Institute of Journalists, has accepted the invitation to preside at the World's Press Parliament.

SCALE OF WAGES FOR CHINESE WORKMEN

Will Insist on 75 Per Cent. of the Contractors—Scarcity of Cannery Employees.

A prominent member of the Chinese Contractors' and Cannery Workers' Association expresses the opinion that the proprietors of the different Fraser river canneries will experience difficulty in securing a sufficient number of Chinese would therefore not be required. It was doubtful, however, whether a sufficient number of ordinary employees could be procured for the seventeen canneries mentioned.

It was stated further that the intention of the Chinese Contractors' and Cannery Workers' Association was to abide by their by-laws as revised in spite of any action that might be taken by the canners. It had been decided that no single contract would be entered into to pack fish unless the canners guaranteed the price of 75 per cent. of their contracts.

This will be enforced is shown by the stringent manner one of the members was dealt with for attempting a violation of the amended constitution. He was fined \$1,000 on the spot, and realized

A REGATTA FOR VICTORIA DAY

CITIZENS' MEETING NAMES COMMITTEES

Preparations for Annual Event Will Begin at Once for Celebration of May 24th.

At a meeting of the citizens of Victoria, held in the city hall last evening, it was decided to celebrate May 24th in the usual way. A regatta on the Arm will be the great feature of the day. Later a programme of sports may be arranged for the forenoon. A sports committee was appointed last evening and will report later on as to whether there should be field sports or not.

His Worship Mayor Barnard presided and Mr. Moresby was appointed secretary.

After deciding upon a single day's celebration, Tuesday, May 24th, those present resolved themselves into a committee to take general charge of the event. Additions were made to the committee also. As finally constituted the general committee, with power to add to its members, consists of the following:

His Worship the Mayor and aldermen, the members of the government and local legislators, the officers of the Fifth Regiment, the Tourist Association, W. T. Hardaker, N. Shakespear, W. H. Price, A. E. Greenwood, B. S. Oldy, L. Goodacre, Dr. G. L. Milne, Dr. R. H. Carter, G. W. Anderson, Thomas Watson, H. L. Salmon, C. E. Redfern, R. H. Swinerton, A. E. MacEachern, G. A. Lilley, J. Creed, Jr., T. G. Hitt, H. D. Helmecken, C. K. Courtney, W. C. Moresby, C. A. Lombard, A. J. Dallain, Thos. Cashmore, R. Davies, N. Shorrock, Rich. Jackson, Al. Cameron, Sam. Turpel, C. F. Banfield, A. Peden, George Burnes, E. P. Chapman, J. Parritt, F. L. Smith, Capt. J. G. Cox, Capt. Troup, Chief Lawless, Capt. Boyd, J. A. Virtue, C. L. Cullin, ex-Mayor McCandless, ex-Mayor Hayward, T. Deasy, G. Jeeves, E. C. Smith, Miss Ames Deans, Cameron, G. Harris, J. H. Lawson, Jr., Steve Jones, B. E. Leason, T. Jones, H. Harris and J. S. Yates.

It was decided to invite Commodore Goodrich and the officer of the navy and the officers of the army and the militia to co-operate in the celebration.

The Mayor and city council were made ex-officio members of all committees.

It was decided to have the nomination of the finance committee in the hands of the Mayor.

A regatta committee was appointed as follows: Capt. Cox, Capt. Troup, Noah Shakespear, Capt. Dallain, W. H. Price, Gore, J. H. Lawson, Capt. Gaudin, Capt. Clarke, C. E. Redfern, J. S. Yates, officers of the J. B. A. A. and Chief Cooper.

It was decided to illuminate the city on the occasion, and the following committee was appointed in that connection: H. Dallas Helmecken, Capt. J. A. Dallain, Dr. Milne, W. H. Price, Chief Watson, Miss Cameron and Hardaker.

A printing and band committee was appointed as follows: Noah Shakespear, W. Price, Chas. L. Cullin, Ald. Osgay, and C. H. Lagrin.

A sports committee was appointed as follows: Chief Watson, C. L. Cullin, R. Jackson, Ald. Oddy, Mr. Bolton and W. E. Ditchburn.

It was decided to vote \$100 as an appropriation for the printing and band committee for immediate use.

The sub-committee were given power to add to their number.

It was decided to ask E. C. Smith to act as treasurer.

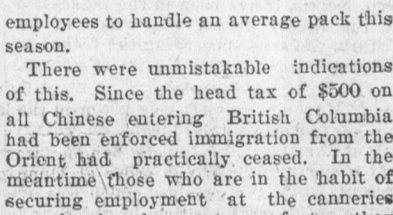
The city council will be asked for the usual grant.

The Mayor and council were appointed a reception committee.

H. Salmon, referring to the collection of funds, pointed out that business men alone was usually called upon to contribute to the celebration. There was in the city a large class whom he felt satisfied would readily respond also if asked to do so. This was the class of retired gentlemen.

The finance committee was advised to keep this suggestion in mind.

An adjournment was taken until Tuesday evening, April 20th, when the sub-committees will report as to the proposed programme and the amount required.



CAMBITZ'S STORE, 1860. The above was the first dry goods store in Victoria. In the doorway is seen a lady wearing the crinoline, a model of which is suspended in the doorway above.

employees to handle an average pack this season.

There were unmistakable indications of this. Since the head tax of \$500 on all Chinese entering British Columbia had been enforced immigration from the Orient had practically ceased. In the meantime those who are in the habit of securing employment at the canneries were leaving the country as fast as they could earn their fares East. The large number of openings in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba had attracted attention, while many had secured permanent employment at a large factory at Lethbridge. The continual exodus to the points mentioned had considerably lessened the number of men available for employment in the canneries.

All the skilled Chinese workmen, it was predicted, would be forced to find employment in canneries not included in the B. C. Packers' Association. As the latter organization intended only operating seventeen canneries, all the unemployed men from the forty-four canneries controlled by them had been distributed among the seventeen active plants, and would be utilized for the next pack.

Chinese workmen skilled in can-making

that there was nothing else to do than to submit, the merchant in question paid over the money unhesitatingly.

There is no doubt that the Chinese contractors have not taken this step without due consideration. Understanding the strong position they hold owing to the scarcity of workmen, they have taken action to alleviate some of their grievances. The principal claim put forth by the Chinese is that during the past season they operated at a heavy loss by reason of having contracted to put up packs which did not materialize on account of the poor run of fish. Briefly, the stand taken by the contractors is that they have to make all arrangements to put up a certain size of pack; they have to keep a sufficient number of men employed to handle a large quantity should the fish run well, while in many cases the run eventually proves a failure, and considerable money is lost.

Continuing, the member referred to said that the question of Chinese labor was likely to prove more vexatious every season. The general inclination of the Chinamen was to go East, and he expected that many of the cannery workers would leave during the next twelve months.

Referring to the terms of agreement between the canners and Chinese contractors he also announced that it was probable 50 cents a finished case would be paid the latter by the former instead of 48 cents, as was the custom previously.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Board of Directors of Provincial Jubilee Hospital Transacted Routine Business on Friday.

Friday evening the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Provincial Jubilee hospital was held at the board of trade rooms. The president, R. S. Day, occupied the chair, and those present were Messrs. Alex. Wilson, J. Braverman, W. Humphrey, E. A. Lewis, R. E. Brett, H. D. Helmecken, Jas. Forman and James.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and adopted, the usual budget of communications was considered.

The trades and labor council wrote stating that an effort was being made to raise a fund for the furnishing of one of the wards of the Strathcona wing of the Jubilee hospital. Received and filed.

Alexis Martin also announced his intention to assist in this direction. In a letter he expressed the wish to contribute \$150 for furnishing one of the wards of the new wing in memory of his late father. On motion it was decided to accept the offer with thanks.

It was reported by the matron that an essay chair had been presented the nurses by Mrs. Wallenstein, and four easy chairs had been contributed by the Daughters of Pity for the use of patients. Donations of papers and magazines were acknowledged from Mrs. H. D. Helmecken and other friends. Received and filed.

A communication was reported to have been received by the house committee from Mrs. M. A. Elice on rubbing glasses. On motion the matter was referred back to the committee with power to act.

The finance committee reported having met on April 13th when accounts for March amounting to \$1,945.38 were examined and approved for payment. The salaries for the same month, amounting to \$850.50, were paid on due date. The total day's stay for March was 1,824, and the salaries paid and accounts payable give an average per diem cost per patient of \$1.63 2/3.

The meeting then adjourned.

A LONG WALK.

Acting on information received from Nanaimo, Provincial Constable Johnson on Saturday took into custody a man named Longbottom, who is wanted on the charge of horsebreaking in the Nanaimo district. The police were notified of his departure on foot from the Coal City, and the constable early Saturday went out in a rig to look for him. He came upon his man just a little beyond Colwood station, and asked him if he wanted 13th to town. Longbottom accepted the invitation with alacrity, and the constable noted that he appeared to be very tired. He gave his name as Smith, and said he wanted to get out at the Gorge. When they arrived at the Gorge, however, the constable started his equine at a livelier pace, and placed one arm around the back of the seat in order to prevent the man from jumping out. Longbottom said "I think I'll get out here," and the constable replied: "You had better stay with me; you are not going to get out just now." He then told the prisoner who he was and what he wanted. The latter finally admitted that his name was Longbottom, but denied that he had done anything to cause his arrest, beyond deserting from the army. He was conveyed to the city police station, where he will be detained pending instructions from Nanaimo.



VICTORIA WEST SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM—PROVINCIAL AND CITY CHAMPIONS.

To capture two championships in one season is a record of which any organization should be proud. Not only did the above five accomplish this, but they went through the winter's series of games without sustaining one decisive defeat. None of the teams competing in the local league could gain any advantage over the V.W. aggregation, and the latter won out with apparent ease, thus securing the trophy offered for the team winning the majority of the league series of six games. Confident of their ability to defeat the Nanaimo champions five, the then holders of the provincial championship cup, the Victoria West boys took steps to arrange a match to decide the question of superiority. Two games were played with Nanaimo one at the Coal City and one here, and in both the local champions outclassed their opponents to such an extent that the contest was comparatively slow.

It has been mentioned that the Victoria West team never sustained any decisive defeat. They did, however, take part in a game with the Perwades, ex-champions of the province, which proved one of the most exciting games of the season. When the players left the field the score was even. There was a dispute as to whether the last goal was scored by the champions before or after the expiration of time. This was taken before the league and a decision given in favor of the Perwades. In a subsequent game with the latter team, however, the Victoria West aggregation proved their superiority by winning easily.

Throughout the season Victoria West has played eleven games. Only one of these was a defeat. Six were city league games and the others were friendly and provincial league matches.

It would be hard to get together a faster five than that which represents the enterprising Victoria West Athletic Association. As forwards, the two Fairalls, William and Charles, cannot be excelled in accurate shooting or reliable combination. To Baker at centre is to be traced considerable of the team's effective play. He has all the speed, agility and endurance necessary for one occupying the position on first-class aggregation. Monthie and Crocker played guard throughout the season and acquitted themselves exceedingly well, a number of victories being almost directly due to their reliability.

boys challenged the Nanaimo aggregation, after what might be a chance of winning at any stage

Among those injured was a cadet.

GRAIN RATES.

Reduction in the Tariff From Chicago to the East.

April 15.—Eastern traffic officials at meeting here have decided not to the customary spring reduction in grain and grain products from Chicago to the East. This will leave the tariff on grain and grain products from Chicago to New York, by the all-rail rates, cents per hundred pounds, or two higher than last summer. On export from Chicago to New York, the rate will be 15 cents for 100 lbs., and on products 10c cents. The lake and rates will be 2 cents less than the all-rail. Philadelphia will continue to differential of 2 cents below New York grain products, and Baltimore's is out on grain the differential to Philadelphia will be only 1 cent, and to Baltimore 2 cents.

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Local News.

The new Point Ellice bridge was formerly taken over by the city to-day, and will be open to traffic to-morrow.

Thos. Worthington has sold his house and grounds on North Pembroke street to W. Gonson. The latter is a recent arrival in the city, who has become so impressed with the city that he has decided to locate here permanently.

Thursday morning the annual course of instruction of the Royal Garrison Artillery commenced. The commanding officer, Colonel English, the artillery spent all morning firing from Black Rock battery.

In the police court on Friday the Chinaman charged with stealing bottles from the Victoria brewery was convicted and sentenced to three weeks imprisonment. A drunk was fined \$5 or ten days.

The police have received a communication from Thos. Lough, on behalf of Mrs. Sanderson, of Abbey Mills, Narrows street, Altwick, Northumberland, Eng., inquiring the whereabouts of Robert Sanderson, joiner, formerly of Altwick, who was last heard of in Nanaimo.

Owing to indications that the tourist season will start earlier this year than formerly, and the fact that the new party ready for the early rush, Steve Jones has decided to defer building the addition to the Dominion hotel for the present.

There was a good attendance at the Calvary Baptist church Friday evening when Mark Guy Pearce's story, "The Man Who Spoke of the Music," was given by Miss Underhill. Beside this an excellent musical programme was rendered. The entertainment was thoroughly appreciated by all present.

The Excelsior Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church, on Wednesday evening, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Hinkson Siddall; first vice-president, Miss May Winkler; second vice-president, A. R. McGregor; third vice-president, Miss Mary Nell; fourth vice-president, Harry Brazg; secretary, Miss Louise Brazg; and treasurer, Miss Eva Neil.

A committee meeting of the Fifth Regiment, C. A. Ride Association was held on Thursday, when range officers were appointed to act at the season's practice shoots as follows: Lieut. Col. J. A. Hall, Capt. D. B. McConnan, Capt. F. W. Currie, Capt. W. H. Langley, Lieut. J. A. McTavish, Quartermaster-Serjeant, Winsby, Staff Serjeant, Lestice, Color Serjeant, Major McDougall, Serjeant, F. Richardson.

On Thursday a horse belonging to Mrs. Wm. Noble, of Oak Bay, was struck by a street car on that line and killed. The accident occurred shortly after 10 o'clock, four horses running from a side street directly in front of the car. They were not seen by the motorer until it was too late, and the animal was struck with considerable force, dying almost immediately after. Fortunately those on board the car escaped injury.

There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends at the funeral of the late J. P. Pelletier, which took place on Friday afternoon. Religious services were conducted at the residence by Messrs. A. D. Matteson and A. Graham, noble grand and noble respectively, of the Independent Order of Old Fellows. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. C. Borde, J. Sehl, G. Schmidt, L. Hater, for the family, and W. H. Huxtable, J. Saben, R. Borthwick and M. McCahill for the society.

It is probable that the present season will be the most successful from the standpoint of the Victoria Tourist Association since the formation of that organization. A communication has been received from the travelling representative, H. C. Hubbert, who is at present touring California and other southwestern states, containing the information that he has been well received everywhere. He has given a lecture at San Francisco on "Victoria's Attractions," and liberally distributed pamphlets at various points of importance. It is expected that Mr. Hubbert will return to this city in about a fortnight.

In order to prevent people from resting themselves on the radiator pipes just inside the post office entrance somebody has designed a fearful and wonderful instrument. It consists of a board which presents a formidable array of nail points, somewhat after the fashion of the top adornment of a jail fence. For a public building such as the post office, however, it is sadly out of place, and although it may safeguard the radiator pipes from being employed as a lounging bench, it is also a source of danger, especially to children, who may fall against it. Post offices are not supposed to be ornamented by man traps, and this one should be removed.

An Easter entertainment was given in Kingston street school on Friday. There were about one hundred visitors present. The children sang a number of songs and recitations, all of them with reference to birds. The exhibit of children's work was so highly commended at the Teachers' Institute meeting in Vancouver, was an exhibition and was greatly admired. Superintendent Eaton spoke of the inestimable value of drawing in primary education. He also made reference to the defect of the school by-law, stating that other buildings would have to be secured to serve the purpose, even if they were only shacks instead of school houses.

programme was opened by a chorus of eight boys, followed by songs and jokes by Messrs. Jack Wrathall, Campbell, Clark and Hammonds, who conducted themselves to perfection. Songs were also rendered by the Misses Clark, Bolden, Wrathall and several others. Messrs. Bolden and Jones, in a comely farce entitled "The Corn Cure," caused a great deal of amusement. Refreshments were served by Miss Clark and Mr. Manton, and a dance was held at the close of the performance.

Friday evening the business men's physical class of the Young Men's Christian Association held their regular semi-weekly drill, there being a fair attendance. It has been decided to hold a bicycle run on Tuesday and Friday of next week. The members will stop off at the beach near Dallas road and spend an hour in enjoying a varied programme of sports. Those who attend are assured a pleasant time.

The directors of the Victoria District Farmers' Institute met on the city hall Saturday, and discussed the question of taking the initial steps in connection with organizing Spanish electoral district into a municipality. It was decided to circulate a petition for signatures among the ratepayers. This will be done at once. In South Saanich the feeling of the ratepayers has been ascertained to be strongly in favor of the proposition.

The Companions of the Forest are busy preparing for their annual ball, which will take place Tuesday evening, April 19th, at the A.O.U.W. hall. The hall is being beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Davies orchestra will furnish the music, and judging by the demand for tickets the event will be a success. Preparations are also being made for a very appetizing supper, which should complete the enjoyment of the evening.

There was a merry social gathering at the St. James' church school house Friday evening when the ladies of the church gave a reception. The Rev. R. Baskett, who has been in Vancouver for six weeks, and is about to leave for Victoria. Through Mr. Baskett was a stranger to the majority of the people there, there were a number of old friends who were delighted to see and talk to their old pastor again. For Mr. Baskett came to British Columbia before Vancouver was founded, and left for the Old Country in 1882, where he was appointed vicar of Birmisith, Yorkshire. He is now taking a year's holiday, and is making a tour through Canada under the auspices of the S. P. G. He will return again to Vancouver after a short visit to Victoria.—Vancouver Ledger.

The residence of Wm. Jameson, Oak Bay avenue, was the scene of a pleasing function on Friday, in which the choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and two well-known musicians were the principal participants. When all had assembled George J. Burnett was presented with a handsome gold ring and Herbert Taylor with a splendid ebony gold-tipped baton, both of which were appropriately inscribed. The recipients were taken wholly by surprise, but acknowledged the gifts in suitable terms. Both are serving in connection with the church, the former as organist and the latter as choir teacher. The gifts were accompanied by addresses signed by the members of the choir. After the presentation a social time became the order, and everybody spent a most enjoyable evening.

The canvass of the city, instituted some weeks ago by the B. C. Agricultural Association in the interest of the annual fair, has been almost completed. A liberal response was received from all citizens, and it is probable that the association will be in as good a financial condition before the show as in previous years, despite the reduction of the provincial government grant. In regard to the latter matter, it will be remembered that some time ago a deputation waited on the government and asked that the appropriation for the exhibition be increased to the usual amount. A promise was given that the question would be considered. So far no word one way or the other has been received, and the general opinion seems to be that the appropriation will be allowed to remain at the amount already announced.

A pleasant social time was spent by members of the High school alumni and their friends Friday evening at the Assembly hall. Commencing at 8.30 o'clock the routine business was transacted, after which dancing was started and continued until a late hour. A choice musical programme was rendered by the Fawcett-Dickenson orchestra, and supper was served by a committee of ladies shortly before midnight. The decorations put in place by the James Bay Athletic Association had been left standing, and materially contributed to the success of the event. It is announced that the next meeting of the alumni will be held in June, when business of importance will be transacted. A summer picnic is being arranged to take place in July, when an enjoyable time is promised.

In the heavy fog of Friday morning the Dominion steamer Georgia ran ashore on a rock on the northeastern side of Trillick Island. The vessel was bound for New Westminster at the time, after having taken C. B. Sword, fishery inspector, down to Victoria. Returning to the Fraser the fog was very dense, and the little steamer, though travelling cautiously along, got in too close to shore. Immediately after striking, the captain came ashore and notified the department of marine and fisheries. Capt. Gaudin, the local agent, is absent in the north, but acting in his stead, A. J. Dailain at once sent out the steamer Princess and Earl to the stranded steamer's assistance. The former was first to reach the scene of the accident, but before either arrived the little craft was aloft. No damage was sustained so far as the steamer and the crew proceeded to New Westminster. The Earl's services were volunteered by Dr. Watt.

One of the matters which may engage the attention of the city council during the near future will be the building of a new wharf at the city electric lighting station, which can be used by the corporation for different purposes, and



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which will, it is thought, be the means of effecting considerable economy. It is understood an application for the privilege of building will shortly be made to the Dominion government.

The smelter returns from the Tye Company for March have been announced. The smelter had a run of 21 days. There were 4,701 tons of Tye ore smelted giving a return of three per cent of freight and refining charges, of \$55,566.35.

Lieut-Col. Gregory has been appointed consular agent for France in Victoria in succession to Ald. H. M. Graham. The office of Messrs. F. L. Gregory and the legal firm of which the colonel is a member, are in the board of trade block.

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SCORES OF PLAYERS AT SIXTH MEETING

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With the close of the sixth annual championship meeting of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association, which was held on the Oak Bay links last week, a review of the matches is of interest. The meeting was brought to a close on Saturday, after four days' play. It was generally conceded to be one of the most successful meetings held since the association was formed.

The thoroughly good representation of the clubs from across the water ensured keen contests in all events. The presence of the champions players R. L. MacLay, of Portland, and F. C. Newton, of Seattle, added considerable interest to the meeting, and a very closely contested and finely played match between these two in the semi-finals was one of the principal features of the tournament.

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WILL EXPLAIN RAILWAY PROJECT

PROMOTER TO MEET BOARD OF TRADE

Some of the Advantages for Vancouver Island Which Is Claimed for the Scheme.

The board of trade will this evening at 8 o'clock meet John Cain, of Port Angeles, when the details of the Island railway, the Cowichan, Alberni & Port Rupert line, will be made known. With the return of Premier McBride from the Mainland and the attorney-general, the government will be met for the purpose of ascertaining what its views are on the question. It is claimed by the promoter that the subsidy asked is not an exorbitant one, and when looked into in all its details will constitute really little or no charge upon the province.

The subsidy asked for is 5,000 acres of land and \$10,000 a mile, in the case of the former the company agrees to dispose of the land to settlers at the same rate as the provincial lands. The rate of equal quality. Exemption from taxation is asked for ten years. Land sold before that time becomes subject to tax, and the company is to be repaid the amount of the interest on the loan.

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COUNCIL'S APPEAL IS DISALLOWED

THEY MUST PAY WHAT COMMISSIONERS ASK

They Will Have to Supply Police With Patrol Wagon and Increase to Patrolmen.

The government has thrown down the gauntlet to the city fathers again in the appeal of the board of police commissioners and the municipal council on Saturday night, returned by Sunday's Charter. They say that the discussion between the representatives of New Westminster and Vancouver regarding last year's championship was "warm" while it lasted. Before the close all was amicably settled, and it is probable that the deciding game will be played here.

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It was then sent, it is said, to the Attorney-General's department, and for some weeks an announcement has been expected from that quarter as to the question. Even the Premier is thought to have considered the matter settled and the Minister of Finance has been gathering together for the paying of the amount claimed. But influences have been at work apparently in the matter, and the claim is to be referred to the registrar of the Supreme court. It is to come up this week, the commissioners being subpoenaed to appear.

A SECRET OF THE

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CHAPTER IX The Figure in the

Now, less than ever, did to sleep; but even as he to his mind the eternal quietude slipped away, and he until the sun looked in on the open porch. After a felt ready to attack a lunatic with the intention of asking men to row him to shore, and a chat with them together.

Again he found them together with the same low-voiced which he had noticed on bro his conversation last night slightly as he leaped forward, and his smoldering eyes glared at him. "It's anything the matter?"

"Well, sir," said he who spokesman last night, "the matter. My mate and me, of asking to have some put on thisillet." "We've had."

"What, after one night's luck?" "I should think you'd be on board with an eye-plate or the jewels?" "Nothing living, sir; the of it. Me and my mate be that in the night, and I was certain enough before so. If there was a thief, would be child's play, and I heard better than that. But what? Speak out."

"It's the dead, sir, I haunted."

"Behave! You surely derision is for a reason for from the duty to which you have been appointed?" "We do, indeed, sir. We after we had taken place."

"What did take place?" "It was it, he had been troubled I heard you sneaking about your mate was on the time. I came up on deck in the moonlight."

"Oh, sir, then perhaps too well yourself?" "I didn't sleep till after six."

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