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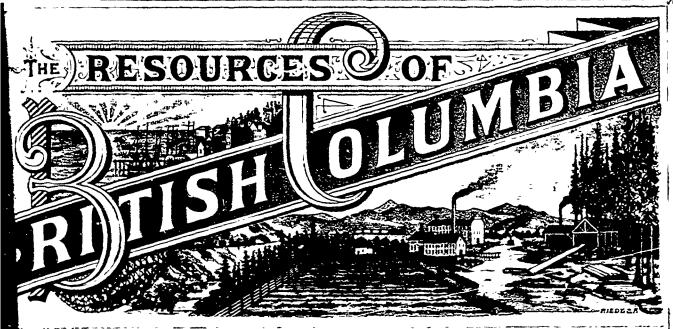
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THE RESOURCES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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The weather in March has been unprecedentedly We have had scant rain only on four days with abundance of the much desired "March dust." Frequent slight frosts, somewhat checking the grow h of grass, have beneficially retarded unseasonable development of plum and apple blossom-buds. Fallsown wheat on lands sufficiently dry, has perfectly withstood the rather severe frosts of February. On fields not well enough drained, such wheat has, to some extent, perished. Spring plowing and sowing is well advanced. The frog chorus, first harbinger of spring commenced early, as did blue grouse "hooting," and the crowing of the imported pheasantimported, thanks to C. W. R. Thomson, Esq. House ; martins appeared on March 4th.

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- Clear, warm.
- 3. Clear, warm, foggy for two or three hours.
- 4. Cloudy and misty, (house martins).
- 5. Cold, windy and cloudy a. M., clear P. M.
- 6. Cold, windy A. M., fine, calm P. M.
- 7. Cold a. M., clear, warm P. M., (frog music).
- 8 Clear, cold a M., warm P. M., slight sprinkling snow last night.
- 9. Cloudy A. M., fine P. M., cold.
- 10. Cloudy A. M., fine P. M., cold.
- 11. Raining A. M., cloudy P. M.
- Frost, rain, slight snow, cold.
- White frost, fine, clear. 13.
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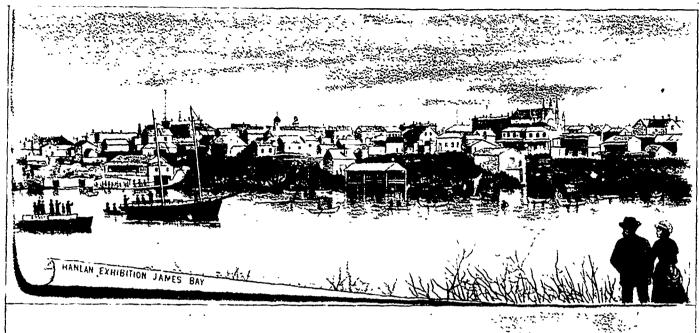
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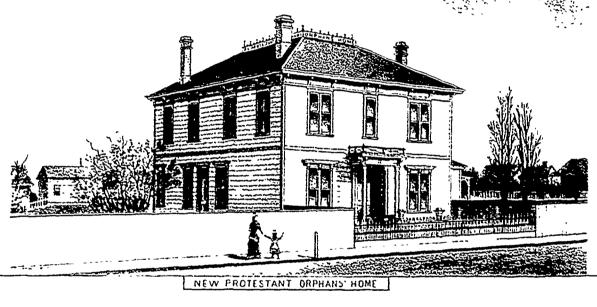
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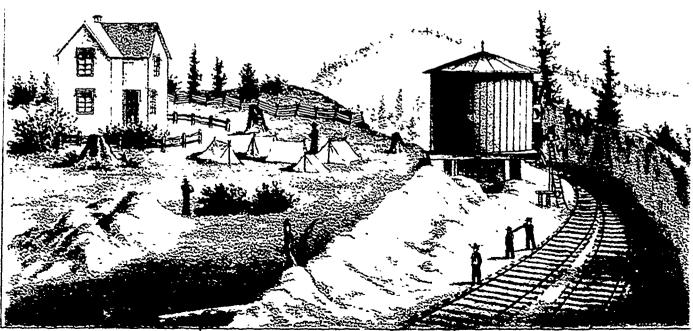
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As a profitable investment, offers greater advantages than any other townsite in the Province, for the following reasons, viz:

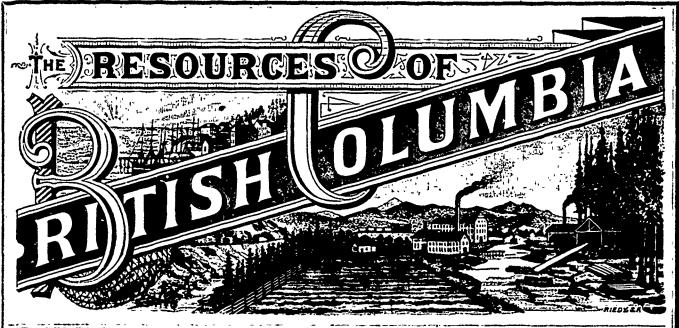
- 1. Situated at the apex of a triangle it is about equi-distant from New Westminster and Burrard Inlet; with the former it is connected by regular steamers; with the latter by the Canadian Pacific Railway.
- 2. Any vessels which can enter the Fraser, can, at Port Hammond, discharge their freight directly into the cars, the wharves having been connected by a siding with the main line.
- 3. It is the first point at which, after leaving the salt water, the C. P. Railway touches the Fraser; and is further the central point in the largest and richest agricultural belt in British Columbia.
- 4. It is at the present moment the virtual western terminus of the C. P. R., all passengers and freight being transferred from the cars to the C. P. N. Co.'s steamers, and vice
- 5. It is the head of navigation for the Victoria hoats, which run there direct, calling at New Westminster and Ladner's Landing.
- 6. It is the natural shipping point for all the River canneries, and commands the trade of the whole of the Fraser Valley below the Mission and extending southerly to or beyond the boundary.
- 7. It is the point from which, in the future, the hest and shortest route to connect with the N. P. Railway can be obtained, and is one of the very few points where it is practicable to bridge the Fraser at a reasonable
- S. The location is permanent, while the terminus now at Port Moody is liable to be removed by the Syndicate to some other point on Burrard Inlet.
- 9. Generally, to sum up, its situation is unrivaled by any townsite in this Province; it is the terminus of the Victoria steamers; it is the point from which the passenger and freight trains start for the interior, and at which they arrive; it is the central point of a re than two-thirds of the whole cultivable land on the Lower Fraser, it is the nearest station on the railway to Victoria, and it is the natural outlet for trade of both Victoria and New Westminster.







FROST PROOF WATER TANK, PORT HAMMOND.



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THE FROST-PROOF TANK.

The first frost-proof tank erected in British Columbia was built at Port Hammond Junction last autumn.

It consists of an enormous wooden vat, 24 feet in diameter and 16 feet deep, and is built on a pile foundation; the roof and floor are double and packed with sawdust; the sides are not so protected from the cold, experience having shown that such a casing is useless.

Its capacity when full slightly exceeds 45,000 imperial gallons, weighing 225 tons (2000 lbs. each). As an average passenger engine is estimated to evaporate about 40 gallons per mile and a freight engine about double that quantity, it is obvious that such a tank will, from one filling, supply the water necessarily expended on runs aggregating from 500 to 1000 miles, provided there be neither waste nor leakage. The capacity of a tender tank varies from 1,200 to 2,-400 gallons according to the class of engine. The Central Pacific Railway have lately built what is probably the largest Iscomotive in the world. The total length of the engine and tender is 65 feet 5 ins.; its total weight (light) is 98 tons 650 lbs.; and the capacity of the tender tank 3000 gallons; the whole resting upon twenty-six wheels, of which 5 pairs are drivers 4 feet 9 ins. in diameter.

The Protestant Orphans' Home, of which we present an engraving on the opposite page, is an institution of which British Columbians may feel proud. Want of time and space prevents us giving a more extended notice, but in the next number, we shall give as much of its history as can be obtained, together with its aims and objects. The view of Victoria harbor was taken on the day of the Hanlan exhibition and speaks for itself.

FREIGHT AND TICKET AGENT.

We are pleased to notice the recent appointment by the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., (Limited), of G. A. Carleton, Esq., to the office of General Freight and Ticket Agent, at Victoria. Mr. Carleton is a gentleman who has had many years of experience in the conduct of similar offices, and thus brings to that important branch of steamboating, such qualifications as cannot fail to be at once advantageous to the Company and to the commercial and traveling public. The position is one of great responsibility, the duties being very ardnous; besides, the business requires nothing less than an expert for its successful management. We congratulate the Company on the excellent selection which they have made.

ABOUT WOMEN.

Andrews, Indiana, has a brass band composed of fourteen young ladies. Mary Agnes Dubert was one of the most noted musical teachers in this country, declared by Parepa Rosa to be among the greatest singers in the world. Strakosh offered \$50,000 for a season of six months, but Bishop Whaler declined to permit her to accept. Miss Anna Isabella Capen, of Canton, Mass., is making a marked success as organist and conductor of the quartette and chorus choir in the First Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She has a large class of music pupils, both vocal and instrumental. Miss Lotta E. Lomonds has been appointed instructor in the New England Conservatory of Music. Two years ago she graduated from the same.

During the battle of Monmouth, Gunner Ritcher was killed, and at the call for some one to take his place the wife responded. The gun was so well managed as to call forth Washington's admiration. He conferred on her a lieutenant's commission, and she was afterwards known as "Captain Molly."

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THE SETTLEMENT BILL.

The final passage of what is popularly known as the Settlement Bill, cannot fail to be fraught with momentous consequences to the people of this Province, but more especially to the inhabitants of Vancouver Island and the premier city, Victoria. The history of the long pending disputes between the Dominion and the local Government of British Columbia, although a chequered one, is so familiar to our readers as to require no recapitulation by us. Suffice it to say that during those years of oft-repeated disappointment and weary waiting for the fulfilment of solemn pledges made to this Province when she consented to enter the confederation, our people have lost more than would build three Island Railways from the locking up of a large and valuable portion of the publie domain, thus preventing settlement of this immense beit of land, and by these frequent breaches of faith, and even of contract, kept capital and immigration out of the country, created grave doubts and a feeling of insecurity as to the future of the country. Where there is probably no man among us who will say that the Deminion Government has fully reimbursed us for the damages sustained, yet as the settlement was the best that could be obtained, it was certainly the part of wisdom to subscribe to the terms proposed. Apart from these considerations it is abundantly evident that the opening of these lands to settlers, the necessarily large expenditure for the construction and subsequent operation of railroad, the great number of new homes and new and increased industries that will follow in its wake; all these must create a marked increase, if not an actual boom in real estate, and the general business interests of the Queen City, and other towns and villages along the whole line. Without the Island Railway, the future of Victoria was doomed to be nothing better than a struggling hamlet; with it, she will unquestionably become the gem of the North Pacific, holding a commercial, climatic, scente and residential position unrivaled by any other city on the north-west coast. Therefore, we hail with joy the glad tidings from Ottawa, and can now safely assure our readers that within two years from date, the steam-breatling | for no man.

courser, with long trains of freight and passengers rolling at his heels, will come thundering down from Nanaimo, and entering this city, will wake the echoes with his mad shouts of glee. So mete it be.

INDUCEMENTS FOR A WOOLEN MILL.

Among the many enterprises which a new country like British Columbia naturally unfolds, there is perhaps none evidencing a greater source of gain than the manufacture, of woolen fabrics. A vast area of grazing land; a genial climate, an acreage at a nominal figure, almost for the asking, together with a high protective tariff should make that branch of industry at once desirable and profitable. But when it is considered that in addition to these valuable considerations we have the further fact that the municipality of Victoria with the provincial government offer a bonus of about \$7,000 for the inauguration of such an enterprise. Although the subject is one of wool, we are by no means desirous to pull the "wool over peoples' eyes," but would beg to submit for their honest consideration some figures -and figures do not lie. To say nothing of what has been used for home consumption, the following tabulated statement, drawn from reliable sources, gives the amount of wool exported during the years hereunder indicated:

EXPORTS OF WOOL FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.

	Pounds.	Value.
Year ending June 30th, 1878	78,662	\$12,586
Year ending June 30th, 1879	71,488	13,368
Year ending June 30th, 1880	127,206	17,354
Year ending June 30th, 1881	75,968	12,177
Year ending June 30th, 1882	116,201	21,522
Year ending June 30th, 1883	96,548	17,438

As is apparent from this very favorable showing, coupled with an increasing population, these circumstances undeniably afford a rare and wide open field for the prosecution of that important industry. British Columbia is peculiarly adapted for pastoral purposes; her hillsides, her mountain sides, her plateaus, rolling lands, glens, river sides and deltas clothed with eternal emerald bespeak the home and cheer the heart of the shepherd with his crook. Who will grasp the gem? Who will wear the honor, albiet enjoy the profit, making 10,000 spindles weave the woof, and reclothe the tattered millions. Were the above facts sufficiently advertised to the listening ears of the great public, many would be found willing to embark in so promising a pursuit. The RESOURCES, ever alive to Columbia's best interests, points out briefly these important facts for the consideration of capitalists and manufacturers, hoping that the hum of busy industry will ccho to the chimes of every waking hour, and that ere long, capital and skilled labor will take advantage of the alluring inducements which this Province affords for the successful carrying on of this particular business. The inducements, as above set forth, are ample—first come first served—time waits

POULTRY.

The fact that hens are now selling at \$1 each should be sufficient inducement to go into the chicken business; but we propose to show that the business is capable of great extension, and can be made to pay handsomely for the trouble. We imported last year over \$7,000 worth of eggs, alone. This is a leak that should be stopped; and no doubt will be, as soon as our residents who have desirable locations, wake up to the importance of the "poultry business." Here are fowls selling at \$1 each, and eggs average 40 cents per dozen all the year round. A good hen will lay about 125 eggs per annum, or \$4 worth of eggs, reckoning at 40 cents. Her food will cost 75 cents; leaving \$3.25 profit on each fowl. Therefore, on 100 fowls, there would be, on eggs alone, the revenue of \$325 for the trouble of looking af er 100 chickens, and tending them; and on 1,000, \$3,250. This looks a good deal like building "castles in the air," and itis, to a certain extent, so far as results are concerned; for the egg producing capacity of a flock seems to diminish rapidly with increase of numbers. To make a large number pay, they must be separated into small flocks of ten or twelve, having separate runs for each flock. With careful attention, they do better in yards than running at large, and produce more eggs; everything being supplied them. It will perhaps astonish our readers to know that the sum produced by the poultry business in the United States, by far exceeds any other single industry, being about \$1,000,000 more than the cotton crop, which is the next highest on the list (see Mitchell's Summitt Lawn Catalogue), and also, it is not generally known that France sends to England more food in the way of eggs and poultry than England produces herself. In fact the poultry business here is capable of almost indefinite extension, for as soon as eggs and capons are at a certain rate, their consumption increases in an astonishing ratio; and it would not be claiming too much to expect an intelligent public to take poultry in preference to the beef or mutton sold here at the same rate. Poultry can be raised to pay well at half the present rate, viz: at 50 cents each. We have so far only taken the hen as an egg producer; but if the eggs are properly hatched in an incubator, it can be shown by mathematical proof, that a single hen can be made to yield \$20 per year (Prof. Corbett, on Gallino Culture). This apparently insignificant business—a business that is generally alluded to in a most contemptuous manner—has establishments in the United States of America, having from \$60,000 to \$200,000 of capital invested. There is no better opening than for a few poulty yards here, and patriotism, pleasure and profit, all conspire to induce the investment of capital in this business-patriotism to stop the leak, and save the money to the Province—pleasure in tending to the poultry, as no other pets give a handsomer return of pleasure and of profit than the poultry.

We have citizens beginning the business and we predict for them success, and a pleasant business. have some good breeds already imported; Mr. Mc-Kinnon of North Park street having imported the Brown Leghorns from Binghampton, N. Y., and latterly birds from Byce, Petaluma, and Niles, of Los Angeles, Cal., making probably, as pure a strain as may be had on the Coast, and has all the eggs spoken for that he can well spare. We intend to revert to this fertile subject, but any one who wishes to gain information can be accommodated by the above named gentleman from whom we have derived many useful With regard to which is the best breed, we hints. append the laying capacities of the best. Leghorns lay in a year 160 eggs, weighing 18 pounds, nearly; Brahmas, 130 eggs, weighing 18½ pounds; Pylmouth Rocks, 150 eggs, weighing 18¾ pounds; Hodans, 150 eggs, weighing 18¾ pounds; Black Spanish, 140 eggs, weighing 20 pounds; Hamburgs, 150 eggs, weighing 17 pounds; Hamburgs, 150 eggs. weighing 17 pounds, nearly; Bantams, 90 eggs, weighing 5½ pounds.

THE EXPLORATION OF QUEEN CHAR-LOTTE ISLANDS.

Capt. Newton H. Chittenden, the well known traveller and author, leaves Victoria on the 10th inst. by the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Otter for the exploration of these islands. They comprise the northwestern lands of the Province of British Columbia lying in the Pacific Ocean between latitudes 51 deg. 55 min. and 54 deg. 15 min. north, and about 600 miles north of Victoria. Mariners and others have skirted their shores and traversed some of their water ways, but their interior is almost wholly an unknown region. Their waters abound with halibut, cod and other excellent fish and they are reported to contain extensive bodies of valuable timber, veins of coal and deposits of gold and other precious minerals. climate of the islands is very humid but healthful and mild being directly in the pathway of the great warm Japan current which sweeps along the shores more fully described in this number. They are inhabited by the Hydahs, the finest specimens of the Indian race found on the north Pacific Coast. The expedition will go in light marching order, travelling in canoes and on foot assisted by Indian helpers. Capt. Chittenden is a veteran in such service, a man of remarkable energy, endurance and experience. He is accompanied by R. Maynard, the popular artist of the Province.

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CURRENTS OF THE NORTH PACIFIC.

The following article by George Davidson, is taken from the Alaska Coast Pilot, 1869, published by the United States Coast Survey, and will explain to many of our eastern friends why our climate is not so rigorous as theirs.

The North Pacific presents a peculiarly striking analogy to the North Atlantic in the existence of a great warm current, which sweeps along the eastern coast of Asia to the northeastward, crosses the Pacific, washes the north-west coast of America, affects the climate of the whole coast, and gives a much higher temperature along the seaboard than would exist under normal circumstances.

The Japanese have long been well aware of this great current, which washes the southeastern shores of their empire, and have given to it the name Kuro-Siwo, or Black Stream, from its deep blue color when compared with the neighboring waters of the Pacific. It has been noticed by nearly all the old navigators and explorers, and a systematic series of observations was undertaken by the United States expedition to Japan under Commodore Perry.

This singular current, with the water at an average maximum temperature of 86 deg.-being that of equatorial waters-affords a solution to the fact of the Bonin Islands, in the latitude of 271 deg having an exclusively tropical vegetation, the cause of which was long a mystery to naturalists. It also accounts for the productiveness of the southern islands of the Japan group in sugar and other products, usually confined to intertropical regions and to the successful development of the silkworm as high as latitude

The results of observations, corroborated by the fact of the high temperature above stated, show very satisfactorily that the Japan stream has its origin in

the great northern equatorial current.

This great northern equatorial current, leaving the coast of Lower California and the Gulf of California between the latitudes of 15 deg. and 25 deg. sweeps across the whole Pacific, with its axis two or three degrees south of the Sandwich Islands, and thence continuing on the parallel of 15 deg., and coming gradually northward until it passes the position of the Ladrone islands, in latitude 17 deg. and longitude 214 deg. west, is gradually deflected to the north and north-east, along the Asiatic coast, but apparently with decreased velocity; although Beechey says that, when between the south end of Formosa and the island of Botel Tobago Sima, lying sixty miles eastward, he experienced a current which carried the vessel north 56 deg, west twenty-six miles in the night, or two and a-half miles per hour. He does not state the temperature of the water; and several leagues off the Vele Rete rocks, situated off the south end of Formosa, the weather being nearly calm, the vessel was drawn into a very strong current rip, and continued in it several hours, during which no bottom could be found with one hundred fathoms of line. Experiments with a buoy gave a current to the southeast of seven-eighths of a mile per hour, but he doubts the accuracy of the results. The water was much agitated and made a considerable noise, and had a vessel heard it or seen it in the night she must have taken it for breakers and put about. On Beechy's voyage from the Sandwich Islands to the Ladrones he kept outside the northern limit of the great equatorial stream, and experienced a counter-current to the eastward of nearly seven miles per day.

At one hundred and twenty leagues eastward of Formosa the monsoon current of the Caroline Islands runs northward and then northeast, to add its waters to those of the great Japan stream.

The combined waters of the Caroline and equatorial streams are thrown against the island of Formosa in latitude 22 deg. and longitude 239 deg. west, thence deflected to the northward and northeastward, and in the parallel of 31 deg. strike the southern extremity of Japan, and pass close along the northeastern coasts of Niphon. Of the south and east point of Niphon, in latitude 35 deg longitude 220 deg. west, the stream begins to spread, and by the time it reaches latitude 38 deg. and longitude 210 deg, it has been divided for split into two by the intrusion of the cold polar current. The contact of the cold and warm waters gives rise to the constant fogs that exist in this region. One branch of the stream, called the Kamschatka current, moves to the northeast nearly parallel with the coast of Japan, the Kurile Islands, and the coast of Kamschatka, its axis passing fjust east of Copper Island, in latitude 55 deg. longitude 194 deg., and running directly for Behring Strait. The other and greater branch follows the parallel of 35 deg. castward, being deflected a degree or two toward the south in longitude 180 deg. by the impinging of the cold Behring Sea current, running southward through the Fox Islands; but in longitude 170 deg. it regains its latitude, and finally reaches the latitude of 45 deg. to 50 deg. in about longitude 148 deg. where it appears again to divide. The main body of the stream stretches directly towards the coast of America, is deflected to the southward and eastward, runs down the east coast of Oregon and California, and finally sweeps back into the great northern equatorial current. The existence of this current is well demonstrated by the wrecks of Japanese junks upon the coast of Washington Territory and Oregon. Many years ago, upon the beach south of Point Adams, at the entrance to the Columbia River, there was cast away a Chinese or a Japanese junk, with many hands and a cargo of beeswax. The ship was totally lost, but the crew saved In support of this Indian tradition pieces of this wax, conted with sand and bleached nearly white, are occasionally thrown upon the beach after great storms. Formerly a great deal was found but now it is rarely met with. In 1851 we saw many pieces of it. In 1833 a Japanese junk was wrecked near Cape Flattery, of which accounts can be found in Belcher's narrative and in that of the United States exploring expedition.

Kotzebue mentions the following remarkable case in his "Voyage of discovery into the South Sea and Behring Straits" in 1815-18.

"Looking over Adams' journal I found the following notice: 'Brig Forester, the 24th March, 1815, fat sea near the coast of California, in latitude 32 deg. 45 min. north, and longitude 126 deg. 57 min. west; (this is three hundred and fifty miles south, 73 deg west from Point Concepcion.) During a strong wind from west-northwest, and rainy weather, we deseried this morning at six o'clock a ship at a small distance, the disorder of whose sails convinced us that it stood in need of assistance. We immediately directed our course to it, and recognized the vessel in distress to be a Japanese, which had lost her mast and rudder. I was sent by the captain on board, and found in the ship only three dying Japanese, the captain and two sailors. I instantly had the unfortunate men carried to our brig, where they were perfectly recovered after four months' careful attendance. We learned from these people that they came from the port of Osaca, in Japan, bound to another commercial town, but had been surprised immediately after their departure by a storm and had lost their mast and rudder. They had been, up to this day, a sport of the waves for seventeen months; and of their crew of five and thirty men only three had survived, who would have died of hunger.' This note is so far remarkable as it proves that the currents in these seas, i. c., north of the tropies, always keep their 'irection from west to east."

Supposing the junk to have kept on the south side of the axis of the great current, and to have been carried directly down the American coast on the western part of this current, it must have traversed five thousand three hundred miles in five hundred and sixteen days, or a trifle over ten miles per day for that whole period.

Within the last four years a Japanese junk was found in mid-ocean by the bark Aukland, and the crew brought to San Francisco. These wrecks are abundant evidence of the force and direction of this great current, in conjunction with the prevailing summer winds.

Of the northern branch of this great stream, flowing towards Alaska, we will speak hereafter.

The Kamschatka current, after passing through Behring Strait, inclines towards the coast of America, as is fully proved by the existence of drift-wood along the shores and in the waters of the current, while little or none is found on the Asiatic coast or in the waters adjacent. We have this season conversed with whaling captains who left the Arctic as late as October 12th, and their experience of years confirms the above statement.*

This current passes through the Behring Strait with a velocity ranging from one to three knots per hour. It is hardly probable that it can run with much greater velocity, as the whalers can generally work against it with a head wind. The ice that sometimes moves southward through the Strait is not fairly attributable to a change in the current, but to the fact; that the warmer water of the Kamtschatka current striking the American coast permits the ice to form on the shores northwest of East Cape, and even to overlap the Cape. A heavy northwest wind arising will break up this point of ice and force it southward against the current. This winter ice cape has been seen thus formed by the Russian navigators.

Among the tangible proofs of the origin and existence of the Kamtschatka current are the following: In September 1862, a Japanese vessel was wrecked on the island of Atton. She had been driven off the coast of Japan two or three months before with a crew of twelve men, of which she had lost nine before going ashore, and had thus been drifted eighteen hundred miles in this current, at an average velocity of over twenty miles per day. The Among the floating

bodies which the sea drives upon the shores of Copper Island, the true right camphor wood, and another sort of wood, very white, soft, and sweet-scented, are occasionally found." Kotzebue found Asiatic woods among the Aleutes of Unalaska.

But the whole of the waters of the Kamtschatka current do not pass through Behring Strait. Striking against the south shore of the large island of St. Lawrence, part of the waters are deflected to the eastward, southward, and finally westward of south, casting their floating wood on the American coast and the north shores of the Aleutian Islands. Beechey experienced a current to the west, when north of Unimak, equal to three miles per hour, doubtless influenced in part by the tidal current through the straits. Russian navigators assure us that when passing south of the Aleutians, between 175 deg. and 185 deg. of longtitude, they encounter a cold current from the northward, bringing with it masses of seaweed, doubtless torn from the shores of the islands. In the vicinity of the island of St. Lawrence the temperature of this return stream is 47 deg.; north of the Aleutians it is also 47 deg.; near those islands and south of them it is 49 deg., southeast of them 51 degrees.

Between the Kumtschatka current and the Asiatic coast and islands is a cold polar counter-current, coming from the Behring Sea. It follows the coast of Kamtschatka, the trend of the Kurile Islands, gives rise to the currents flowing west into the south part of the Ochotsk Sea, and strikes the northern and eastern part of the coast of Japan.

A small amount of the water of this current passes into the Japan Sea through the Tsugar Strait, but the greater part keeps along the east coast inside, and probably underrunning the great Japan stream, the northwestern edge of which is strongly marked by a sudden depression in the temperature of the water, amounting to 16 deg. and 20 deg., while the borders of the stream where it chafes are marked by strong current rips, often resembling heavy breakers on reefs and shoals. This difference of the thermal condition of these two streams causes harassing prevalence of form

Near the origin of the great Japan current the stream is usually confined between the islands of Formosa and Majicio-Sima, with a width of one hundred miles, but to the northward of the latter it rapidly expands on its southern limits and reaches the Loo Choo and Bonin groups, attaining a width to the northward of the latter of five hundrerd miles. Its southern and eastern limit is not distinctly defined, there being a gradual thermal approximation to that of the air and water. The velocity of the stream varies much, and we have no reliable data whatever of its velocity towards the coast of America* The United States Japan expedition determined its velocity between the south end of Formosa and the straits of Tsugar, a distance of nine hundred miles, at thirty-five to forty miles per day; and upon one occasion, off the Gulf of Yedo, in lattitude 34 deg., its maximum strength was recorded as high as eighty In the latitude of 35 deg., at seventy miles per day. leagues from the coast, its direction is east northeast, and its rate forty-eight milhs per day, while at twenty-five leagues from the coast in the same latitude it is seventy-two miles per day, corroborating the above maximum velocity. King also assures us that in

^{*} Moreover, the interesting fact may here be stated that there has rarely been such an open season in the Arctic as that just passed. Captain Williams went as far westward as 188 degrees, and had then nothing but gen sea before him. Captain Thomas went as far norths as 2 deg. So min. From both we have many facts of importance in regard to the connection of Plover I sland with Wrangell Land by a low, that plain stretching northmether a state of the connection of Plover I sland. This plain was covered with grass in Angust and September 1867. This same season Captain Long coasted the south shores of Wrangell Land, marked by mountains, and a widean, over two thousand four hundred feet elevation.

In the vicinity of Sanak Island and reef, there is a current (Sept. 15, 1865) of a knot and a half an hour to the north and cost. Surface temperature 36 degrees.—W. H. Dall.

these latitudes he found it running at the rate of five miles per hour. The rate and direction vary with the season as well as the distance from the coast. In November its course becomes more northerly, and in July more easterly.

The western body of the Behring Sea current from the north strikes this stream in about latitude 39 deg, and longtitude 200 deg, west, and splits it, but being too feeble to overcome it, passes beneath it, and is gradually brought to the surface upon reaching shoaler water; while the Behring current combined with the returning Gulf of Alaska current presses against the northern edge of the great stream from longtitude in 165 deg. to 200 deg., and passes beneath it. We have thermal observations in proof of the existence of a cold sub-stream between Florida and the Bahamas, and we also know clearly the existence of "cold walls" working, as it were, against and through the stream of the Atlantic. The whirls and eddies observed in the middle of the great Japan stream, off the coast of Japan, indicate the existence of a similar cold sub-current; and walls of cold water are indicated by the observations of the United States expedition. Beechev's thermal observations on the southern edge of ithe great stream, in latitude 35 deg, and longtitude 1943 deg, west, corroborate these indications, for he found the temperature of the water at seven hundred and sixty fathoms twenty eight degrees colder than at the surface; and two days later, when on his course north-northwest to Petropaulski, in the fork between the Kamtschatka and Japan streams, "the temperature at one hundred and eighty fathoms was as cold as at five hundred fathous in the above position; and also that it was twenty degrees colder at three hundred and eighty fathous in this position than it was at seven hundred and sixty fathoms in the above." Thus, at three hundred and eighty fathoms be found the temperature forty-eight degrees colder than the surface water of the great stream, which had already left the coast of Japan twelve hundred miles. Of course, under such thermal conditions, Beechey found himself enveloped in dense and continuous fogs and drizzling rains all the way to Petropaulski, with the exception of one day in lattitude 50 deg.

On the southern edge of the great stream, almost identically in the position of Beechey, Kotzebue was remarkably influenced by the cold current which had underrun the warm stream and risen to the surface. In lattitude 34 deg. 3 min., longtitude 194 deg. 8 min., a violent current carried the ship, on the 1st of April, 1817, thirty-six miles south 20 deg. west; and on the 2nd, thirty-six and three quarter miles south 18 deg. east. This current was accompanied with a high sea from the south, and the temperature of the air fell from 83 deg. .S to 54 deg. .5, and to us very cold. On the 3rd of April, in latitude 34 deg. 27 min. longtitude 193 deg. 47 min., the current set the vessel south SI deg, west thirty-four miles. There was a faint wind and he noticed the water ripple on the surface of the sea, caused by the currents. In this position the temperature of the air was 60 deg; of the surface water 58 deg. .5, and at a depth of two hundred and fifty fathoms 48 deg. .5. On the 5th April, in lattitude 35 deg. 35 min., longitude 191 deg. 49 min, by good observations, the current had carsied the vessel in two days fifty-two and threequarters miles south 34 deg. west.

In the first positions Reccher and Kotzebue were

ten hundred and fifty miles broad off the coast of the Kurile Islands.

While there is no doubt whatever that the greater body of water of the great Japan stream flows to the eastward after dividing off the coast of Japan, the fact is also evident from the decreased velocity of the Kamtschatka current off the coast of that peninsula, where Tessan found it, in the lattitude of Petropaulski, running at a rate of only seven to ten miles per day in an east-northeast and northeast direction. The observations upon the western limit of the cold Behring Sea current indicate, also, the contracted width of this current. On the contrary, the eastern and main branch has, in the longtitude of 165 deg. west, a maximum breadth of 20 deg. of lattitude from 22 deg. to 43 deg. On the southern limit the temperature is 78 deg., or four degrees above that of the great equatorial current returning from the California coast; and its northern limit of 64 deg., or 11 deg to 13 deg. greater than the variable currents to the northward.

In the vicinity of the great northern curve of this current, about longtitude 150 deg. and latitude 44 deg., all navigators have found drift-wood, seal, sea-otier, land birds, and many indications of land. We have collected many notices of this character, and will submit them to you in a seperate report. Between this great bend and the Sandwich Islands lies what is called Flicurens whirlpool or eddy.

Neither the great stream or any part of it is laid down as passing as far north as lattitude 50 degrees, and hence is not supposed to pass into the Gulf of Alaska; but while the great body of the stream sweeps round and follows the direction of the western coast of America to the Gulf of California, a branch continues direct towards the Alexander Archipelago, and, striking the southern part of that coast, is deflected to the northward and westward. and follows the trend of the coast around the Gulf of Alaska to the westward, and, finally, to the south-westward. It is this warm Alaska branch which causes the high isothermal line that exists directly upon this coast. The current to the northward, westward and southwestward, along the coast of the Gulf of Alaska, is well known to navigators, and is generally conceded to have a velocity of ten to twenty miles per day. One of the Russian navigators informs us that he has found it running at least thirty-six miles per day. Upon our trip from Sitka to the Pamplona Rocks, on a straight course, we found but little carrent in our favor, but between the Shumagin Islands and the Sannak Island and reef it was very strong to the southward along the coast. If the position of the reef is correctly laid down, we experienced a current of not less than four or five knots per hour, between eight o'clock a. m. and half-past twelve p. m. on the 4th of September, 1867. Others have experienced the same velocity, which is, doubtless, in great part due to tidal currents passing through the straits into the Behring Sex.

Off the east shore of the Kadiak group, on the Portlock bank, we experienced a set towards the southwest, parallel to the coast of Kadiak. Telemkoff lays down a current in the same direction. It is this returning current which adds its weight to the current from the Behring Sea to press against the northern edge of the great stream, and to underrunit

An exploration of the region of the ocean where the divide takes place may develop causes for the difourteen hundred miles east of the Japan coast, and I vision of the great stream and deflection of each par-

There is doubtless an eddy between the southern edge of the Alaska branch when sweeping westward and the northern edge of the main stream running eastward; for Lisiansky, on his voyage from Kadiak to Sitka, in June, 1805, which he made in six days, to within a few miles of Mount Edgecumbe, with fair winds, had an "easterly current which had pushed him forward during the last five days, and still flowed in the same direction."

We have been thus extended in our investigations upon this great Japanese stream and its branches that its effects upon the climate of Alaska may be properly understood, and also its effect upon the question of the great circle route from San Francisco

to China.

THE INDIAN NATIONS OF B. C.

It is estimated that the Indians resident in this Province number about thirty-five thousand, or rather more than one-third of the whole of the aboriginal inhabitants of British North America.

They are divided into various nations speaking different languages and inhabiting different territories, the "scientific frontiers" of which are very accurately known among themselves.

The country claimed by, and the names of the various Indian nations may be described in general terms as follows:

Commencing at the south-eastern corner of the Province we find

The Kostenay Nation

inhabiting the tract of country, limited on the cast by the Rocky Mountains, and extending southerly from the head waters of the Columbia River beyond the boundary line into Montana. These Indians occasionally cross the Rocky Mountains and hunt and trade with the Blackfeet. On the west between the 117th and 118th meridians of west longitude they are joined by the

Shushwap Nation,

which claims an immense district, extending from below the 49th to the 52nd parallel of north latitude. and including the well-known tribes of the Semilkameen, Okanagan, Nicola, Kamloops, Bonaparte, the various tribes of the Thompson and Fraser Valleys from Yale to Lake La Hache, the few Indians on the Columbia River from Fort Shepherd to a point 100 miles above the Boat Encampment, and ! also those between Harrison Lake and Lillowt.

Of the interior Indians it is among some of the above tribes that civilization has made its greatest strides. North of the Shushwap

The Takenlly or Tokali Nation

is paramount over a tract of country stretching portherly to the Tacla and Melcod Lakes near near the fifty-fifth parallel, bounded on the east by the Rocky Mountains, and extending westward marly to the Coast Range. This nation inthe last being the tribe guilty of the Bute Inlet massacre in 1863.

The Tsic-kalmic or Sickanic Nation

inhabit the Omineca and Peace River country, and on their west and between them and Alaska, dwells

The Nah-hah-nie Nation

on the Stickeen River and head waters of the

To the south of Alaska, and bounded on the east by the Tahcullies.

The Tsimpsheean Nation

claim the coast from Alaska to Millbank Sound. As with the Shushwaps in the interior, so with the Tsimpsheeans on the coast the greatest advance has been made in the arts of peace, and the remarkable results to be witnessed at Metlakahtla are due almost entirely to the unflinching energy and patience of Mr. Duncan, the founder of the settlement.

Some twenty or thirty miles from the mainland

The Hydah Nation,

physically a fine athletic race, inhabit the Queen Charlotte Islands. They bear the character of being brave, but cruel and treacherous, and a few years ago the course of a powerful fleet of Hydah canoes might be traced along the coast by the rain which surely attended their jornney; for their hand was against every man, and every man's hand against them.

Between Millbank Sound and Rivers' Inlet, the ex-

treme shore is claimed by the

Hilestuck Nation.

while the country between the Tahcullies and the Hilestucks is occupied by the

Bella Coola Nation

scattered between Gardner's Channel and the Bentinck Arms, and in the valleys of the Bella Coola and Salmon Rivers. Proceeding southward to Johnstone Straits we find

The Kwah-keidth Nation

occupying the north-eastern portion of Vancouver Island and the coast of the Mainland between River's and Bute Inlets.

It was at Newitty, north of Fort Rupert, in 1811. that Mr Astor's trading vessel, the "Tonquin," was blown up with more than one hundred Indians on heard, by Mr. Lewis, the supercargo, who, himself fatally wounded, having seen his comrades murdered before his eyes, exacted a terrible retribution from the merciless savages in his last moments.

On the East shore of Vancouver Island and to the south of the Kwah-kewlths dwell the

Puntlatch or Comor

who though very few in number are yet entirely distinct from the surrounding nationalities. They inlabit the valley of the river of the same name.

Next in order comes the powerful

Coxcichan Nation.

which occupies the whole of the south-eastern porcludes the Williams Lake, Quesnelle, Fort George, tion of Vancouver Island, the mainland from Bute liabine, Carrier, Neclaco and Tchileotin Indians, I lilet across the boundary and the whole valley of the

Lower Fraser. This nation includes all the tribes from Yale to the mouth of the Fraser, the Skwawmish, Seshelt, Nanaimo, Chemainis, Cowichan, Saanich, Songhees and Sooke,

Lastly we find on the west coast of Vancouver Island

The Alt Nation,

which includes all the Indians resident from Port St. Juan near the entrance of the Straits of Fuca to Cape Cook near Quatsino Sound.

Such is the geographical position of the various nationalities inhabiting British Columbia. Before speaking of the present condition of the Indians it will be well to remember that the great change for the better which has taken place in their habits and customs may be attributed to the policy which has been pursued towards them in the past. The speedy and impartial justice meted out by the late governor. Sir James Douglas, during his long and admirable career, latterly as governor, and formerly as Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, has its influence to the present day upon the native population who still speak of "Mr. Douglas" as their friend and protector.

To the firm but beneficent rule, inaugurated by Sir James and continued by his successors, may be ascribed the fact that there has been no organized rising of Indians for the destruction of the white inhabitants of this Province, for sad as was the fate of the party exterminated by the Indians at Bate Inlet in 1863, it was not a general uprising, but an outrage conceived and carried out by a few. In 1877 when the Okanagan Indians south of the boundary line were carrying fire and sword through the American settlements, and were entreating the British Indians, their relatives by the ties of blood and marriage, to join them and carry the war through the interior of the Province, our natives rejected their overtures, for, as they said, having no wrongs to avenge, they had nothing to gain and much to lose by revolt.

The Indian, of the exast are more numerous, but with less natural aptitude for civilization than those of the interior, the former, however, and more especially the Northern Indians, excel the latter in manual dexterity.

The staple articles of diet among all the tribes are dried fish, generally salaion or halibut, potatoes and berries, but they are also large consumers of flour and sugar, and indeed, are again proving the oft-proven fact that the advance of civilization creates wants unknown in their primitive condition.

The present generation have almost invariably adopted the European dress, though even now in the more unsettled parts, one may frequently meet a native lady gracefully wrapped in a idanket, whose mature charms are enhanced by large shell carriags, and a lip ornament ingeniously contrived to cause the lower lip to project a full inch in front of the teeth.

Both on the coast and in the interior many have taken to agriculture and are fairly successful. Of the native farmers in the interior several have considerable bands of horses and cattle.

At the date of Confederation, 1st July, 1871, under the Terms of Union, the Dominion Government

assumed the entire responsibility involved in the control of Indian affairs in British Columbia; the Provincial Government undertaking to provide the land required for reservations. Since that date the former government have organized an Indian Department.

The duties of the Department are manifold; the assignment and survey of reserves, residential, agricultural, pastoral, or as fisheries; the encouragement of agricultural and other industries, medical aid and assistance to the sick and indigent; and the distribution of grants in aid of education.

The results of this policy are encouraging; a great advance in industrial habits may be noted; and the following schools, devoted to Indian education, are liberally aided by free grants from the Dominion Government.

Lackalsap, Nass	Weelevan
Kincolith, Nass	. Anglica n
Fort Simpson	Wesleyan
Metlakahila	. Anglican
Hazelton, Skeena River	
Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands	.Anglican
Alert Ray, Johnstone's Straits	Auglican.
St. Mary's Mission, Fraser River Roma	n Catholic

In addition to the above which receive aid from the Dominion Government, there are several other schools scattered throughout the Province, which are supported by subscriptions and various religious associations.

On Kuper Island opposite Chemainis an attempt is being made to carry on an Industrial Indian School. The good effects, which may be hoped for as the result of the training acquired in such an institution, can hardly be over estimated. The success which has justly rewarded Mr. Duncan's efforts at Methakalıtla, shows of what Indians are capable when properly led and taught.

At Metlakahtla saw, grist, and woden mills, a salmon cannery, and other industries are worked and owned by cleanly and intelligent Indians, who reside in the next dwellings which form the town of that name.

During the past few years large numbers have found remunerative employment in the cameries, send fishing, etc. In the latter occupation alone, it is stated, that upwards of \$70,000 are annually paid to them during the fishing season lasting about three months.

The north-west coast Indians, a few years ago the pirates of British Columbia, are now orderly and well disposed; they have found by experience that the law is equally ready to punish and protect; and could the demoralizing liquor traffic be entirely suppressed, it cannot be doubted that still greater improvements in their welfare and habits would be brought about; for in British Columbia as in most countries a large percentage of crime may be traced to drunkenness.

The Coast Indians appear to have a considerable talent for the use of tools of various kinds. Their canous are models of marine architecture; and when it is remembered that each is formed from a single color tree, (Thuja Occidentalia or Gigantes) with but few and rude implements, one cannot fail to be impressed with admiration for the patient industry,

which, with apparently such inadequate means, has constructed a vessel capable of transporting in safety over a stormy sea, a crew varying in number from two or three to perhaps one hundred men. probably unnecessary to remark that, from their earliest years, these Indians display great skill in mavigating their buoyant craft.

The Hydahs and Tsimpsheeans carve in wood and slate, and are the principal manufacturers of the silver bracelets and other Indian curios which find so ready a sale among the visitors to the Province. It is, however, stated that with the spread of civilization. an increased proportion of alloy, derived from brass candlesticks and pewter spoons, has found its way into the curios which are apparently manufactured

from the precions metals.

Few industries could be made remunerative in British Columbia, owing to the scarcity of white labor, without the aid of the Indians. By farmers they are employed as herdsmen, shepherds, and field laborers; on the steamers and sailing vessels they fill the places of deck hands; in the canneries while the men catch; their women clean and cut up the fish; in the saw-mills they may be seen handling lumber; in the coal mines they are also, to a limited extent, emplayed, and in short there is hardly an occupation, in which unskilled labor is required, in which the Indian may not be seen competing with the Chinaman. To visitors for the purposes of sport the Indian and his canoe are indispensable when travelling on the coast, affording not only a means of transport for the camp equipage, but the only practicable conveyance up the shallow rapid rivers, most of which are plentifully supplied with trout, and afford excellent sport to such as care to seek it.

It is hardly within the limits of this paper to attempt to describe the heraldic carvings for which the Northern Indians are celebrated—indeed the task would be worthy of the pen of Garter King at-Armsneither will space permit their grotesque masks, their dances and festivals, to be enlarged upon in an article intended to be descriptive of the local habitations and the names of the different Indian Nation. alities of British Columbia.

BILLS PASSED DURING THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

An Act to amend the "Notaries Public Appointment Act, 1872."

An Act to amend the "Qualification and Registration of Voters Acts.

An Act relating to the Legal Professions.

An Act to amend the "New Westminster and Port Moody Railway Company Act, 1882.

An Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to gold and other minerals, excepting coal.

An Act o amend the "Sleigh Regulation Act, 1883." An Act to amend the "Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Transportation Company Act, 1883."

An Act to amend the "Public School Act, 1879." An Act to amend the "Coroners Amendment Act, 1883.

An Act to amend an Act respecting dogs.

An Act to regulate the Chinese population of British Columbia.

An Act to prevent the immigration of Chinese.

An Act to incorporate the New Westminster and Port Moody Telephone Company, Limited. An Act to amend the "Local Administration of Justice Act, 1881," so as to provide for the more frequent sittings of the Court of Appeal.

An Act respecting the storage of gunpowder and

other explosive substances.

An Act to authorize the city of New Westminster to sell certain lands.

An Act relating to the Law of Evidence.

An Act to amend and consolidate the laws affecting Crown Lands in British Columbia.

An Act relating to the cutting of timber upon the Provincial Lands, and for the purpose of deriving a revenue therefrom.

An Act to amend the "Cariboo Waggon Road Tolls Act, 1876.

An Act respecting the union of certain Methodist Churches in Canada.

An Act respecting the prevention of fires in unincorporated towns and villages.

An Act to amend the "Land Registry Ordinance, 1870."

An Act to prevent Chinese from acquiring Crown

An Act to prevent the desecration of grave yards. An Act respecting the transfer of pending business

in the County Court of British Columbia.

An Act to amend the "Jurors Act, 1883." An Act to amend the "Municipality Act, 1881."

An Act to amend the "Statutes and Journals Act,

An Act to authorize the borrowing of \$250,000 upon the general credit of the Province.

An Act relating to the indemnity to members of the Legislative Assembly.

An Act to encourage the manufacture of woolen goods in British Columbia.

An Act for granting certain sums of money for the nublic service.

TREPANG.

Judge Swan is preparing a series of articles on the fish and fisheries of Puget Sound and the waters north of here, that will soon appear in the Argus Inquiries from the East in regard to black cod are multiplying, and a market is already opened for those edible food fishes that abound in our waters. The method of taking them by means of deep sea gill nets, and of salting and curing them, will be fully discussed so that local fishermen may be put in the way of engaging at once in the business of taking these fish and preparing them for market. Another important product of these northern waters, found wherever the warm Japan current impinges on our shores, is the trepang, a kind of sea worm that is largely used in China and commands there several hundred dollars per ton when dried and fitted for market. The Northern Pacific railroad is now carrying freight across the continent, and can supply the eastern markets with Puget Sound black cod or any other food nishes that may be taken and prepared here, and the line of steamers contemplated by that company to connect Puget Sound with China could carry to the flowery kingdom as many tons every month of the trepang as our almond-eyed neighbors might wish. The gold of China would be just as acceptable to our people as that from Boston or Phila-dolphia. We have in the vast and undeveloped resources in the way of food fishes in these northwestern waters the elements of wealth, which, if properly managed, will add greatly to the money in local circulation in our trade channels in the near future. Everybody should take an interest in these matters, because the way can thus be opened up for immense development for the country.— Daily Port Townsend Argus.

REAL ESTATE.

The crisis just past (the delayed passage of the Settlement Bill), undoubtedly acted as a damper to investors, and held back many who were ready, but afraid, for the nearer the time came for legislation upon the Bill in question, the more prominently bonned up British Columbia's former disappointments, and dictated extreme caution. Notwithstanding this, we have had 120 sales against 50 for last year, amounting to \$119,495, whilst the sum paid in same month last years was but \$66,191, so that the advance is quite satisfactory. There were no large sales recorded during the month, the largest being \$9,000, the majority being about \$400 thus indicating that many are purchasing lots for homes, and if this is the case, and the lots are not being gobbled up by the speculators, we think the country is to be congretulated. Sould the latter be the case, however, recollections of San Francisco and Scattle with their inflated markets are so vividly before us, that we fail to rejoice at the prospect. Since the passage of the Settlement Bill, sales at advanced rates have been made of both city and subarban property, the largest sale being the triaugular plot at the intersection of Government and Douglas Sts. just beyond the Finlayson estate. Sales of town lots in the Work estate have been many, and at higher prices; in fact, the northern suburbs, along the Gorge and Burnside roads, and Douglas Street are showing much activity in the building line and are eagerly sought for residence sites, in this direction. The largest and possibly the most premising property now offering in sub-divisions of five-acre plots, is the Lake Hill Estate sold on the instalment plan. In the Eastern suburbs acre plots are being sold at \$1000, bought principally for residences; the establishment of the outer wharf as a customs landing dock, has influenced the value of real estate in James Bay, and the many residences now being erected in that vicinity shows the great favor our people have for that peninsula. With the comincheement of the construction of the Island Rail Road, prices are almost certain to increase and with the era of prosperity now dawning upon us, the advance seems to be justified.

Messrs, Robert Ward & Co., as agents for A. Onderdonk, Esq., have commenced engaging and forwarding men to work on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

MUSIC HATH CHARMS.

"The man that both not music in himself, Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds, Is fit for trensons, stratagems and spoils; The motions of his spirit are dull as night And his affections dark as Erebus; Let no such man be trusted. Mark the music."

So sang the illustrious bard of Avon, and never was exclamation more true. It is the only universal The Englishman, who may not be able to understand a single German word, is as appreciative of the written music of Strauss, Mozart, Mendelsolm Waldtenfel, or that of any other nationality, as he might be of the musical composition of his own countrymen. It is verily "a silent language, roving far and near." Eight notes constitute its alphabet; their combinations and subdivisions, like other A B C's, make written music as these do words. But no language, proper, will ever become universal, while it is equally certain that do and do will be the alpha and omega of every musical scale. Our space will not permit us to enlarge upon the refining and elevating influence of what has been aptly termed the "divine art," and will only subscribe to the beautiful expression just quoted, as we are told that it is one of the highest joys of even heaven itself, that they have music there.

A propos of this subject, we are glad to say that Victoria can boast of a rising composer, not only of great promise but of very meritorious performance. We refer to Willie M. Cross, a young gentleman scarcely out of his "teens," who has recently made his debut in the composition of "Zephyr Waltz," followed by "Las Ondellas," (Little Waves) and has in press the "Asheroft Waltz," dedicated to that much esteemed lady, the wife of Lieut.-Governor Cornwall, and the "Olympian Quickstep." for a full military band, will be published at an early date. The latter, by competent judges, who have heard the composition performed, pronounce it even superior to his previous efforts. We understand that the young gentleman, whose musical talents have brought him, at so early an age into sogreat prominence, will eventually go to Leipsic to finish his studies. We could give complimentary notices of his musical efforts from the entire northwestern press, but space is limited.

Mr. W. J. Armstreng, M. P. P. for New West-minster, has resigned his seat and accepte, the appointment of Sheriff for that district, in place of Mr. James Morrison. In consequence of this resignation a new election will be held for that city. A requisition was to have been circulated asking Mr. James Cunningham to stand for the seat. The Columbian thinks that if Mr. Cunningham consents, he will be returned by acclamation.

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The City Water Mains run through the Property, besides there being many fine springs on it.

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Two Government Roads run through the Property and new streets of from 40 to 66 feet wide will be laid and cleared by the present owner.

DOUGLAS EXTENSION.

Arrangements have been made with Dr. W. F. Tolmie, to extend Douglas Street 66 feet wide towards beaver Lake, commencing at the junction of Saanich and New Government Roads, running through Cloverdale Estate, thence continuing through Lake Hill Estate along the Corporation Water Mains, making one of the most level and finest drives of the many excellent thoroughfares to and from Victoria.

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MONDAY.

For Puget Sound -Str. Olympian leaves wharf at 5 a. m. From Puget Sound -Str. North-Pacific due at 1 p. m.

From San Francisco-Str. Geo. W. Elder due.

TUESDAY.

For Puget Sound Str. North Pacific leaves H. B. C. wharf

at 5 a. m.
From Puget Sound Str. Olympian due at 1 p. m.
From New Westminster and Port Hammond, calling at Ladaer's Landing-Str. Princess Louise leaves H. B. C. wharf at 7 n. m. making connections for Yale and all interior points.
For Nanamo, and East Coast bays -Str. R. P. Rithet leaves H. B. C.

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WEDNESDAY

For Paget Sound-Str. Olympian leaves H. B C, wharf

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THURSDAY.

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For San Francisco, Str. Geo, W. Elder, leaves wharf at outer harbor at moon. Mail closes at 11.39; Express at 11.45.

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Str. Mexico due from San Francisco.

Esquivalt Stage. - Leave Victoria 7.45 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 45 a.m. 11 a.m., 1, 45., p.m., 2 p.m., 4.45 p.m., 5 p.m., Leave Esquimalt - 4 45 a.m., 9 a.m., 1 a.m., 12 m., 2,45 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m.

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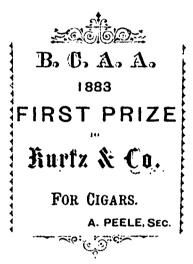
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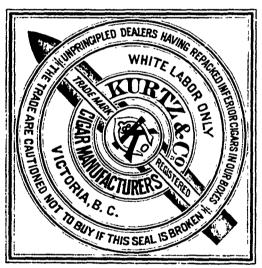


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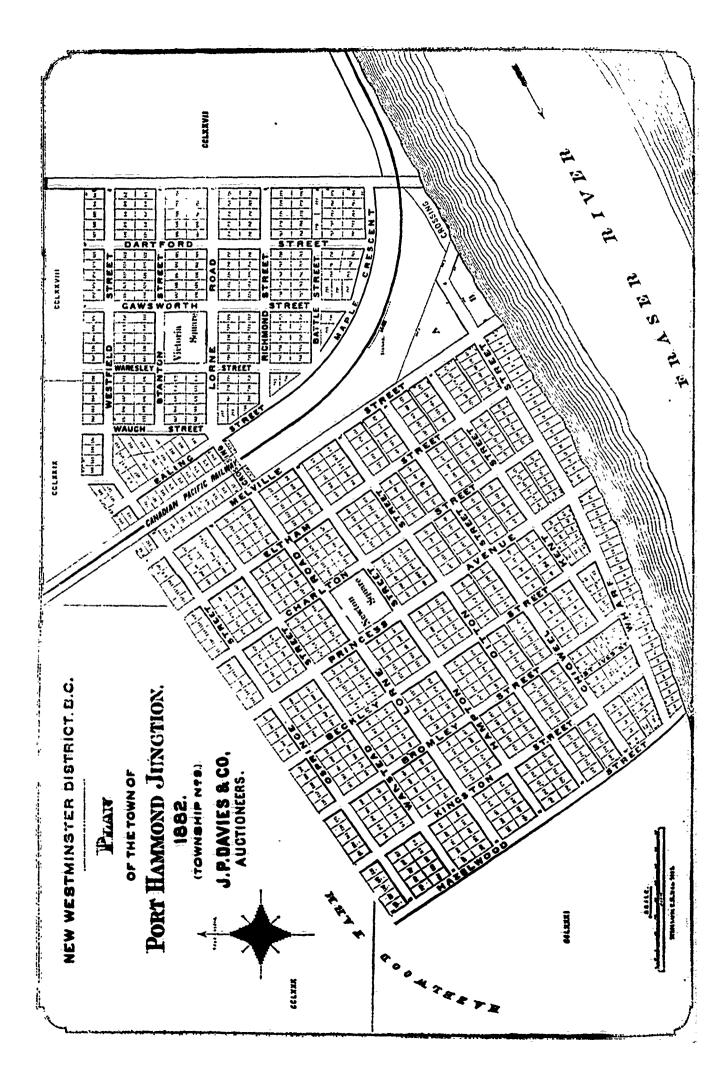
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Monday and Thursday
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Winkle and Harkerville.

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And Hog Creek.

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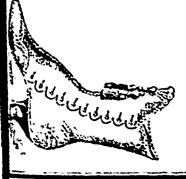
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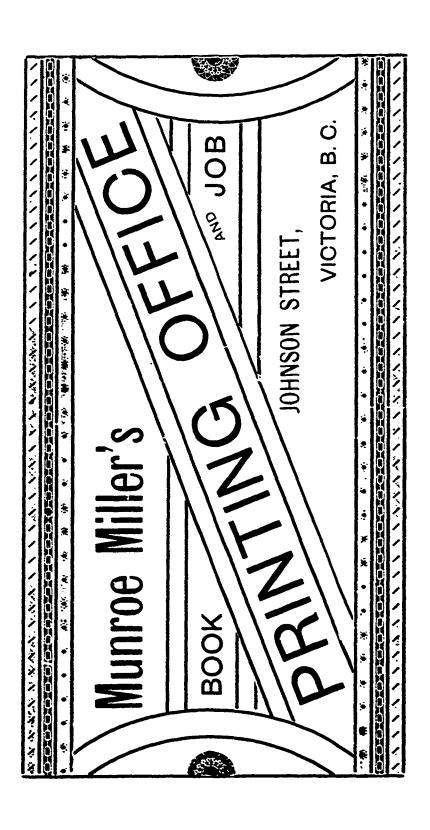
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