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Weekly British Columbian.

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 16, 1889.

A gentleman who is interested in the manufacture of a peculiar sort of iron piping, observes an exchange, states that certain New York capitalists are laying plans for the erection in that city of a tower which will cast the famous Eiffel tower in Paris in the shade. Jay Gould and Russell Sage, it is said, are backing the scheme and the intention is to erect a structure not less than 1,200 feet high and 100 feet in diameter at the summit at a cost of about $2,000,000. The idea is to offer this tower as a crowning reason why the world's fair should be located in New York. But the Chicago people are not to be caught napping in this way. The *News* of that city makes the announcement that its columns will be open to all persons who wish to make suggestions as to some characteristic feature which will render the world's fair in Chicago historic in itself, as well as for the occasion which it will commemorate. This idea has been borrowed from London *Truth*, which is likewise asking for suggestions of novel attractions, likely to rival the Eiffel tower, for the next great exhibition to be held in the metropolis. Several answers have already been received. One person proposes a complete reproduction, on a grand scale, of Noah's Ark, with every detail that can be gathered from scriptural or ancient history. Another suggests a hole in the ground as big and as deep as the Eiffel tower, at the bottom of which shall be a spacious apartment for all kinds of amusements. Others propose various modifications of the original tower idea.

A congress of American states is to open at Washington shortly. Representatives will be present from nearly all the independent governments of Central and Southern America and of the United States. Canada will not be represented, however, so the gathering cannot be called strictly pan-American The main object of the conference is to promote trade between the countries interested. Because of this it was thought that Canada or other dependencies of European countries could not be invited to participate without a seeming desire to be unfriendly; as the object is to divert trade from England, France, Spain and Germany, the dependencies of these countries would not be asked to take part. Such was the explanation made when the congress of the United States was arranging for the conference and issuing the invitations, and it is reasonably satisfactory. It is interesting to note the pre-disposing cause, so to speak, of this conference. The United States is steadily losing ground in South America, the great bulk of the trade being done with England and other European countries, principally Germany. The conference will be invited to consider a number of other matters, and especially the establishment of international arbitration to take the place of war in the settlement of disputes between the independent governments of the western hemisphere. But the main business of the conference will be the great question of trade, and if the United States can manage to recover some of its lost ground in the Central and South American countries, it is opined that it will not distress itself even if nothing should be done in the matter of international arbitration. The mere fact that the richest and most enterprising nation of the continent feels itself compelled to take this course, in order to enlarge its trade relations, is, as a cotemporary well remarks, a most significant commentary on its policy of high protection. It is unable to compete with England in markets which lie at its very door. It has carried protection to such a length that it is fast driving itself out of the markets of the world in all manufactured articles with which England can possibly compete. Time will demonstrate what this projected conference will do to improve matters.

An explorer named Lumholtz who has lately returned to Europe from North Queensland lived for four years with the chocolate colored natives of that country. During that whole time it may be said that he was like the Apostle Paul "in dangers oft" of almost every kind. His intrepedity, however, was rewarded, for he brought back with him no fewer than 900 separate bird skins, he discovered four new mammals, the tree climbing kangaroo and three hitherto unknown varieties of the opossum. In addition a large variety of sketches and hundreds of insects were secured by this naturalist. The chief interest attaching to this gentleman's travels is, however, in the fact that during a great part of the time he spent in Queensland he lived, moved, and had his being with tribes of the lowest and most brutal of mankind. These natives are described as being physically a fine race, many of their women being handsome. They are, however, absolutely without morals of any sort and totally indifferent to human life. Although they are cannibals, human flesh is a luxury and not their usual food. They only eat their captives in war. From Mr. Lumholtz's account it would seem that a certain epicurean taste prevails with even such depraved beings. Thus, white man's flesh is not in great favor, being too salt, whilst a Chinaman, being fed on rice, has a tender vegetable flavor—like a mealy cauliflower, but even he is not so tender and juicy as a native baby, fat and sweet. When a native wants a wife he simply goes and takes one without anybody's leave, and then there is a general row, the men fighting and the women backing their fanciers. The females appear to like this rough and ready method, we are told, for "they go and don't seem to mind it in the least." We have all heard of the anxious parent who told his scapegrace son it was time he took a wife, and the reply of the reprobate as to whose wife his father could recommend. This finds a parallel among the tribes of North Queensland, for it is not at all uncommon for one savage to take by force the wife or wives of his neighbor, and until another stranger comes along nothing particular happens. The remarkable thing is, however, that all the old men have the prettiest wives, which seems to bear out this traveller's theory that "even these degraded tribes possess many qualities in common with the highly civilized European." It is scarcely gratifying to cultured humanity to recognize that we have anything in common with these cannibal savages, but the fact remains that

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin"

in this case as in many others.

No less than twenty new elevators are now approaching completion throughout the province of Manitoba. Among them they will increase the storage capacity of the province by 600,000 bushels.

We believe it may be safely said that the returns are all in now—that the provincial press has "relieved its mind" on the subject of the whereabouts of the next exhibition; and we confess we have seen nothing which inclines us to alter our opinion that the annual meeting came to the right conclusion. We do not care to give much space to noticing the sharp things which have been said about that meeting. We are quite willing to admit that the tone of one or two of the speeches was not exactly what it should have been, and some of the "interjections" were in very bad taste; but for these things individuals were responsible. As far as the meeting, considered as a whole, was concerned, there was nothing to complain of, aside from an absence (due to overworking of officials) of some usual routine, which affected neither the legality of the proceedings nor the complexion of the result. When we have eliminated from the discussion all the sharp things aforesaid, and "panned out" the remainder, we find as the resulting product, a demand from Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo, that the exhibition be held at those places. That is all. Of course we have a good many words about the alleged "breach of faith," and the fact that so much stress is laid upon that, confirms us in our conviction that New Westminster is *the* place for the exhibition. Our cotemporaries would not confine themselves so strictly to ringing the changes upon that absurd pretext, if they had any arguments to advance. Suppose that at some meeting of the B.C.A.A. "in the early dawn and dusk of time," a resolution *had* been passed that the exhibition should forever lead a vagabond existence—upon whom would that resolution be binding? Certainly not upon the hundreds who never heard of such a resolution, and who have paid their subscriptions in good faith to advance the interests which are helped by the exhibition. No such resolution, of course, ever was passed. The exhibition has wiggled about from place to place, in obedience to what seems to be a natural law governing the early development of such things; but, as a gentleman at the meeting pointed out, the plan has never answered. Our position is, that we cannot have an exhibition worthy of the province, except it is held always in the same place; and we further maintain that New Westminster is that place. Nature has made New Westminster the centre of the farming interest, just as it has made Nanaimo the centre of the coal interest; and that should settle the question, unless New Westminster declined to take up its responsibility in the matter. We all know that it has not declined; but, on the contrary, has risen to the occasion, and put the exhibition upon a much higher plane than it ever before occupied. Something like $25,000 for preparations, and $1,000 or $2,000 in membership fees, besides over $4,000 for "attractions," is a record which leaves all former ones quite out of sight, and furnishes an abundant guarantee for future success. New Westminster has displayed a spirit the very reverse of sectional with respect to other annual "events," and as Nature has marked her as the locality of the one under discussion—which *must* have a fixed locality if it is to be successful—the treatment which she has received from her sister cities in the matter—particularly from Victoria—has been anything but fair and generous. She has strained her resources to secure a thoroughly successful representation of the interest of which Nature has made her the guardian, and communities debarred by their position from doing justice to that interest, seek to prejudice it, and rob the Royal City of the fruit of its energy and liberality, simply to gratify a miserable sectionalism.

An explanation of the profusion of colonels in Kentucky is to be found in part in the Governor's privilege to appoint colonels on his staff ad libitum. Governor Blackburn appointed sixty in Louisville alone, with proportionate numbers for the back counties. It is believed that no governor of Kentucky ever had his entire staff together at one time. There is no public hall in Kentucky big enough to hold it. The Texas method is simpler still. You have only to drink with the mayor to be named colonel on the spot.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

POOR MORRISON

The Highland Outlaw of Megantic is Found Guilty of Manslaughter To-day.

Rev. DeWitt Talmage Leaves on a Trip to the Holy Land in a Few Weeks.

Forty-five Hundred Bales of Cotton Burned at Savannah, Georgia, To-day.

MANSLAUGHTER.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Oct. 9.—Morrison, the Megantic outlaw, was this morning found guilty of manslaughter.

A MAN O'-WAR BADLY WANTED.

OTTAWA, Oct. 9.—For some time there has been considerable correspondence between the Dominion and British governments in regard to the protection of the whale fisheries on Hudson Bay against U. S. vessels, and Great Britain has been asked to send out a man-of-war to the whaling grounds next season. It is represented that the U. S. vessels every year sell a large quantity of goods to the natives, upon which they pay no duty, and in addition to this, several American firms have established trading stations on the mainland from which they are making fortunes.

A SHORT FIGHT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Mike Breslin of this city, and Charley McCarthy, of Philadelphia, light weights, fought a brief but decisive battle on Coney island, the favorite resort for Sunday school picnics on the Hudson river, near Peekskill, this morning. Breslin forced the fighting, the first round of which ended with McCarthy being almost knocked out in his own corner. When the second round was called McCarthy refused to fight and the stakes of $500 were given to Breslin. The fight was witnessed by about 75 New York clubmen, who left the city on a tug at 11:15 last night, arriving at Coney Island at 2:45 this morning, when the men entered the ring.

SENATOR FAIR RESIGNS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nevada Bank to-day, the resignation of Ex-Senator James G. Fair, both as president and director, was announced and accepted. James L. Flood was then elected president, and R. H. Fallis director. Senator Fair when spoken to on the subject after the meeting, said: "It is a great relief to me to be able to attend exclusively to my private affairs. I have so many interests outside of the bank that needed my attention that I really could not look after the business of the bank properly."

A BIG CATCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 9.—The whaling bark Coral arrived from Bristol Bay this morning with 1100 barrels of oil and 13,000 pounds of whale bone.

FOR THE HOLY LAND.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, of the Brooklyn tabernacle, has made the following announcement: "With the cordial consent of the elders and trustees of this church, I will leave on Wednesday morning, October 30th, on the City of Paris, for the Holy Land, to be gone about two months. My first object in going is to acquire education for myself and congregation. I want to see the places associated with our Lord's life and death. I believe I can make my pulpit far more efficient when I have seen with my own eyes, Bethlehem and Nazareth, Galilee and Jerusalem, Calvary and other places connected with our Saviour's life. My second reason for going is that I am writing a life of Christ, and I can be more accurate and graphic when I have been an eye-witness of the very places. This pulpit will be supplied during my absence by some of the most brilliant and edifying preachers of America."

ELECTRICAL EXECUTION LAW.

AUBURN, N. Y., Oct. 9.—Judge Day decided that the electrical execution law is unconstitutional, and remanded Kemoneller to the custody of the warden of the Auburn prison.

THE TRAINS IN TROUBLE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Judge Barrett has granted Mrs. Geo. Francis Train, jr., an absolute divorce from her husband, who is a son of George Francis Train.

A BREAD RING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—There is some apprehension felt on account of the coming high price and scarcity of bread, due to the newly formed bread union, and to the possibility of a strike among the bakers employed for higher wages and shorter hours.

A DETERMINED MAN.

Peter Carson, laborer, attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the bay last night. He was arrested and taken to the city prison, where he made three more attempts on his life; twice by strangulation and once by hanging, but was prevented each time.

MILLIONS IN IT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—At the annual meeting of the Western Union Telegraph Co., the old board of directors were re-elected without opposition. The statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, shows gross receipts of $20,786,164; operating expenses $14,565, 152; net earnings, $6,218,041, an increase of $11, 474.70 over last year. After the payment of the dividend and all charges, there was a surplus from the year's business of $1,072,865, which makes the surplus to June 30th $8,611,401.

ANIMALS BATTLE FOR A PURSE.

SAN LORENZO, Cala., Oct. 9.—Geo. Frates, a blacksmith, and Henry Bates, fought for a small purse under the London prize ring rules, here last night. The fighting was fast and furious from the start and Bates was knocked out in the second round.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—John Haggerty, the expressman who was shot by James G. Gordon, a bar tender, during a saloon row, Sept. 13th, died at midnight. Gordon has been charged with murder.

AN EMINENT VISITOR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—Sir Edwin Arnold, author of the "Light of Asia" and other works which have made him famous, arrived here last night. He intends to remain a week or so and will visit the Orient.

COTTON BURNED.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 9.—Taylor & Lewis' hydraulic cotton compressor, six cotton sheds and 4500 bales of cotton were burned this morning. Loss, $500,000. The cotton was insured in foreign marine companies. The compressor will start up again to-morrow, and the handling of cotton will not be delayed.

A LIBERAL OFFER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Mrs. Mary G. Pinkney, who owns the entire polo grounds at 110th st., has offered that property, along with several other blocks in the neighborhood, belonging to her, to the site committee of the world's fair, providing the committee will pay taxes. This is the most liberal offer yet made to the site committee.

NEW DIOCESE REFUSED.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—In the episcopal convention, the committee refused to recomend the creation of a new diocese with limits in Nebraska.

THE GLADSTONIAN WON.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—The election to fill the vacant parliamentary seat for Elgin, yesterday, resulted in the return of Mr. Keay, Gladstonian, by a vote of 2,571 to 2,039 for his Unionist opponent, Mr. Logan.

NEW MARKET RACES.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—At New Market to-day the race for the Medole park plate was won by Signorina, Lenord second, Golden Gate third.

EXPENSIVE FERRY BOATS.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 8.—The company that bought out the Toronto Island Ferry Co. is getting out plans for four large ferryboats to cost $40,000 each.

A WOMAN THE CAUSE OF IT.

HAMILTON, Ont., Oct. 8.—Rev. Jas. Murray, pastor of Wentworth street Presbyterian church, whom it is said, James Douglass, the victim of the policeman, came here to murder, because he married Miss Webster, with whom Douglass was smitten, says he was unaware of any such feeling towards himself in the mind of Douglass. Murray says he never thought of Douglass as being in any way interested in his own or his wife's affairs.

NO EVIDENCE.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 8.—The criminal assizes opened here yesterday afternoon. The crown offered no evidence in the abortion case by which Lillie Charlton lost her life, and in connection with which John O. Wood, druggist, lately of Toronto, now of Buffalo, was charged with murder. Wood was liberated.

MANITOBA'S RULER.

OTTAWA, Oct. 8.—The lieut.-governor of Manitoba and Mrs. Schultz reached the city yesterday morning. They remain for a few days before returning to Manitoba.

THE LIBERAL LEADER.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Oct. 8.—There was a large gathering at the opera house last night to listen to the addresses by the Hon. Mr. Laurier and others. Mr. T. R. Preston declared that Laurier had been chosen as leader because he was the ablest man in the party. Mr. Laurier who was warmly received, spoke to the same effect as he had spoken elsewhere.

ALIENATED AFFECTIONS.

MONTREAL, Oct. 8.—Henry M. Miller, of Toronto, has begun proceedings against Charles Gentleman, a married sewing machine agent, for $1,000 damages, for alienating his wife's affections.

A TOTAL WRECK.

OWEN SOUND, Ont., Oct. 8.—The latest account of the vessel "Scoville" that struck on Isle Cove rock, Sunday night, is that she is going to pieces. The vessel will probably be a complete loss. The body of Capt. O'Grady, who was killed between the vessel and the rocks while trying to get ashore, will be sent to Chicago.

Dalton McCarthey addressed a public meeting in Queen's Hall, Montreal, Tuesday night, and the large hall did not afford standing room for those who attended. In his speech the whole subject of the Jesuits' estates legislation was discussed, with special reference to the dual languages and the grant of $60,000 to Protestant education, both of which were condemned.

THE TROUBLED CZAR

Asks that Extraordinary Precautions be taken for His Safety While in Berlin.

Immense Improvements of London Streets to be Undertaken at a Tremendous Cost.

Boulanger Invited to Make His Home in Canada till France Requires Him.

THE CZAR'S VISIT.

BERLIN, Oct. 10.—General Wender will meet the czar at Kiel and accompany him to Berlin. The first regiment of guards, together with a company of the Alexander regiment, will act as a body guard to the czar en route from Kiel to Berlin. After arriving at the capital his escort from the railway station to the Russian embassy will consist of four squadrons of cavalry, two riding in front of the imperial carriage and two behind. Most stringent precautions have been taken to prevent the possibility of an approach of the public to his majesty's person. Besides the troops which will be stretched out in solid columns on each side of the route, police officials in citizens' clothes will be thickly scattered along the edge of the crowds, with instructions to watch for any suspicious movement on the part of individuals or groups of people. The precautions are taken, it is understood, at the express wish of the czar himself, whose secret police have warned him that the greatest care should be taken during his stay in Berlin to insure his safety. Acting upon their suggestions, German officials are making a thorough canvas of the houses along the proposed route to see that no suspicious persons lodge there, and before Friday the police will have the history and pedigree of every dweller along the line from the railway station to the embassy.

LARGE FIRE.

BERLIN, Oct. 10.—The fire which broke out in the town of Ostheim, in Bavaria, early this morning, destroyed a brewery, several forage stores, a hotel and a number of warehouses and other buildings. The loss is heavy.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—The county council have approved of plans for some radical improvements in London streets. The Strand is to be widened its entire length; Holywell is to be improved out of existence, and a new street will be opened from the Strand to Holborn at the cost of a million and a half sterling. This, it is announced, is only the beginning of a great scheme for beautifying and improving the great London thoroughfares to which the councils already stand committed. Old fogyism which has stood in the way of progress in this direction for centuries, has now given away to an enlightened spirit of improvement, and it is likely that the vigor and enterprise manifested in many directions by the county councils will in a few years make of the great highways of London something more than crooked, narrow, and ugly cowpaths.

INVITED TO CANADA.

MONTREAL, Oct. 10.—At a meeting of the members of the Old French Colony here last night, it was unanimously resolved that General Boulanger should be invited to take up his residence among his compatriots in Montreal, until such time as he shall be called to France to rule her destines. A committee was named to draft a formal invitation to the general.

WANTS ANOTHER FIGHT.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 10.—Pat Killen has posted a forfeit of $500 here for a fight to a finish with any heavy weight in the country, Joe McAuliffe preferred, for $2,500 a side. He says that if McAuliffe will come to St. Paul he will guarantee his expenses. In a letter to a local paper Killen says he dislocated his shoulder in the third round of his recent battle with McAuliffe, and was not able to fight after that.

SHIPPING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10.—Arrived ship Blue Jacket and bark Melrose from Seattle; barkentine C. C. Funk, from New Westminster. Sailed, bark Columbia for Seattle.

ONLY 5 YEARS.

OROVILLE, Cala., Oct. 10.—Edward Sooney, the farmer convicted of manslaughter, in killing W. S. Riddle, a wealthy rancher, in a dispute over a piece of land, which both claimed, has been sentenced to imprisonment for five years.

FREE POSTAL DELIVERY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Postmaster-General Wanamaker will recommend in his annual report that the free delivery system be extended to cities of 8,000 inhabitants. This recommendation is warranted by the fact that the revenues of free delivery offices for the year will be from $1,500,000 to $2,000,000 in excess of expenses.

Wm. Paul and Charles Fraser, two residents of Rat Portage, were blown to pieces by a threshing machine explosion in Dakota on Monday.

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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

A bag of peas infested with weevils was lately noticed to be surprisingly warm, when investigation showed a temperature outside of 71 degrees and inside of 96 degrees. The difference proved to be due to heat developed through the work of the weevils.

There are now seven agricultural laboratories in Belgium where gratuitous analyses of manures and feeding stuffs are made. In addition, information is freely furnished to farmers upon the best method of using the manures and feeding stuffs, and upon other questions in agricultural science.

Goss remarked that the largest animal known is the rorqual, about 100 feet long; the smallest is the twilight monad, whose dimensions are the 12,000th of an inch. The middle term is one-third of an inch, so that the common house-fly may be considered as an animal of the medium size in the creation.

VITALITY OF GERMS.—In the laboratory of the German Imperial Health Department, Dr. L. Heim has found that cholera bacilli may survive in milk from two or three to six days; in sweet butter, for a month; but in cheese curds, scarcely a day. The bacilli of typhoid fever were still visible in milk after thirty-five days; in butter they lived three weeks; and in whey and natural cheese, only three days. Milk containing the bacilli of consumption was still capable of conveying infection after ten days; butter, for four weeks; and whey and cheese, for two weeks.

WASTED WEALTH.—The most important unused product of Africa is declared to be the fibre of the banana. This is capable of being divided into threads of silky fineness, and extends the entire length of the branchless plant. In Central America the fibre with no preparation except drying, is used for shoe-strings, and for cords and ropes for various purposes. So vast is the supply of excellent material now wasted in the banana plantations of the world, that the proper utilization of this fibre is asserted by a German authority to be certain to influence the value of cotton, hemp, flax, and all similar plants.

PHOTOGRAPHS IN NATURAL COLORS.—In his late address to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, Capt. W. de W. Abney answered an oft-repeated question by stating that photography in natural colors not only has been discovered, but pictures in natural colors have been produced. Roughly speaking, the method of producing the spectrum in its natural colors is to chlorinize a silver plate, expose it to white light till it assumes a violet color, heat till it becomes rather ruddy, and expose it to a bright spectrum. The spectrum colors are then impressed in their natural tints. Experiment has shown that these colors are due to an oxidized product being formed at the red end of the spectrum and a reduced product at the violet end. Photography in natural colors, however, is only interesting from a scientific point of view, and is not likely to become artistically satisfactory, or of commercial value.

RECENT PROGRESS IN SURGERY.—The death-rate from amputations in hospitals before antiseptics were introduced, according to Dr. W. W. Keen, ranged from 23 to more than 53 per cent. Under the modern method, Von Brun reports 47 major amputations, with no death, Busch, 57 similar amputations, with a mortality of only 3.5 per cent.; Schede, 31 amputations, with a mortality of 4.37 per cent.; Socin, 48 amputations, with a mortality of zero; and Volkmann, 220 amputations, with a mortality of 3.5 per cent. In compound fractures, a half-dozen of the leading hospitals of Europe and America showed a mortality of 26 to 68 per cent during twelve to twenty years before the adoption of antiseptics. Since the introduction of antiseptics, Billroth, of Vienna, has found a falling off of the death-rate to one-tenth; while Dennis, of New York, reports 446 compound fractures—385 severe—with only 2 deaths.

Unpleasant Practice.

Parties just returned from Nanaimo Lake state that some persons who had been hunting near the upper end of the lake had hung the carcasses of three deer on the trees. They were now in an advanced stage of decomposition, and the stench of the neighborhood was simply unbearable. No doubt the hunters had hung them there with the intention of returning at once and taking them away, but for some reason failed to do so. It makes it very unpleasant for hunters and fishermen to go in that neighborhood. Had the carcasses been left on the ground, then other animals or insects would soon have devoured them, leaving nothing but the bones to bleach in the sun.—*Free Press.*

CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS.

What has Already Been Accomplished at the River's Mouth and What is Expected to be Done.

From Mr. Geo. Turner, C.E., it is learned that the channel improvements at the mouth of the river are being actively prosecuted at present by the contractor, Mr. T. F. Sinclair. Some 4,000 feet of mattresses are to be laid down this year, and these are now being made on the river bank a short distance below Ewen's cannery. Several hundred tons of rock have been quarried on Pitt lake and laid down at the mouth of the river, to be used in sinking and anchoring the mattresses when they are ready. Bush mattresses, the same as employed heretofore, will be used this year. A recent survey of the channel has shown that a steady improvement is in progress, and the results already obtained hold out very encouraging prospects for the future. When the improvements were commenced a few years ago there were only 5 feet of water, at low tide, over the bar, to-day there is 15 feet and it is expected that by the middle of next summer the shallowest water will be 20 feet at low tide. The channel is now 1000 feet wide across the bar, and is still widening. From these indisputable facts it can readily be seen that the method of improving the channel, introduced by Mr. F. C. Gamble, the government engineer, is a complete success. Eight thousand feet of mattresses have been laid down since the channel improvements were commenced, and when the present season's operations are complete the total number of mattresses put down will be a trifle over 12,000 feet.

Commendable Activity.

With commendable promptness the New Westminster celebration committee has liquidated all accounts it contracted in connection with the recent exhibition festival. To the energetic secretary, Mr. S. T. MacIntosh, much credit is due for this new departure, for such it is compared with the manner in which the last civic celebration accounts have been managed in Vancouver. Many of these are still unpaid. It is now over four months since they were contracted. But great bodies always act slowly, which accounts for the delay experienced.—*World.*

Battalion Drill.

Lieut.-Col. Prior has ordered a parade of the batteries at regimental headquarters on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, when a large attendance is expected. Company drill for men of the local batteries takes place every Monday night, and everything is being done that can be done to make the parade for the governor-general's reception a success. It is anticipated that the annual inspection will be held during his stay in Victoria. It would be a good thing if the Westminster battery could be induced to come down and take part in the review.—*Colonist.*

From Rock Creek.

Mr. Theodore Kruger and Mr. Thos. Elliott, two well-known residents of Rock Creek, reached the city last night and are domiciled at the Oriental. They report increased activity in mining matters in their section of the country. At the Douglas mine the shaft is down 88 feet, and a contract has been given for 100 feet more at $4 per foot. The rock is ifound to be of satisfactory quality, and modern machinery, including a ten stamp mill, has been ordered from New York. The machinery will be taken to the mine as soon as winter sets in. Two shifts of eight men are steadily at work, and the company also employs an assayer who carefully examines every bucketful as it comes from the mine. At Osoyoos Lake, the Wide West is proving fully as good as the Douglas, but it, like many another good claim in the district, needs capital to properly develop it. It shows, probably, the richest rock in the whole country, the ledge 84 feet in depth and 12 in width, being well-defined and easily worked. The ore is of uniform good quality all through the ledge, it does not run in a streak. At Ruby, on the American side, the Arlington has 100 men at work, and is putting up a 100 stamp mill. The ore there is not equal to that shown by the Wide West, but the owners of the mine have capital to work it for its full worth, and consequently it is going to pay, and pay well. Already the money that is being put in circulation by the Arlington company is making its presence felt for good. The Black Bear has 25 men at work and is doing well. Altogether, Mr. Kruger thinks, in the Rock Creek district the future of British Columbia as a mineral country is centered. A great dread stares the stockmen in the face this season—that of a possible shortage in the winter food supply. Owing to the grass fires and the grasshoppers, the crop was a partial failure, and it is feared that the cattle will suffer when they come down for the winter. At present all the stock is in prime condition.—*Saturday's Colonist.*

The Alaskan Company.

An officer of the Richard Rush informed a Seattle *Press* reporter that the sealing grounds will be a source of trouble so long as the Alaska Commercial Co. is allowed to control the seal interest. The officer said the Alaska Commercial Company is purely a British institution, with one or two American stockholders. The company claims the right to all the seals in the northern waters, and a government boat is kept cruising about to keep private boats out of the company's way. The six boats seized by the Rush for being engaged in sealing during the past season all claimed to be British vessels, but the officers of the Rush are of the settled opinion that all of the vessels referred to are American boats and owned by Americans, but chartered and outfitted in Victoria because it costs less there, and then by flying the British flag they might be able to better evade the law. Possibly the schooner Black Diamond may be a British vessel, but even this is doubted. It was stated that one of the privateering sealers, an American vessel, got out of the way with 3000 skins, but she got out of the way before the Rush appeared on the grounds. This fact seems to have given a great deal of secret satisfaction to almost everyone in the upper country, none of whom particularly like the Commercial Company. There is a desire among the people of Ounalaska, as well as of Sitka, that the monopoly of the seal catch be taken from the Commercial Company and that the grounds be thrown open to everybody. There is no immediate danger of seals running out, no matter how many go to catch them, as there are only two or three months in the year when sealing can be engaged in, on account of rough weather. If the right to catch seals was extended to Americans only, the price of prepared skins would be lowered to a reasonable figure. As it now is, all the Commercial Company's skins are sent to Europe to be tanned and duty is added each way, which swells the cost to the final purchaser. It is quite certain that if the skins were kept in the United States, it would pay an enterprising man to build and operate a seal skin tannery and preparing establishment on the coast.

Richmond Council.

Council met in the town hall on Saturday, Oct. 5, the reeve and all the councillors present. The minutes of last meeting were read, slightly amended and, on motion, adopted as amended. Respecting No. 5 report of last meeting, it was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Daniels, that the report be amended by adding the following words: "My attention was drawn by Duncan Smith to the fact that the new dyke was built on lower ground than the old one, and I found that the above additional expense had to be incurred in order to satisfy D. Smith in regard to the dyke." Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.—From O. D. Sweet, C. M, C., stating that he is sick and cannot attend to his duties, and that he will be glad if the council will endorse the appointment of W. Vermilyea as deputy with full authority to transact the business of the council and receive all moneys due the municipality, From Rev. J. A. Jaffary, clerk of the Presbytery, calling the attention of the council to the fact that since the opening of the season for the shooting of game, the Sabbath has been desecrated, against the Christian sentiment of almost the entire community, and asking that the necessary steps be taken for protecting the community in the enjoyment of its necessary rest. The communication of Mr. O. D. Sweet was received, and it was decided on motion, that the appointment by O. D. Sweet, C. M. C., of Mr. W. Vermilyea as his deputy be and is hereby endorsed, with full authority to transact the business of the council, and receive all moneys due the municipality. On motion the communication from Rev. J. A. Jaffary was received and clerk was instructed to reply, suggesting the advisibility of prosecuting offenders under the provincial act.

REPORTS.—From B. W. Garratt, reporting having let a contract to Ah Sam for cutting and burning brush and clearing line of roadway through McMyu's and Vermilyea's timber (between Nos. 1 and 2 roads) near Vermilyea's slough; price $70; also, that Ah Sam's contract across Mr. J. W. Sexsmith's place is nearly completed and recommending payment of $300 on the same. From W. F. Stewart, reporting that Ah Len's contract on Sea Island is advancing favorably and recommending payment of $400 on the same. From A. H. Daniels, reporting that the contract of Ah Sam on road No. 5 is completed (distance, 67 chains, 11ft.) and recommending that the balance ($216.43) be paid; further that we employed George Leonard to put in a flood-box and flume on road No. 5 at the river, also to provide stringers for the bridge on said road No. 5, and for cutting a ditch to connect road with Town hall road and presenting his bill; also reporting having employed five Chinamen for unloading lumber (cost $3.50); also for digging out for flume and flood-gate and filling around ($17.50); total $21; also report Spence & Wilkin's contract advancing and recommending payment of $150 on the same. From B. W. Garratt, reporting that he had engaged A. McLeod to take measurements and draw plans for bridges over sloughs and approaches to main bridges, according to motion of last meeting. Moved and seconded that the several reports of the board of works be adopted as read and the sums therein recommended be paid. Carried. The tenders for bridge work were then opened as follows: H. S. Hardman, app. and bridges, per ft., $3; Mr. Oliver, bridges, per ft., $2.85; Mr. Oliver, approaches, per ft., $2.50; L. Waling, bridges on Sea Island, per ft., $2.45; D. Waling, approaches and all other bridges, per ft., $2.40. On motion it was decided that none of the tenders be accepted for the reason that the council decided on changing the specifications. It was decided, on motion, that the board of works be instructed, in accordance with changed specifications, that they are authorized to let the work by private contract. Decided on motion, that the board of works be empowered to deepen the ditch on road No. 7, to take away the water to enable Spence & Wilkins to carry out their contract. On motion, it was decided that the clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Walter that as no permission has been granted to him for putting in culverts across road No. 3, and as the culverts already put in by him are unsafe and not of the proper kind, that they must be altered in accordance with the instructions of the board of works. On motion, the clerk was instructed to communicate with R. Barker, agent for Mr. Crickmay, in reference to the connecting dyke in front of Mr. Crickmay's place with the flood-gate on road No. 5. On motion of Coun. Daniels, seconded by Coun. Reid, the following bills were ordered paid: George Leonard, ward B, labor and timber, $40.50; Ah Sam, ward B, Sexsmith's, No. 2 acct., $300; Ah Sam, ward B, brushing, No. 2 acct., $7; Ah Sam, ward B, No. 5 road, No. 2 acct$216.42; Ah Sing, ward B, No. 5 road, $21; Ah Len, ward A, Sea Island road, No. 2 acct., $400; Thomas Spence, ward B, No. 7 road, $150; H. Eburne, ward B, spikes, $5.25; sinking fund acct., $300.

Council adjourned till first Saturday in November.

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Early Saturday morning, a week since, Dan McLeod, with his wife and son and two hired men, Malcolm McKay and a young man named McLeod, all of Inverhuron, Ont., left there with two fishing boats, the Sweepstakes and the Hailstorm, for Golden Valley. They have not since been heard of. Both boats were washed ashore, and it is supposed all are lost.

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THE CHURCHES.

Summaries of Some of the City Sermons Spoken Sunday.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

Rev. H. Irwin preached at Holy Trinity church Sunday morning from Ephesians 4th chap. and 1st verse: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." After all St. Paul had suffered, after the superhuman struggle he had just gone through in the cause of his master, these words of his have a special charm. At the end of great toils and troubles we find him a prisoner, but not a subject of despair or hopelessness. These words of his, "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called," have a good ring in them and they are not the words of a hopeless heart. What is your calling? Brethren, your vocation is the voice of God that calls you on; when we think of our vocation we should think of it as God's call. It *was not for nothing that Christ spent* a portion of his life working in a carpenter shop; it was for a purpose. Therefore our Maker's call should find an echo in our soul responsive of His will. Many a careworn and anxious mind has been relieved of a heavy burden, and many a life has been made to burn brighter by the vocation of life having been changed into a higher calling; and so the soul should feel when called by God. If you believe in Christ's life you must believe in your calling. No doubt life has been and will be unsatisfactory to those who would do away with religion, for, forget that your vocation is the call of God, and sooner or later life will become an agonizing mockery. Our everyday life is a bright calling for everyone of us, and this thought should cheer us many times during the week we have just entered on. To the brethren who prefer to live like the brute creation around them and deny the person of a God, there is a terrible awakening ahead—save us from such a fate. Secular history gives us proof that our vocation is the call of God; and all the noble deeds of history, the greatest and most glorious actions, will be found to be the work of the Great Power behind them. The calling of the Christian is his duty, and his life is ennobled by Christ Himself.

METHODIST CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL.

At the Methodist church Sunday morning, a large congregation was present. The church had been beautifully decorated with evergreens and other natural productions. In front of the platform tables were placed and each one literally groaned under the load of harvest wealth heaped upon it. Every imaginable species of garden stuff, and also the tilled and ploughed soil, were tastefully ranged around. Sacks containing oats, wheat and other cereals were placed at intervals, and interspersed were four shocks of grain, wheat, barley and oats. These bore a word each of the sentence, "Praise ye the Lord." Bouquets of flowers here and there among the fruit and vegetables very tastefully set off the display. The Rev. J. H. White was accompanied to the platform by Mr. Fisher. Mr. White, before leaving the platform to Mr. Fisher, remarked that people are too apt to take things for granted now-a-days. They seem to think the grain and fruit and flowers will grow as a matter of course because they have done so in years past. They are not so grateful as they ought to be. But anyone who did not feel grateful after this service had no gratitude in his heart. These fruits were the product of this district and province.

Mr. Fisher chose his text from a number of passages from the psalms appropriate to the harvest season. He said man is a dependent being, dependent upon God for everything. He cannot live except through the strange process God has given him, and all are equally dependent. The bible is full of instances of miracles performed by God to succor the prophets when in distress. And of all the good gifts of God the beautiful corn is the most wonderful. It is never found in a wild state, and is the only natural product known that is not so found. The apple can be traced to the crab of the hedge, the plum is an improvement of the sloe. But corn in any form was never known to grow spontaneously. It seems to have been put into man's hand along with the curse, "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou earn thy bread." Bread corn is the most wonderful gift of God to man; it is not the same as the fruits which will grow without care or attention, but for it the soil has to be prepared with toil and care for only after such labor will it grow; only then can come the glad shout of Harvest Home. Another strange thing, wherever man can settle corn in some form will grow. In the bleak and frozen north the hardy barley and rye find sustenance; in the temperate zone wheat and its kindred grains find favoring circumstances to grow and bear a hundredfold; and in the fierce, tropical climes, the maize or Indian corn are there to supply man's wants. Wherever man goes this gift of God goes with him in some form. And *the manner of using it is so peculiar* that it is still further removed from the other natural products of the earth and imbued with still more mystery. When the missionaries went to New Zealand they told the natives how to sow the seed and of its value as a food. When the grain had properly ripened the savages plucked each stock up by the roots and of course found only a few tender fibres. They were very angry with the missionaries until told they had been looking on the wrong end. There is only one way to account for this mysterious product and its strange preparation for food; it must have been given specially by God to man. Wherever it is not found man is a savage. The gift of the corn makes man take the place in nature God meant for him. It means civilization, the clearing of the plains and forests and the introduction of commerce. God has connected the bread question with all the great events of the world's history. The family loaf and the Lord's Day are bound up together. And it is better to starve than to sin. And not only that, but we *must comply with the command of* God, or starve. Man must obey or go without his dinner. The corn is the world's true wealth, and yet, we are within six weeks of starvation every year; on the verge of famine regularly every year of our lives. When we recognise the wonderful goodness of God in averting that catastrophe during the thousands of years of man's history our daily bread becomes a sacrament; a beautiful emblem. And what more striking symbol of Jesus Christ can we have than this grain in its almost unlimited power to assuage our needs? Christ is the food of the world; He was broken and bruised and crushed. And before this grain can bless us it must die, and to be useful to us it must be broken, bruised and crushed.

CITY COUNCIL.

The council met at 8 o'clock Monday night for the transaction of business. Present—Aldermen Calbick, Curtis, Keary, Reid, Cunningham, McPhaden, Jaques and Shiles.

Mayor Townsend in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and adopted the following

COMMUNICATIONS WERE READ

From John Burns, city scavenger, asking if anyone besides himself is authorized to do scavenging work, and what the duties of the city scavenger are, and where refuse is to be disposed of. A long discussion took place on this vitally important question. Some of the aldermen thought the licensed man ought to be protected, while others were against the maintenance of a monopoly. Referred to the health committee.

The report of the returning officer *re* railway bonus by-law election was received and filed.

From James Reid, Quesnelle, returning thanks for the invitation to the exhibition. Received and filed,

From John Chartres, applying for the appointment of park-keeper. Received and referred to the park committee.

From Rand Bros., enclosing a plan of Royal Avenue and Fortesque street, stating that they would take $250 for a strip of land on Fortesque street. On motion the clerk was instructed to draw the conveyance and pay the money for the lot.

From J. T. Fanning, saying he had returned maps and specifications of the water works, with his report. Received and referred to the water committee.

From the assistant secretary of the department of the interior, repecting the request of the council to have the water lots placed under their control, stating that the department has no control over these lots. On motion the clerk was instructed to reply that the council wishes to have control of frontages from high water mark to deep water.

From T. C. Atkinson, in regard to a nuisance on Elliott street, consisting of some horses belonging to T. F. Sinclair, being stabled near a dwelling house belonging to James Fraser. Referred to the health committee with power to act.

From T. C. Atkinson, notifying the council that he had been instructed by Mrs. Brighouse to apply for payment for damage done her property on Agnes street. Received and filed.

From Hon. E. Dewdney minister of the interior, acknowledging with thanks receipt of invitation to be present at the exhibition, and also for kindness done him when in the city. Received and filed.

From David Morris, applying for position of the superintendent of the water works, enclosing credentials. Received and referred to the water committee.

From J. E. Freese, calling attention to the condition of the drainage on the street between his property and Mrs. Brighouse's.

Ald. Keary said the place was disgracefully dirty and ought to be attended to. Referred to the board of works.

From D. A. McDonald asking extension of time on the Clinton street and Queen's Avenue contracts. Granted.

REPORTS.

The board of works reported, recommending the building of sidewalks on Simcoe street, Queens avenue, St. Andrews street, and through the centre street in St. Andrew's square to Fortesque street to the North Arm road; that a survey be made of Clarkson street; that the Sullivan estate and Senator McInnis had been notified to remove their fences off the said street. Adopted.

The fire and light committee reported recommending the payment of the gas company's bill, and that six chemical fire extinguishers be purchased.

Ald. Curtis said it was all nonsense going into such useless expenses. They had no money to spend, as the financial statement would show when examined.

Ald. Reid said he thought those fire extinguishers were an excellent thing and some of them ought to be purchased. If a fire occurred in fire station No. 1 they would lose all the contents, several thousand dollars' worth of material. He thought a little money expended in this way was a wise thing.

Ald. Curtis advocated the striking out of the recommendation to purchase the fire extinguishers. If Ald. Reid was to go on buying those things for the fire department they would soon find themselves in a fine mess. The City Hall was insured and that was enough without squandering money in this way.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Curtis, seconded by Ald. Calbick, that the report be adopted after the striking out of the clause to purchase the six extinguishers, Carried.

The park committee reported that they had met on Saturday evening, but owing to the absence of a complete financial report no decision as to future operations on Queens Park was arrived at. Adopted.

The finance committee reported recommending the payment of accounts and the acceptance of Major and Pierson's offer to insure the exhibition building at 1 per cent. for three years. Adopted.

Ald. Curtis said the deed of the Wolf property had been received, and the money paid.

The water and sewerage committee reported that they had received Mr. Fanning's report, and recommended the passing of the water commissioners' by-law and the payment of Mr. Fanning's bill of $100. Adopted.

Ald. Jaques reported that the board of works had visited the North Arm road, and they had decided that instead of letting it out by contract they would have it done by days' work. Report adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion, the railway bonus by-law was read a third time by title, and was on motion passed and directed sign, sealed and published according to law.

The water commissioners' by-law was on motion recommitted. Council went into committee of the whole on this by-law, Ald. Calbick in the chair. By-law was read clause by clause.

An interesting discussion ensued as to the manner of electing the commissioners. Ald. Jaques said that it was important that good men be selected on the start as a mistake made then might be fatal to the whole scheme. The length of time for which the commissioners ought to be elected also caused some discussion. Ald. Cunningham and Shiles thought it would be well to have the by-law so perfected that it could be voted on along with the election of the new council. The finest water works in America were at Ottawa; the city had friends there who would be glad to give information on the matter.

The committee rose and reported progress; report adopted.

The street-naming and numbering by-law was laid over.

ACCOUNTS.

J. T. Fanning, $100; Gilley Bros., $8.50; Z. S. Hall, $15.60; BRITISH COLUMBIAN, $28.02; Bon Marche, 50c; G. Tietzen, $40 00; O. T. Goldsmith, $5.00; Bell-Irving and Patterson, $26.85; Queen's Hotel, $500.00; H. A. Tenasse, $3.00; H. Elliott, $75.00; James Cunningham, $73.84; *World* Publishing Co., $4.40; gas company, $205.40; T. Ovens, $131.79; Ackerman Bros., $5.00; Turner, Beaton & Co., $49.00; *steamer Rainbow*, $1.50.

NEW BUSINESS.

Moved by Ald. Jaques, seconded by Ald. Calbick, that the mayor be requested to telegraph to Sir John A. Macdonald, protesting against the construction of a bridge across the Fraser river at the Mission, with a draw not less than 100 feet, or with a draw in the position proposed.

Ald. Jaques spoke at some length on the new Fraser river bridge at the Mission, and said the city ought to take a firm stand in the matter and prevent the erection of a draw anywhere over the navigable waters of the Fraser.

Ald. Reid said that if the Hon. John Robson approved the building of the draw, he ought to be written to as well as the authorities at Ottawa.

Ald. Cunningham said the manager of the C. P. N. Co. endorsed the 80 foot span.

On motion, the resolution was amended, and it was decided to telegraph the Dominion government protesting against the erection of a bridge, with a draw of less than a 100 feet. Carried as amended.

Moved by Ald. Keary, seconded by Ald. Calbick, that $250 be appropriated by this council (out of the $8,000 allowed for sidewalks), for the purpose of extending the sidewalk at Sapperton, from the present archdeaconry to a point opposite the new hospital; said sidewalk to be six feet in width, and that the board of works be instructed to proceed with the work. Carried.

Moved by Ald. McPhaden, seconded by Ald. Shiles, that the board of works be empowered to employ men by day's work to build Melbourne street and the North Arm road. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Ald. Reid, that the clerk be instructed to communicate with the mayors of Ottawa and other cities, respectfully requesting them to kindly furnish this council with information as to the mode of electing or appointing water commissioners for the city. Carried.

Moved by Ald. McPhaden, seconded by Ald. Shiles, that the board of works be instructed to slope off the bank on Mr. McPheeny's lot at the request of Mr. McPheeny made to Ald. McPhaden. Carried.

On motion of Ald. Calbick, seconded by Ald. Jaques, a committee consisting of the mayor, Ald. Keary and the clerk, was appointed to prepare a programme for the reception of the governor-general, and report at next meeting.

The council went into committee of the whole on the financial statement, Ald. Reid in the chair. After some consideration of the matter, the committee rose and the council adjourned.

The Dominion government, after a full investigation of the recent insult offered by Admiral Heneage in forcibly towing a German ship from her anchorage in the harbor of Esquimalt, have communicated the result to the British government, censuring Admiral Heneage as having grossly exceeded his duty and being guilty of a grave misdemeanor, which calls for reproof. It is believed in official circles at Ottawa that Heneage will be immediately recalled from command of the Pacific squadron, and that the British authorities will at once order an apology *to the German government from* Canada.

THE FAST SERVICE.

The Andersons Fail to Arrange for the Fast Atlantic Steamship Service

And the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. will Probably Undertake the Contract.

Chinese Capitalists Organize Company to Supply Celestial Cities with Electric Light.

THE FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE.

OTTAWA, Oct. 15.—The Dominion government has received a cablegram from the Messrs. Anderson, of London, confirming the statement that they had found themselves unable to fulfill the contract they provisionally entered into with the government of Canada to place a fleet of fast ocean *steamships, averaging 18 knots per* hour, between Canada and England. No reason is assigned, the Anderson's stating that a full explanation had been forwarded by mail. Parliament at its last session voted $500,000 to be given annually as a subsidy towards the establishment of a fast line service to run in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway, which the Andersons were to receive for their weekly service. In official circles it is stated that the Canadian Pacific will now take the matter up on its own account and place a fleet of ocean greyhounds on the Atlantic to run in connection with its own road and the Pacific Ocean steamers plying between British Columbia and China.

ONE STEP HIGHER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—J. C. Stubbs, for many years traffic manager of the Southern Pacific Co., has been tendered and has accepted the position of second vice-president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

A FAIR CATCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—The whaling bark Stamboul arrived from Behring Sea this morning with 600 barrels of oil and 7600 pounds of whalebone.

CHINESE ENTERPRISE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—A syndicate of Chinese has been formed in this city for the purpose of introducing electric lighting into the large cities of China. The company expects to gain important concessions from the Chinese government. It is believed that some American capital is interested in the scheme.

COAST DEFENCE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—The stem of the coast defense vessel which is being built by the Union Iron Works was successfully cast yesterday. It weighs 16,000 pounds.

EDMUND YATES' CABLE.

LONDON, Oct. 15. — The reports about the Prince of Wales' health are wildly exaggerated. To say he is in rugged health would not be accurate, but he is, for all practical purposes, perfectly strong and able to do nearly as much as he used to do ten years ago. His leg is much better, and he can walk and ride a little, and he is now much more careful as to his diet and smoking than formerly. There is really no cause for the alarmist rumors which are flying about.

THE CHANNEL SQUADRON.

The channel squadron has had a royal time at Copenhagen, where the people fairly overwhelmed the officers with their hospitality. On Thursday all the admirals and officers in command of the ships were ordered to Fredensburg to dine with the king. Some little amusement was caused by the Prince of Wales bringing Prince George before Admiral Baird as a deserter from the Osborne. The royalties who went to lunch with Admiral Baird before inspecting the ship, seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. The Arrow and Northumberland were the only ships honored, and more amusement was given to the visitors by the officers in their cabins and in photographing them in groups, than in seeing the marvels in the ships themselves. The Czar seemed much struck by the capability of the Arrow, and worked her ingenious hydraulic machinery and fired a torpedo with his own hands. She appears a wonderful fighting machine till her guns are fired with charges used in action, and then the said ingenious machinery has a playful habit of becoming absolutely and entirely useless for the time.

A CONSIDERATE KING.

The Emperor William came to Kiel on purpose to meet the British fleet, and gave a grand dance to the senior officers of the fleet and attended one given by the German officers to ours. He talked almost incessantly with Admiral Tracy, and next day honored both his flag ships, the Arrow and Northumberland, with a lengthy visit. The emperor showed great consideration for the purses of his junior naval officers in asking that no champagne or other expensive drinks should be issued at the smoking meeting held at the academy after the officers' dinner. For himself he drank nothing but beer.

AFTER NUMBER ONE.

ZANZIBAR, E. Africa, Oct. 15.—Stevens, the bicyclist who, after making a tour of the world on his wheel, was sent to Africa after Stanley, has returned here, having failed to find any trace whatever of the explorer. The impression is that Stanley is availing himself of the large amount of ivory that exists in Central Africa.

THE ITALIA SAFE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—The steamship Italia, before reported disabled, has arrived in tow of the steamship Gellert. The Italia had a rough passage and broke a shaft, Monday, when seven hundred miles east of Sable Island. The shaft was lashed, and during the next three days the vessel made 300 miles, when she was picked up by the Gellert.

A COSTLY WRECK.

VENTURA, Cal., Oct. 14.—The oil schooner Cæsar Bruns, of San Diego, E. S. Babcock, jr., owner, loaded here yesterday with 30,000 gallons of oil. *She broke from her moorings this* morning and is now on the beach. She will probably go to pieces and be a total loss.

JEALOUSY AND MURDER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Antonio L. Mendoza, a barber, about 24 years of age, shot his young wife, Maggie, in the head this forenoon, and mortally wounded her. She had run away from him three times, and had been living with A. Larsen, who conducts a well-known family resort. Mendoza was arrested. From letters found on his person, it was evident that he had determined to kill Larsen and then take his own life. The murdered woman died at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and Mendoza was charged with murder.

KILLED IN THE DESERT.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 14.—A dispatch from Fort Maginnis, in northern Montana, says that a young man named Charles Carr was thrown from his horse and killed this morning, near Lewiston, Montana. His parents live at St. Louis, Missouri, and have been informed by telegraph.

A LEGAL COMBINE.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The court of appeals has decided that the steamship combination or trust is legal.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Put Up, or Swallow It.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN—DEAR SIR: Just how the judges of sweepstakes (best stallion of any kind) can excuse themselves for their decision at the provincial exhibition, I cannot see. One thing I will say: Mr. Calhoun got a stallion from Mr. Cameron, and I bought an imported Clydesdale stallion, four years old, weight 1956 lbs., of another party. Mr. J. C. Calhoun and I are neighbors. He and I had our stallions at the Delta exhibition, where I got first prize for draught stallion, H. B. Benson got second, and J. C. Calhoun got nothing. I went on with my horse (or colt) to the Westminster exhibition, and got first on draught again, and Simpson, of Victoria, got second. Then a new set of judges, in which Mr. Calhoun and Mr. Cameron were included, gave Mr. Simpson sweepstakes. Those judges did not let us show the action of our horses (the judges of draught stallions did). Well, I know J. C. C. too well to think he would work against his horse by building up the reputation of mine.

Now, to whom it may concern, I will either trot a square trot or run my colt (stallion) against the Simpson horse one half mile, and allow Simpson 20 yards, on the New Westminster or Victoria track, for from $100 to $500 a side. If the Simpson parties wish choice of tracks, they can have it by putting up $100 for it in Samuel Clay's or any other good man's hands, and I will cover it and as much more as they may choose to name, provided they give me two or three weeks' time after putting up the money.

Surely pulling, trotting and running are the three principal uses we have for horses, and how judges can give sweepstakes to the poorest horse of all three, is what I cannot find out. Had there been some high priced stallion, either trotter or runner, and had the judges given him the prize, I would have said, just right; for, if I understand the meaning of best stallion of any kind, it should be given to the most valuable. Now, my horse is over two years younger than Simpson's, yet I am ready to back mine, as I say. Messrs. Editors COLUMBIAN, if you will find room in your paper for this you will oblige me very much.

WM. GOUDY.

Ladner's Landing, Oct. 8th, 1889.

(Victoria papers please copy.)

Our Late Annual Meeting.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN.—Sir: An apt writer has said, "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, flows on to fortune." And, sir, there never was a time in the royal city's somewhat eventful history, when her citizens stood so high in the estimation of the district and province, as during the celebration of our annual exhibition. Their visitors were one and all enthusiastic at the heartiness of their reception, at the munificent liberality which had devised such excellent accommodation, and with the great variety of amusements which had been provided for their *entertainment*, and by *spontaneous* consent many of the leading farmers and manufacturers of the district decided, that a fitting recognition of New Westminister's laudable enterprise would be the inauguration of a district agricultural and art association, which should hold an annual exhibition in the Queen's park; but which should in no sense intrench upon the rights or prerogatives of the provincial, but which, on the contrary, should work in union with it, and thus perpetuate the mutual respect which should characterize each section of the province. Had the gentlemen who assumed to be the exponents of public opinion at our annual meeting, displayed but a modicum of courtesy and moderation, we might, in addition to the provincial, in Victoria, have had a district show in the Queen's park, New Westminster, which might have as far excelled our late show, as did that an, of its predecessors.

That New Westminster should have lashed herself into such an inexcusable state of phrensy was a painful mortification to her truest friends, but, perhaps, Mr. Editor, we ought in charity to conclude that there must have been more truth than poetry in the oft repeated surmise, that the flaunting of the red flag, and the donning of war paint on that occasion, was simply a little side show at the close of the exhibition got up in the especial interests of the many budding and blooming politicians of the city and district. Unfortunately, however, the royal city allowed herself to assume the unenviable position of sponsor, and has, in consequence, sustained a blot upon her escutcheon which time alone can efface. JOHN KIRKLAND.

Hazel Grove, Oct. 12th, 1889.

A native newspaper of India makes this significant remark: Our liquor traffic begins by hanging a sign over the door, and ends by hanging a man on the gibbet.

Mail Contract.

SEALED TENDERS, ADDRESSED TO the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon, on **Friday, 22nd November**, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails on a proposed Contract for four years, once per week each way, between Aldergrove and Mount Lehman, from the 1st January next.

The conveyance to be made on horseback or on foot, at the option of the contractor.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the post offices of Aldergrove and Mount Lehman and at this office.

E. H. FLETCHER,
Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,
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WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 16, 1889.

(*From Daily Columbian, Oct. 9.*)

The barbers of Vancouver have formed a union.

The dock laborers strike at Vancouver is still on, and there is no immediate prospect of a settlement.

The str. Dunsmuir cleared this morning for Nanaimo with an average general cargo and a few passengers.

Two car loads of cattle arrived from the interior to-day and were unloaded at the C. P. N. docks. The animals are in splendid condition.

The str. Gladys brought down a very heavy freight and a large number of passengers. This morning, on leaving for Chilliwack, she had a full freight and passenger list.

Hobson & Co., the salmon packers, will build another cannery on the northern coast. Operations will be commenced early next season so that the establishment may be in full working order before the canning season commences.

W. H. Vianen is preparing three carloads of salt salmon for shipment to Montreal. This will be the largest export of barrelled salmon ever made to the east from British Columbia, and is another proof that the market for every branch of our fishing industry is constantly developing.

Notwithstanding the unsettled state of the weather, building operations are proceeding as extensively as ever, and the din of saw and hammer is unceasing from daylight till dark. More than a hundred houses are still in course of erection, and should the weather hold fine a large number more will be commenced.

The Fairhaven Southern Railroad surveyors passed through Blaine on their way north Saturday. We understand they are camped at Hall's prairie, where they have commenced the permanent survey south, so when they come down into Blaine again we can tell just where the line will be built.—*Blaine Journal.*

The Louise will take down 91 head of cattle for Victoria to-morrow morning. The Irving arrived this afternoon and after discharging cargo and passengers went down to the North Arm to bring up 3000 cases of salmon. The Yosemite arrived to-day for a load of salmon. She went up river to Laidlaw's cannery where she shipped part of her cargo.

If a man doesn't mind such a trifle as a brick bat landing on his head, or a big dab of moist mortar variegating the monotonous sable of his broadcloth, or several chips of stone and lime down the back of his neck, of course he will not notice that a scaffolding is sorely needed at the Bushby block whereby those souvenirs of the building could be reserved for a purpose more befitting the noble science of architecture.

Campbell creek, on the Canadian side of the boundary, near Blaine, is the favorite trout fishing and salmon spearing resort for our American cousins who have nothing so good in fishing grounds near at hand. People on the Canadian side complain that this fine river is being fished out by the Americans poachers, and they think that if the taking of fish from Canadian streams by foreigners is illegal a stop should be put to it at once.

The Nanaimo *Free Press* thinks its own city should have its turn of the provincial fair. It says: "An attempt is now being made to make the provincial exhibition a permanency at New Westminster. Such action would not be fair to the other portions of the province, and hints loudly of monopoly. If it is to be a provincial exhibition it should be provincial in character, and that it could not be if it was established permanently on either mainland or island."

The value of advertising in a journal read by the masses is best proved by the results obtained. On Saturday the Globe House inserted an advertisement in THE COLUMBIAN announcing the opening on Tuesday (yesterday) of new fall millinery. The opening took place as announced, and out of the six dozen trimmed hats and bonnets placed on display, less than a dozen remained unsold when closing time arrived last evening. The value of this advertisement can easily be perceived from these results.

Mr. J. Leamy was in town again yesterday. He has entirely changed his opinion about the park bylaw upon the matter being explained to him, and will now give it his vote and hearty support. Referring to the benefits that grounds suitable for sports and races confer upon a place, he instanced New Westminster which has recently expended about $25,000 for a purpose similar to that which is the object of the park bylaw, and which in two days last week had more than that sum expended in it by the visitors whom the sports attracted to the city.—*News.*

Mr. Lumby, of Enderby, who has interested himself very actively in the promotion of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway, says that work will commence next spring, and that he has assurances on very good authority that financial arrangements have been made for the successful floating of the scheme. Crops never were better than they were this season, and wheat, which is all threshed, is averaging as high as 55 and 60 bushels to the acre. It was a drier season than usual, and oats are a little light as a consequence. Wheat is selling for a cent a pound at the Enderby Mills.—*News.*

Nine men are reported as deserters from the flagship Bellerophon and one from the Riding regiment stationed at Halifax.

Continued heavy rains the last few days have had the effect of releasing more rocks from the face of the Champlain street cliff, Quebec, and some pieces have come down since Saturday night.

The Fisheries.

The run of sockeye salmon is still surprisingly large. The fish are still making their way up the river and there seems to have been no diminution in numbers during the past four weeks. When the run will end is a question that the oldest fisherman on the river will not venture to answer. The cohoes are slightly increasing in numbers and the average to-day was 60 to a shift. Spring salmon are very scarce, while salmon trout are fairly plentiful. The number of boats fishing at present is not great, as only a few canneries are packing and the outside demand is light.

More Ships to Load Lumber.

The American barquentine, William Renton, will arrive in the river in about a week, should the weather hold fine. The Renton is from San Francisco and will take on a full cargo of rough and dressed lumber from the Royal City Planing Mills for Adelaide, Australia. Arrangements have been completed whereby another large ship will probably arrive here and load a little later than the Renton. The mills have been running night and day for some time past, and the arrival of these ships will necessitate still more double pressure work on the staff at the mills. The lumber trade with Australia is assuming very respectable proportions and Westminster is naturally feeling, and will more and more feel, the benefit of such a vast market as the island continent presents.

Lord Stanley's Reception.

The reception of Lord Stanley of Preston, governor general of Canada, on his coming visit to Westminster, is one of the many matters of importance that will occupy public attention during the present month. The city council will take the matter in hand at an early date, and it is quite probable a public meeting will be called to allow the citizens to determine what the nature of the reception to his excellency will be. Among the arrangements already decided on is an address of welcome, to be publicly presented, a visit to the canneries and the saw mills and a drive around the city. It is probable a couple of arches, adorned with legends of welcome, will also be erected, while a royal salute by the artillery will precede the presentation of the address of welcome. Mayor Townsend will invite Admiral Heneage to send up a portion of the fleet to assist in the reception, and it is hoped the request will be complied.

Good News.

In a letter addressed to Mr. B. Douglas, president of the Westminster Southern Railway, Mr. Nelson Bennett writes as follows: "I have had a copy sent me, by some kind friend, of THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN dated Sept. 21st '89. I also hope to get the next issue, which would be Monday 23rd, as that has the continuation of the report I refer to. I am glad to see THE COLUMBIAN investigating the matter for itself, as that is the proper way to get at the true inwardness of the business. Since I last saw you I have been actively engaged in the interest of the New Westminster Southern as well as the American line, and have every assurance of the completion speedily of the entire line, with a very encouraging outlook for even more railroad connections than I promised the Westminster people. We shall continue to work through the winter as long as the weather will permit us to do so, which we hope will be continuous."

Harrison Hot Springs Notes.

The str. Mountain Belle, in charge of Capt. Holman, is finding lots of occupation at present conveying hunting parties to and from different parts of the lake. Grouse and other game is plentiful, and many hunters have met with very satisfactory success.

Harrison river and lake are both higher at present than they have ever been known to be at this season of the year. The high water is due to the heavy rains that have fallen in the mountains during the past month.

The sienna deposits recently brought under the control of a local syndicate will not be developed till next spring. The sienna is found in seven different shades, ranging from light red to dark brown. Several houses at the springs have been painted with it, and the results obtained are highly satisfactory. The owners of the claim feel certain they have a fortune in it.

At Agassiz station work has been commenced on a large building which will be stocked with full lines of general merchandise by Mr. Chas. Inkman. The farmers are pleased with the prospect of being able to purchase their supplies close at hand.

Work has been commenced on the model farm grounds, a large number of teams being employed breaking and stumping. The buildings will be commenced early next spring, and operations generally will be actively prosecuted.

Forced to Vamoose.

Mr. Billy Devine, well known to the officers of justice as a chronic drunk, beat, vag and hard ticket, stood up in front of his honor to-day in the police court. "Same old complaint, William?" queired his honor, "Yes, plaze ye anner," replied Billy penitently, fixing his bleary eyes on the heavy frown bristling on the broad forehead of Constable Smith, and twirling the remains of his hat nervously. "Sure, its sick I wuz yer wurship, an' I tuk a small drop for me health's sake, so I did." "For your health, eh?" said his honor smilingly and incredulously, "And what was the nature of your illness?" "Och I dunno, but I think it wuz me stummick, yer 'anner's 'anner,' "Well, William, seeing that you don't look well, and just reminding you that the next time will be rather serious for you, I'll give you a week to go to work or get out of the city, how's that?" "Be jabers, I'm thinkin' ye're kindly yer 'anner, and I'll do better, you bet."

William was pathetically explaining to the police officers at the station this afternoon, while claiming an old bandanna handkerchief and some other property, the fearful, narrow escape he had had of getting the d. t.'s in their worst form. "Be the powers, gintlemin," said he, "I shuk al over loike wan av thim shiverin' monkeys thim Oitalian organ grinders has, an' it seemed to me as if electricity or somethin' o' that kind wuz a jumpin' and rippin' the very sowl out av me body." "Hoots mun, that wis the d. t.'s comin' on," said Officer Smith. "Wuz it? well thin if it wuz only comin' on, in the name av sufferin' Cyrus phat must it be goin' aff?"

An Enjoyable Evening.

The lecture last night by Mr. Bengough in Herring's opera house was a success, that is, if success depends upon the number of the audience, and the fact that the major part went away well satisfied. Mr. Bengough has an easy, off hand stage presence that at once puts the audience at ease and raises their anticipations to the highest point. When the lecturer stepped forward last night only a few seats in the rear of the hall were vacant; all other parts of the house were filled by an intelligent and attentive audience. The substance of the lecture is that Mr. Bengough tells his hearers that he was once called upon to supply the places of a number of distinguished people who were to appear at a charity entertainment, and he then goes ahead and shows how he did it. His impressions of such famous people as Joseph Murphy, Whitney Mockridge, Sol. Smith Russell, Mrs. Scott-Siddons and Mark Twain are capital. The anecdotes with which the lecture is diversified are humorous and inimitably told. Interspersed with the acting and speaking are the cartoons of local celebrities. The lecturer fairly astounded his audience by the fidelity of the portraits which he rapidly sketched on large sheets of brown-tinted paper. The lecture on the "dude" was keenly appreciated by the audience and provoked screams of merriment. The representation of the two Irish political orators, one from the south and the other from the north of Ireland, was considered by many the best piece of the evening. The imitations of the woolly brogue of Tipperary and the rough "burr" of Ulster were perfect. The recitation of the piece by Whitcomb-Riley was received with every evidence of delight; and the humorous story by Mark Twain did what most stories by that gentleman usually do, made the audience laugh consumedly. At the conclusion Mr. Bengough said he had not had time to gather a portfolio of local notabilities, but that as he intended to repeat the lecture Thursday evening he could promise a big budget of royal city phizes. The cartoons drawn during the entertainment were sold by auction and fetched good prices.

Police Court.

(Before T. C. Atkinson, P. M.)

Jas. Miller charged with an infraction of the liquor license by-law of 1889. The chief of police swore positively that the liquor belonged to Miller, and that he had seen him serving in the booth on several occasions and knew that he had taken out a license for the booth. John Cambridge, sworn, said he was employed in the booth as a servant at $4 a day and board. A lively legal sparring match took place at this point between the counsel, Messrs. McColl and Russell as to whether Miller, the accused, should be produced in court; Miller was eventually called. After a good deal of damaging evidence Cambridge in answer to Mr. Russell's question as to how he knew that the liquor, given by Miller to those who called for it, was whiskey or ginger ale, said he had a bottle of rye whiskey in his pocket and he gave it to Miller who poured out some and sold it over the counter. Mr. Russell (defence) admitted that this was conclusive evidence. The liquor was sold at 15 cents a glass. People who wanted whiskey winked to the bar-tender or asked for "lemonade with a stick in it." Mr. Robson, city clerk gave evidence to the effect that Miller had offered to pay handsomely for a license to sell liquor on the fair grounds. This of course was refused. Mr. McColl asked his honor not to impose imprisonment and to make the fine moderate. Mr. Russell made a very humorous defence and called attention to the state of the weather at the time the offence was committed; the people wanted the liquor, and this young man had laudably endeavored to cater to their wants. (Laughter.) Being the first offence his honor said he would deal as leniently with the case as the law would allow. Fined $20 and costs. A week was allowed in which to pay the fine.

Personal.

E. A. Wadhams and Miss Wadhams, of Ladners, are in the city.

Guests at the Queen's: J. D. McCormick, G. D. Kelly, Seattle; Jas. Campbell and wife, San Diego, Cal.; John Ross, H. Bell-Irving, R. McGinnis, Vancouver; E. H. Tallmadge, Toronto.

Guests at the Colonial: T. N. Graholm, Nanaimo; A. Ferguson, Elgin; P. H. Gullings, T. Waterhouse, G. Kane, Vancouver; E. A. Morris, Victoria; M. G. Mallocky, Hamilton, Ont.; Mrs. J. W. Bengough, Toronto; Jos. M. McDonald, Miss McDonald, Mrs Grey, Chilliwack; J. A. McDonald, Agassiz.

(*From Daily Columbian, Oct. 10.*)

Another new drug store is being opened at the corner of Douglas and Columbia streets.

The salmon run was light again last night. Nothing brilliant is expected from the cohoe run this year.

The Louise left for Victoria this morning with 91 head of cattle, 100 bales of hay and 400 pkgs of sundries.

Three thousand cases of canned salmon were brought up from the North Arm to-day for shipment east over the C. P. R.

The steamer Yosemite loaded 12,000 cases of salmon at various canneries on the river last night and left for Victoria this morning.

The str. Irving left for Chilliwack this morning with a large load of general merchandise, 20,000 feet of lumber and a large number of passengers.

There was not a single case before the police court this morning, which fact together with Constable Smith's bad cold, did not add to the cheerfulness of the lockup.

Wild geese and ducks have been flying over the city in immense flocks for several nights. Duck shooting is said to be excellent now at Mud Bay and on the Pitt River flats.

The steamer Gladys arrived this afternoon from Chilliwhack with a heavy cargo of farm produce, oats, hay and potatoes. She also had a number of passengers and about thirty brace of grouse and ducks.

A telegram from Kamloops, received last night, says the *Colonist* of yesterday, announces the death of Mr. G. W. Jones, preprietor of the Grand Pacific Hotel. The deceased was one of the oldest pioneers of the province.

The barometer points towards clearing weather, and Captain Peele thinks the Indian summer which is nearly due, is lingering close at hand. A few weeks fine weather would be a great boon to builders and contractors in general.

The medical superintendent of the provincial asylum acknowledges with thanks the receipt of 6 boxes of apples from Mr. Samuel Robertson, of Langley, and three boxes of apples from Chester Chadsey, of Sumas, for the patients.

A favorite pastime of the boys just now is the killing of birds which gather in large numbers wherever a mountain ash tree is to be found. Slings are used to bring down the little birds, and some of the boys are certain shots. The practice is a cruel one and should be put down.

Our Victoria despatches the other day stated that all the carpenters of that city were on strike, demanding that nine hours should constitute a day's work. The demand has been quietly acceded to by the contractors, and now all the building trades in Victoria work on the nine hour system.

The lumber for the new sidewalk on the east side of Mary street, between Columbia and Agnes streets, has been laid down, and work on it will begin to-morrow. A sidewalk between Royal Avenue and Pelham street, on Mary street, is badly wanted, and the board of works should see that it is laid before the cold weather sets in.

Nanaimo is entitled to the Island exhibition, says the *Free Press*, and if her people will be unanimous and enterprising it will certainly become an accomplished fact, otherwise Victoria will swallow the plum, stone and all. Let the "black diamond city" emulate the example of the royal city and prove itself not only the most suitable place for the island exhibition, but most worthy of it.

The cargo brought down yesterday by the steamer Irving was one of the largest of the season. It consisted of 238 sacks of potatoes, 387 bales hay, 218 sacks grain, 131 sacks grain and 115 pkgs. sundries. Freight has accumulated so rapidly of late that the large sheds of the C. P. N. Co., are completely blocked, and it is with difficulty storage room can be found for the cargoes of arriving steamers.

Now that the sidewalk on Agnes street has been so highly raised, the short cut across lots from Mary street, is practically shut off. Several cows whose custom it was to use this by path, were noted chewing their cuds near the obstruction, and no doubt blessing the board of works in bovine strong language. A few wooden steps would be deeply appreciated by that part of the public which now daily endangers its neck by climbing on to the sidewalk.

Having exhausted the "pigs in the clover" puzzle, and such light summer amusement, and the "season" at James Bay not having yet opened, our friends at the capital are making the dull hours spin round with such diversions as the following, if we are to believe the *Times*: "An oyster eating match has been arranged to take place at the Wellington hotel a week from Monday. There are four contestants and each man is to open his own oysters, the slowest man to stand all expenses and pay for a new hat for each other." Great minds must unbend occasionally, etc., etc.

A Distinguished Eastern Journalist.

We had the pleasure this morning of a call from Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, of Toronto, publisher and editor of the *Canada Presbyterian* and of the well and favorably known high class Canadian journal, *The Week*. Mr. Robinson is on a Pacific coast tour of pleasure and business combined. The business consists principally in furthering the interests in this province of the two splendid publications mentioned above, and Mr. Robinson has met with much encouragement in this work in Victoria and Vancouver, where he has been for the last week or two. Mr. Robinson arrived in the city last night by the 8 o'clock train from Vancouver, and will remain for the rest of the week at least.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The regular monthly meeting of the association was held in the parlor last evening, and was by far the most interesting meeting held for some time. A very able and practical paper was read by Mr. F. W. Winn, subject, "Committees and their responsibilities," which was heartily endorsed by all present. On next Wednesday evening a members reception will be held in the rooms by the T. P. S. E., of Olivet Baptist church.

The Final Match.

At a meeting of the lacrosse club, held last night, it was decided to play the final game of the season with the Vancouver club on Saturday week, providing the latter agree that the match is to be for the Alhambra cup, and also that the cup be on the field, to be taken away by the victors. Under these conditions the match will be played, but under no others. Vancouver has won 3 games and lost the same number; Westminster has won and lost 2 games, consequently the percentage of both clubs is equal. A final game to decide which club is entitled to the championship and the cup, should be played, and if Vancouver agrees to the conditions proposed the question will be easily settled.

A Fine Collection.

Mr. Wm. Hall, of Sumas, an old and respected pioneer, and one of the most accomplished taxidermists in the country, was in the city yesterday visiting his many old friends. He had on exhibition at the late provincial fair a handsome case of stuffed birds and animals, probably the most complete collection ever seen in the province. The birds numbered 88 distinct species. The whole were arranged on a miniature mountain, the birds perched on trees and rocks, and the animals peeping from caves on the hillside. The whole collection was admired by all who inspected it, and it was pronounced by experts to be one of the finest things they had ever seen. The case and its contents has been purchased from Mr. Hall at a figure suitable to its worth.

The Bombardment Ended.

Mayor Townsend has ordered a suspension of the heavy blasting in removing stumps and rocks on the Pelham street contract, and just in time, for the inhabitants of the neighborhood had to flee from their homes yesterday in terror for their lives. A regular siege by the Russian fleet that frightened the Victorians out of their boots a few years ago, could not have carried more dismay with it. The noon-day blast yesterday was accompanied by the usual shower of stumps and rocks, which scattered in all directions, doing considerable damage. Mr. A. Charleson's parlor windows were broken in, while a large fragment of a root crashed through the front door of R. J. Rickman's house. Most fortunately, no one was hurt by the bombardment, the inmates having taken refuge in flight before the blast was exploded. When these casualties were reported to Mayor Townsend he immediately ordered that heavy blasting be stopped, and the contractors have been notified to that effect. The rocks and stumps on Pelham street are very large, and the contractors claim that they cannot be removed except by heavy blasts. This may be so, but the lives and property of the people of that locality are worthy as much consideration as the convenience of the contractors.

Political Notes.

A requisition to ex-Mayor Dickinson, asking him to allow himself to be nominated as a candidate for election to the provincial parliament, to fill the vacancy now existing, was prepared this morning, and taken round for signatures this afternoon. The paper is reported to have been very favorably received, and it is expected that when complete and handed to Mr. Dickinson its dimensions will be so generous as to induce him to accept the nomination.

Mr. E. A. Jenns is in the field to stay, and he will contest the election to the end. His requisition paper is largely signed, and contains many names of undeniable influence, which will have considerable weight on the result of the election. He is confident of success, and is conducting his canvass in that spirit.

Ald. Cunningham is quite cheerful respecting his prospects for election when the decisive day arrives. He has the support of some of the most powerful names in the city, who have promised to vote and work for him to the end. This powerful backing is a long step towards victory, and consequently he feels easy on the score of final results. He is making a preliminary canvass among his friends preparatory to opening a brisk campaign.

How many other candidates will offer themselves for election is not known, but it is not expected the present number will be increased. If it is, any forecast of the results of the election would be mere guess work.

I. O. G. T.

Opening of the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge at Victoria.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of British Columbia, opened in the hall of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, Victoria, Tuesday afternoon, Worthy Chief Templar McGillivray presiding, and the following delegates being present: D. McGillivray, G. C. T., Chilliwhack; S. Goudge, G. Coun., Nanaimo; S. F. Holt, G. S. I. T., Victoria; C. S. Keith, G. Sec., Westminster; S. M. Hall, G. V. T., Victoria; Rev. C. M. Tate, G. Chap., Maple Ridge; W. Losee, G. T., Victoria; W. E. Johnson, G. Sent.; A. J. Clyde, G. Messr.; L. T. Bowman, J. Hastie, W. E. Losee, A. Booth, E. M. Campbell, W. Babcock, Mamie Gilley, S. E. Bateman, J. Sluggit, J. Mindell, R. Smith, A. Secord, H. Meyer, W. C. Loye, W. L. Pakley, J. M. Duval, J. S. Benson, F. Charming, J. H. Ashwell, Julia Clark, Mrs. T. W. Hall, W. H. Rowling, W. J. Breudwith, Mary Jenkins, C. Loyd, W. L. Livingstone, A. R. Carrington, Miss Beckett, C. Bryant, C. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, Angus Bell, T. W. Pearson, A. J. Clyde, J. A. Wood.

The reports of the grand chief templar and grand secretary were read and referred to the proper committee, and the reports of the grand treasurer, grand superintendent of Juvenile Templars, and delegates to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, were read and referred to the proper committee.

The reports show the order in the province to be in a very flourishing condition, there having been five new lodges organized since the last session of the Grand Lodge. The finances are in a satisfactory condition, a good balance being to the credit of the lodge. The grand chief templar answered several questions regarding the working of the order, and the Grand Lodge adjourned, and were entertained by the members of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1.

Personal.

Mayor-General Twigge, R. E., is in the city.

T. F. Sinclair, of Port Haney, was in the city to-day.

J. C. McLagan of the Vancouver *World*, is in the city.

Wm. Hall, of Sumas, who has been in the city for some days, left for home this morning.

H. Harvey, agent of Mr. Frederick Villiers, the famous artist of the London *Graphic*, is at the Queen's.

John Dyke, resident agent of the Dominion department of agriculture, at Liverpool, arrived in the city to-day on a short visit.

Guests at the Colonial: Lee Anderson, Kamloops; H. F. Page, Amherst, N. S.; Jas. McDonald and wife, Miss McDonald, Chilliwack; J. O. McDonald, Agassiz; A. W. Draper, Vancouver.

H. F. Clinton arrived from Victoria last evening. He comes as Mr. F. G. Walker's representative to open a branch law office in this city. Mr. Clinton resided in Westminster a few years ago. He is an old Oxford man, a capital cricketer and an enthusiastic athlete.

Guests at the Queen's: L. W. Johnson, St. John, N. B.; H. K. Duncan, Montreal; G. A. Blanchard, Spokane Falls, Wash.; H. Harvey, Jno. Rankin; J. C. McLagan, Vancouver; G. F. J. Otterson, San Francisco; H. F. Clinton, D. McMillan, Victoria; Thos. White, Blaine, General Twigge, England.

"Hyas Tyhee Potlatch."

One of the largest and most valuable Indian Potlatches or "Give away for 100 per cent. return" will take place at Fort Rupert, near the northern end of this Island about Christmas Day. The potlatch, will be given by Captain Jim, an aged Indian, who is known from one end of the province to the other. The articles to be lent will comprise 6,600 blankets, 800 pairs silver bracelets (Indian make,) 40 large canoes, and muck-a-muck galore, in all valued at $10,000. For this $10,000 Captain Jim, according to native custom will receive within two years $20,000. Our modern shylocks will be green with envy to see an Indian beating them out of sight at their own game. The potlatch will embrace nineteen tribes, residing between Qualicum and Fort Rupert. This will make the hundredth potlatch Captain Jim has given, and he intends it to eclipse all former efforts in that line, and judging from the value and quantity of the articles to be "donated" we should say it was the biggest on record. The centurion hero of the potlatch is about 65 years of age, of fine physique and speaks English with remarkable fluency. In the early days of the settlement of this Island, the authorities deemed it necessary to bombard the Fort Rupert Indian village (the cause has escaped the memory of the writer,) and Captain Jim, who was then a noted and valorous war chief, was taken as hostage. Several thousand Indians will no doubt take part in this Indian feast. A law has been passed by the Dominion parliament putting a stop to these "potlatches," but the old Indians do not understand this infringment on what they justly consider their hereditary rights. The practice, we admit, is pernicious in the extreme, but its suppression should be gradual, so that with the present elder generation of Indians the feast should die out. It is well to prevent the young Indians continuing the practice, but those who have looked upon it as a life long duty should be allowed to continue it, until they at least are gathered to the happy hunting grounds. The greatest curse is the liquor that is taken to these potlatches by depraved and hardened white men, but this the authorities by a little energy could readily prevent. —*Free Press.*

The general Methodist board of missions met at London, Ont. The financial report showed a decrease of income of $4,000, and in expenditure an increase of $16,000. The following scale of appropriations was adopted: Married ministers in towns and cities, $900; in Manitoba, $900; in Newfoundland, $800; in British Columbia and on the Pacific coast, $1,000; in the other provinces, $700. The scale for single, ordained or unordained ministers, in British Columbia and on the Pacific coast is $600 and $550.

WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 16, 1889.

(*From Daily Columbian, Oct. 11.*)

No police court this morning.

Cohoes averaged 50 to the boat last night, and sockeyes considerably more.

The Gladys left this morning for Chilliwack with a large quantity of freight and some passengers.

The str. Rainbow cleared this morning for Victoria with a good average cargo and a number of passengers.

The steamer Irving, due from up river points to-day, will not arrive in port till to-morrow, having been detained by an extra heavy down trip frieght.

The str. Rithet arrived from Victoria last night, loaded 8,000 cases of salmon at various canneries on the river and left on the return trip this morning.

There are still some persons in the city who are not registered as voters on the provincial list. All such persons can have their names attached to the list by applying to the government agent.

The investigation into the charge made against Chief of Police Stewart, of Vancouver, was commenced yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake. This is the first of a list of charges against every member of the Vancouver police force.

Geo. Flux, the big drummer of the Salvation Army in this city, has asked us to contradict the *Truth*-ful (?) item which appeared the other day, insinuating that he (the drummer) had been under the influence of the wrong kind of "spirits."

There would be no serious damage done to the water front by hauling out a lot of those old, slimy, rotten piles that are altogether too frequent at that point. Some old sheds, which have not been used for years, and are in an advanced stage of dilapidation, could also be removed without spoiling the beauty of the surrounding locality.

Work on the Surrey dyke will be commenced with a large force of men on Monday next, and if fine weather favors operations will be pushed as rapidly as men and teams can do the work. The completion of several subcontracts on the Westminster Southern throws a large number of laborers out of employment, and these will be furnished work on the dyke if they so desire.

The barque C. C. Funk, which loaded lumber at the Royal City Mills and sailed a few weeks ago for Melbourne, put into San Francisco yesterday for repairs occasioned by the blowing away of her sails, and the breaking of the casting of her pump during a heavy gale which she encountered a few days previous. As soon as the necessary repairs are completed she will proceed on her voyage.

Rifle Match Arranged.

It has been fully decided by the N. W. Rifle Association to accept the challenge of the Vancouver association to shoot a match at the latter city on Saturday, 26th inst. The preliminaries were arranged by Mr. A. F. Cotton while in Vancouver yesterday. A meeting will be held early next week to choose a team, but it is certain several of our crack shots will not be able to go over. The annual banquet of the Vancouver association will be held on the evening of the match and an invitation to the members of the visiting team has been extended.

Thieving Indians.

The chief of police received information this morning from Vancouver that the Indians who stole a bundle of blankets from some other Indians down at the swamp some time ago, were heading for Westminster. The depredators were last seen at Hastings proceeding in the direction of Westminster. The chief immediately dispatched all his available forces, among them constable Billy, the great Siwash detective, to intercept the thieves, and disposed them so as to guard all approaches to the city. At last accounts no captures had been made, but the constables are confident of capturing their men.

The Medals.

The medals won by the lacrosse and foot ball players, which are being manufactured by Mr. F. Crake, will be completed to-morrow and placed on display in his show window. The medals are very handsome indeed, and should be inspected by all who take an interest in the victories of our athletes. The public presentation of the medals will take place some evening next week, when the public should turn out *en masse* and do honor to the winners. It is suggested that the medals should not be presented till after the final lacrosse match of the season, on Saturday week, and this suggestion may be adopted.

A Scottish Concert.

A meeting of a large number of ladies and gentlemen, interested in arranging for a Scottish concert, to be given on St. Andrew's night, was held last night, and the preliminaries successfully arranged. The concert will be purely Scottish in fact and in sentiment, and in those who will be selected to assist in the programme there will not be one but who is able to do loyal justice to the "Land of the mountain and the flood." Every item on the programme will be Scottish, songs, music, readings and recitations, and it is hardly necessary to add that such a treat will not fail to draw together for one night at least, the members of every Scottish clan and family resident in the royal city.

The Championship Match.

The Vancouver lacrosse club has proved itself both plucky and fair-minded. Declining to claim honors not justly entitled to, the club at a meeting last night, decided to challenge the Westminster club to play a final match on Saturday week for the championship of the province and the Alhambra cup. The Vancouver team will go into practice at once, and when the day of the great match arrives they will take the field as fit for play as hard work and careful training can make them. That the challenge will be accepted is already decided, and it is now the duty of the royal city men to settle down to hard and steady practice till the date of the match, when victory again will perch on the banner of Westminster.

Emulating Westminster.

Vancouver is waking up to the gigantic strides being made by Westminster, which, in spite of everything said to the contrary, is gradually leaving her more pampered and petted sister on Burrard Inlet, behind. A spirit of renewed enterprise showed itself at the meeting held at Vancouver last night to discuss the park by-law, which was voted on to-day. Speaking of the meeting the Vancouver *News* says: "The meeting held last night to take steps for getting a good attendance of voters at the polls to-day was well attended, and much enthusiasm prevailed. While those present felt sure of a victory to-day, it was not the unanimous decision that nothing should be left undone to roll up a large majority for the by-law and show the opponents of the measure and the half-hearted friends who are worse than open opponents that the people of Vancouver are not willing that the citizens of Westminster should leave them behind in the race of progress."

H. M. S. Icarus.

The *Times* of Wednesday says: H. M. S. Champion and Acorn arrived in Esquimalt last evening about five o'clock. The Icarus was left behind to recover an anchor and cable which was slipped and went to the bottom. Two divers from the Amphion will endeavor to locate it and when recovered the vessel will start for Esquimalt, and is expected to arrive this evening. The mishap to the Icarus has not been attended, it is thought, with any serious consequences. It is believed that besides losing a portion of her false keel and some copper sheathing no other damage was sustained, and the vessel at no time made any water. The particular rock on which the Icarus got temporarily fast, was luckily a flat rock. Going on at 7 o'clock Sunday evening, at high water, the Icarus lay on the rock, bow on, till noon on Monday, when at low tide the weight of the stern was sufficient for the bow to slip off into safe water. A report of the damage will be made by divers, and if deemed advisable the vessel will go into the dry dock for repairs. An investigation will be held to ascertain who is responsible for her going ashore.

I. O. G. T.

The session of the grand lodge was continued Wednesday, the morning and afternoon meetings being taken up with regular routine business. The election of the executive officers was held in the evening, with the following result:—

G.C.T., D. McGillivray (re-elected), Peerless Lodge.

G. V. T., Sister Charming, Vancouver Lodge.

G. C., Jas. Hastie, Perseverance Lodge.

G. Secy., S. Gough, Onward Lodge.

G. S. J. T., Sister M. Jenkins, Triumph Lodge.

G. Treas., W. E. Losee, Perseverance Lodge.

G. Chap. Rev. Bryant, New Era Lodge.

G. M., W. E. Johnston, Harmony Lodge.

P. G. C. T., Rev. Wood, Kamloops Lodge.

Bro. D. McGillivray was elected representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, and Sister M. Jenkins alternative.

Bro. Sweet was elected Deputy R. W. G. T.

After adjournment, the delegates were sociably entertained by Perseverance Lodge, a pleasant hour being spent in discussing refreshments, and listening to vocal and instrumental music, etc.

The G. C. T. G. T. and G. Treas. submitted their reports, which showed a very favorable condition of the workings of the order throughout the province. The number of lodges up to the 31st of July was 20; total membership 928, an increase over last year of 172. The next annual session will take place at Nanaimo, in September, 1889.

The Bank of Toronto block and adjacent buildings in Winnipeg were damaged by fire Thursday night. The principal losers are the Bank of Toronto and J. M. Bathwell. Loss, $10,000; insurance, $6,000.

About six o'clock yesterday morning the town of Lindsay, Ont., was startled by the explosion of a boiler in John Dovey's shingle mill. The engineer, John Poles, was the only person on the premises at the time. He was killed.

Wm. Leader, Patrick Sheady and Wm. Turnbull, jr., three young men, were found guilty, at Guelph, Ont., of indecent assault upon Elizabeth Richardson and were sentenced to two years imprisonment, each to receive thirty lashes during his term. Two of them are married.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

BENGOUGH'S FUN.

Another Evening of Genuine Amusement with the Cartoonist.

The great Bengough renewed his "grip" upon the hearts of his Westminster friends last night at the opera house. The audience was a truly representative one, and it was good to note that Westminster has plenty of appreciation for brain even if it doesn't come in the guise of a "nigger" minstrel show or a circus. All the seats in the reserved division were, with a few exceptions, full and the floor of the house, although not quite so comfortably filled as on Tuesday evening, contained a very respectable number. It is most unfortunate that the presence of what are vulgarly known as "hoodlums" cannot be prevented even at our most *recherche* affairs. They seem to get in by smoothing down a little of their roughness at the ticket office, and later develop all the ruffianly instincts of their nature in the gallery. It seems quite time that Westminster should copy the example of eastern cities and post a stalwart policeman on guard at the gallery, and upon the commencement of any disturbance he could warn the offenders, and the offence being repeated, effectually quell the nuisance by conducting the rowdy outside and leaving him there. A party of young men who evidently thought they had purchased along with their tickets of admission, a right to trample upon decency and order, not only annoyed the lecturer so that he was forced on one occasion to resort to the forlorn hope of addressing the gallery by saying, "that gentleman will find more room outside for whistling," but completely spoiled the enjoyment of many in the audience who have, unfortunately for them, been accustomed to the drawing room quiet of English and eastern opera houses. Mr. Bengough's entrance was greeted with hearty applause. He did not stop long to parley, but, in the language of the street, "went right to work" on a sketch. This caricature was a fairly well done potrait of a well known druggist, not unconnected with "the stage."

Throughout the lecture, which was scarcely "up" to that of Tuesday evening, the audience was kept in great good humor by anecdotes, impersonations of prominent actors and actresses, songs and scraps of sympathetic philosophy. Mr. Bengough aptly portrayed the strange tribe known as "funny men," the comic writer, the caricaturist and the comedian. In his opinion, the tragedian is much funnier than all the others together. He gave some exceedingly comical and clever imitations of tragedian stage behavior to prove this. The burlesque on the Italian opera singer taking leave of his sweetheart was irresistibly funny and sent the audience into peals of laughter. The cartoons of prominent local men were uniformly good, some rising into the domain of real and striking likenesses. The last one drawn, that of, as the talented lecturer said, "the biggest politician of them all" threw the audience into the greatest merriment. As might have been expected Mr. Bengough's pencil had not been idle at the political meeting of Wednesday evening, and many of the reproductions of that memorable event were intensely appreciated. At the auction sale of the pictures that of the "biggest politician" was knocked down at three dollars. The lecture concluded about 10:30 o'clock and the audience went away, feeling, as far as could be conjectured by a study of faces, thoroughly well pleased with the entertainment.

Personal.

F. F. Raitt, of Delta, gave us a call this morning.

F. M. Griswold, of New York, is registered at the Colonial.

W. Wolfenden returned from Victoria this afternoon, via Vancouver.

Wm. Downie, assistant superintendent C.P.R., was in the city this afternoon.

Dr. A. E. Edgar, of Toronto, arrived to-day, and is the guest of the Rev. J. H. White.

J. W. Bengough and wife left for Kamloops to-day by the Atlantic express. A number of friends were at the station to see them off.

Rev. J. H. White returned to-day from a six weeks visit to his old home in Ontario. He returns greatly benefitted by the rest and change.

Guests at the Colonial: F. M. Griswold, New York; M. Olsen, Portland; R. Logan, Jas. Bates, John Munn, Vancouver; Mrs. W. Whiteside, Mrs. C. Whiteside, Surrey Centre.

Dr. Walker, a graduate of Edinburgh Medical College, has decided to settle in New Westminster. He has rented the residence of Mr. Rand and will commence practice next week.

Capt. E. S. Scoullar returned to-day from an extended visit to New York, Boston, Montreal and other eastern cities. He returns much pleased with his trip and looking considerably the better for it.

The last number of the *Dominion Illustrated* has several features of interest, including a number of good views of the canoe meet at Stove Island, some further illustrations of the Quebec catastrophe, portraits of Deputy Minister Burgess, and of Sergeant Hall and Private Burns, prize winners at the D. R. A. match, and a telling feature in Millet's style, the Hay Harvest. The publishers announce a serial story on the Upper Canadian Rebellion for the 12th inst. and ensuing weeks. The *Dominion Illustrated* is published by the Dominion Illustrated Publishing Company, Mr. G. E. Desbarats, managing-director. Subscription, $4. Address: 73 St. James street, Montreal.

(*From Daily Columbian, Oct. 12.*)

Cohoes averaged a trifle over 50 to the boat last night.

The barque Theobald is loading anthracite coal at Port Moody for San Francisco.

The park bylaw was carried at Vancouver yesterday by a majority of 111. Only 345 votes were polled.

The new bridge between Sea Island and the North Arm is completed, and work on the bridge between Lulu and Sea Islands is progressing rapidly.

Henry Bolte, *alias* Frenchy, an old offender, appeared before the police magistrate this morning on a charge of vagrancy, and was sentenced to two months in gaol with hard labor.

Wm. Perrie, the man who disappeared from Vancouver a few days ago has not been heard of since. There is a rumor that he was seen wandering in the vicinity of Burnaby Lake.

The str. Princess Louise left this morning for Victoria. She had on board 11 horses, 3 car loads of flour and a large quantity of farm produce. Her passenger list was well filled.

The Central Hotel is to be fitted up with a system of hot water pipes. The first floor will be the only one so supplied, but it is expected that this will be sufficient to heat the whole building.

Foreman Forrest's gang has been clearing the cross walks at the lower end of Columbia street. Only those who are acquainted with the pathways in their original condition can properly appreciate the change.

The application of the Canadian Pacific to bridge the Fraser River at the Mission with an 80-foot draw, came before the railway committee at Ottawa yesterday. The decision of the committee was reserved.

That fence behind the Queen's Hotel, on Clement street, has been erected. Instead of a railing, a close board fence has been put up, and now the public that travels that way can do so without danger of a broken neck.

It is said that the vocalion at the Methodist church has suffered slightly from dampness. The instrument is very delicately constructed and the reeds and pipes are easily affected by even slight variations of temperature.

Governor Moresby received a telephone message at noon to-day, from Judge Drake, at Vancouver, to send over his books by a guard at once. Mr. Moresby would not trust the book to anyone, but took them over himself.

The barometer is falling, according to the weather department, and more moisture is expected at no remote date. Taking the average of correct guesses made, this news is encouraging after the wet weather that has characterized the past week or so.

The directors of the Royal Columbian Hospital acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a box of apples and a box of pears from Mr. Clarence DeBeck for the patients. They also acknowledge the receipt of two large bouquets each week during the summer from Mr. P. Latham.

Mr. Thomas Cunningham laid on our table this morning half a dozen clusters of grapes, including the Concord, Brighton and Rogers hybrid varieties. They were all grown in his gardens on Pelham street, and are as fine fruit, both in size, color and flavor, as we have seen this year.

The steamer Irving arrived this afternoon with an exceptionally heavy cargo consisting of 10 head of cattle, 2 horses, a number of hogs, 180 sacks of oats, 250 bales of hay, 100 boxes apples, 100 sacks potatoes and a large quantity of other farm produce. She also had the average number of passengers.

The committee on sports are being charged with mismanagement, but the charge is not a just one. What they ought to have done in the first place was to have demanded the prize money paid over before the games began. Then there would have been no grumbling from the athletes, the public and the committee themselves.

The large, new standard loaned by Mr. L. F. Bonson for the decoration of the exhibition building, was returned to him with several holes in it and the edges frayed. The committee in charge of this part of the exhibition evidently allowed their zeal for the success of the show to flag, to have permitted this unseemly occurrence to happen.

Mayor Townsend looks favorably on the suggestion of THE COLUMBIAN that the medals won by our athletes be publicly presented by the lady mayoress, assisted by other ladies. His worship is ready to call the meeting as soon as the recipients of the medals are ready to fix a time and place for the presentation. The citizens of Westminster will give the winners a bumper house on this occasion.

At the meeting of the Hyack Fire Company last night it was decided that 50 per cent. of the celebration appropriation should be placed to the credit of the company and the balance divided equally among the members of the three teams that competed in the races. Out of the company's portion the sum of $37.50, expenses incurred by the team, is to be paid. This is considered a satisfactory settlement of the matter.

Two fine works of art have been placed in the parlor of the Y.M.C.A. One of these is a large photographic group of all the secretaries of the association lately in convention at Vancouver. The photograph was taken in Victoria and is a piece of fine artistic work. The other is a view of the proposed new Y. M. C. A. building, at the corner of Church and Columbia streets. The drawing is the work of Messrs. Clow & Maclure, architects, and needless to say, is a most creditable piece of drawing. The room, with the addition of those two fine pictures, is beginning to look very attractive.

The Injunctors at Work.

The noble army of "Injunctors" have produced a masterpeice of argument in the shape of a burlesque on the Southern Railway agreement. For general stupidity and weakness in argument the pamphlet is a genuine success. The intention of the production is really to mislead people who are not thoroughly posted on the question, but its many misrepresentations and palpable absurdities will prevent it having the slightest weight with any reasonably intelligent person.

TERRIBLY MANGLED.

A Baggageman Gets his Hand Crushed to Pieces.

This afternoon about 2:50 o'clock, as some cars were being shunted on the track near the depot, a baggageman, named William Gibson, lately attached to the train staff, stepped forward to couple two cars which were coming together. It was supposed that he placed his hand, accidentally, on the outside of the coupler, for as the cars crashed together, it was crushed and mangled in a horrible manner. The unfortunate man was placed in a buggy and driven to Dr. Fagan's residence. The hand was so badly fractured, that, should it not be amputated, it will never be of much service to its owner.

Unsuccessful Operations.

It is learned on excellent authority that the boring operations being conducted by the C. P. R. at Vancouver, in search of coal, natural gas, or anything of value they may come across, have been rewarded with no finds of value up to date, but, of course, there is no telling the moment a rich strike may be made. The strictest secrecy is being observed regarding the results of the boring, and it is considered a foregone conclusion that the C. P. R. intends to get the lion's share of any benefits arising from discoveries made. It is the opinion of certain experts that the company are conducting their boring operations on the wrong side of the peninsular.

Fishing Enterprise.

Now that the salmon fishing season is drawing to an end, Mr. W. H. Vianen is looking for new fields of labor for his boats, in order to keep up the supply of fresh fish on the market. Two boats have been sent over to Plumper's Pass to fish for cod, halibut and other deep sea fish, and they are meeting with good success. Another boat has been placed on Howe Sound to catch smelts and herring, and lastly a large lugger has been sent north to prospect for oyster beds. If a large bed is found sufficiently near at hand to make working profitable, the market will be kept constantly supplied with bivalves during the season. The prospectors have instructions to make an extensive cruise and overlook no likely ground, and it is hoped the results of their excursion will be satisfactory.

A New Literary Club.

A literary club was formed in the last night, by a party of five young gentlemen. The club will be known as the "Westminster Literary Club," and will meet once a week to discuss all kinds of subjects. Last night a president and secretary were appointed and a subject chosen for next meeting. Each meeting will be presided over by a critic, who will not only perform the functions of a regular chairman, but be the Cato on everything done by the members present. It may not be uninteresting to state that the subject chosen for next week's debate is in this form, "Resolved, that novel reading is productive of more good than harm." It has often been remarked as a singular thing that in a city like Westminster, possessing as it does so many bright, intelligent young fellows, no organization of this kind has ever flourished strongly. This was rather a stigma upon the city's name, but it now has a good chance of being permanently removed.

British Columbia Abroad.

Capt. E. S. Scoullar, who returned yesterday from an extended visit to the principal cities of the east, informed a representative of THE COLUMBIAN today that he found the province greatly talked about in the east, and that the movement towards British Columbia is rapidly extending. While in Toronto he paid frequent visits to the industrial fair and was pleased to note that the British Columbia exhibit attracted more general attention than any other. The farmers, particularly, seemed never tired of inspecting the field produce, roots, etc., and they were generally much surprised with the size and excellence of the display. The fruit exhibit of Mr. Thos. Cunningham was considered wonderful, even by the most extensive horticulturists of the Niagara district, the great fruit growing section of the east. They all admitted that they could not approach the British Columbia productions. Every section of the province sending exhibits to the exhibition was accorded fair play, and there was no attempt made to boom one city over another. Mr. Coldwell, who was in charge of the exhibit, did the work well and faithfully.

The Absorbing Topic.

Anyone strolling down Columbia street this afternoon could not but observe that something of more than ordinary importance was on the *tapis*. Small knots of citizens, gathered here and there, were to be seen engaged in animated discussion. In one or two instances citizens were trying to collect a crowd by commencing a loud harangue, accompanied by wild and frantic gestures, but this sort of argument failed to do anything more than create unbounded amusement. The subject under discussion was the Southern Railway bonus bylaw, which is to be voted on Monday. From the expressions of opinion, publicly and privately given, the successful passage of the by-law seems to be placed beyond doubt. Apart from those who have steadily opposed the progress of the city, with slight variations, no strong movement against the bylaw was discernible, and the opinion was freely expressed that the railway scheme will be found fully as popular with the large majority of ratepayers as it was a year ago. All the largest property owners, merchants and manufacturers have declared themselves in favor of the bylaw, and these are the men who will bear the burden of the incumbrance. On the whole, public feeling is generally in favor of the bylaw, and its success at the polls is acknowledged to be placed beyond the question of a doubt.

SUBURBAN NOTES.

A Glance at Sapperton and Her Improvements.

This morning a reporter of THE COLUMBIAN took a walk to the suburb of Sapperton, to give a reportorial squint at things in general out that way. As is already known Sapperton is the quintessence of quiet repose, and the reporter did not care to break it by announcing his presence, and putting the inhabitants to the trouble and expense of decorating their houses. The morning was fine and of the orthodox incense-breathing variety, which sends the sanguinary fluids jumping through even a cantankerous reporter's veins. In the gardens along the way the diamond dewdrop could be observed nestling in the bosom of the cabbage, and the festive robin damaging the point of his bill, trying to peck an entrance to the inner economy of the lonely russet up in the top branches. Some hypercritical and ultra fastidious "bloated aristocrats" from the city have, at various times, expressed their opinion of the sidewalks at Sapperton in language more vigorous than elegant. They took exception to the slant of the sidewalks, claiming that it was a "beastly nuisance, ye know," to walk one leg shorter than the other. And it never occurred to them that the sidewalk a little further on slanted the opposite way, and thus beautifully provided for the alternate lengthening and shortening of both legs. On the same rule that two negatives make an affirmative, two slopes naturally enough must make a level. Raising his hat reverentially to the noble and "impoging statter" to that noble discoverer, which his name it was Julius Cæsar, nearly opposite the main gate of the penitentiary, on the opposite side of the road, and which was built in the form of a broken down chimney stalk so as to be emblematical of the fact that earthly greatness only ends in smoke, the pen wielder walked on. The extensions and additions to the Brunette saw mills have not yet begun, but will be got under way at an early date. That such extensions are needed by the mills, is easily understood by taking a glance at the yards surrounding the buildings. The Royal Columbian Hospital can be seen on turning the corner, peeping out among the trees. A closer examination shows the structure in an advanced state and rapidly nearing completion. When finished there will be few prettier buildings in the city than the hospital. A number of new dwellings are in course of erection at various places throughout the village. The all prevading Chinaman is here, too, and his "shack" can be picked out, with the eyes shut, for various olfactory reasons, truly Mongolian in ther pungent vigor. While going off into soaring poetic thoughts over the little church, shaded by its protecting cedars, the scribe was rudely jerked back to mundane matters by tripping up on a protruding nail in the sidewalk. This incident, it is painful to note, was provocative of less poetry than plain talk, both about the nail and those who look after the sidewalks. Warden McBride's new house is nearly finished and as has been remarked more than once before combines elegance with generous dimensions. The situation is fine and commands a splendid view of the Fraser valley. Mr. Keary's fine residence in the ravine may be called finished and will be occupied in a few days. A good many places along the road were noted which need filling, as they have sunk in many cases into ugly holes which make buggy riding more a penance than a pleasure. The large rocks scattered along near the sidewalk on the slope leading down to the railway track, have been very effectually broken up, and will no doubt be removed in a short time. Their absence will improve the appearance of that locality considerably. The Siwashes have taken up their abode at the old stand again. Every evidence of the luck which attended their efforts at the fishing this year is present in the form of new blankets, new clothing, new canoes, guns, camp furniture, and everything that maketh glad the Siwash heart.

Personal.

Judge and Mrs. Bole have returned from the capital.

Geo. L. Schetky left town this afternoon on a few days' shooting trip.

W. H. Ladner, M.P.P., returned from Ashcroft yesterday, and left for home this morning.

Judge Wooten, of Metlakahtla, is in the city visiting his friends. He returns north on the next steamer.

Hon. E. R. Oakes, member of the Nova Scotia legislative council, is dead, aged 75. The deceased was a native of Digby, N. S., being the son of a U. E. loyalist. He was a merchant; was returned to the house of commons for Digby in 1874, but the same year was appointed to the legislative council. He was a liberal in politics.

WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 16, 1889.

The times have changed, and it is Westminster that is giving the cue to her sister cities, in the matter of how to get up and run an exhibition, at any rate. Both the "phenomenal" city and the "sad" city, and even the burgh of "black diamonds," are literally feverish just now about holding some sort of an exhibtion at as early a date as possible, and general stimulation of the producing and manufacturing industries of the province appears likely to be the result of the royal city's splendid and successful effort to hold a really first-class provincial exhibition. If such is to be the result, we are sure that the good people of Westminster will not grudge the energy, time and money which they expended in starting the *renaissance*. Virtue is its own reward, they say; but the substantial advantages which are accruing and will accrue to this city from leading the way in this matter in such a royal manner will constitute a very satisfactory supplement to the more intangible premium of a complaisant conscience. Not only has the fair fame of the city and province been appreciably extended and given a fresh coat of paint with staying colors, but the royal city has taken a great stride, which must be opportunely and judiciously followed up, towards establishing those close and cordial commercial and social relations with her immediate environment especially, the banner district of the province, which naturally ought to and must subsist, and which will result in almost incalculable benefit and advantage to both. We have demonstrated, too, what before only awaited the clinching convinciveness of an actual demonstration, that, of all places in the province, Westminster is the location where can best be held a really successful exposition of the resources, products, and industries of the province, and thus the very best foundation has been established for the success of future exhibitions in this city of a provincial scope. As we have intimated, the three other principal cities of the province are beginning to be agitated about holding exhibitions sooner or later. We are glad to see this awakening interest in so important a matter, and wish our sister cities each and all the utmost measure of success obtainable. We cannot forget, however, that a provincial exhibition is to be held in this city again next year and that it must be made a much greater affair—more provincial in every sense — than the exhibition held the other day, of which the royal city is so justly proud. Everything is propitious for a super-grand provincial exposition in the royal city next year, but it will depend greatly, as in the past, upon the citizens themselves. All the more municipal and government aid we can get the better, but these things are not to be depended on. An early start, too, will be half the battle, convincing people near and far that we mean business and giving them lots of time to prepare for the exhibition. We must not rest upon our laurels just because we have done pretty well this year, more especially as several of our amiable sister cities are warming up on this question.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

ENTERED into this tenth day of September, 1889.

BETWEEN the Corporation of the City of New Westminster, hereinafter called the Corporation, of the first part, and The New Westminster Southern Railway Company, a body corporate having its head office at the said City of New Westminster, hereinafter called the Company, of the second part.

WHEREAS, by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, passed in the fiftieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-six, and by a certain other Act of the said Legislative Assembly passed in the fifty-second year of the reign of her Majesty, chapter thirty-six, known as the New Westminster Southern Railway Co. Amendment Act, the Company was incorporated for the purpose of constructing, equipping and operating the line of railway and other works therein mentioned.

AND WHEREAS, the Company has commenced and is now prosecuting the construction of its said line of railway.

AND WHEREAS, Nelson Bennett and others of Tacoma, in Washington Territory, have represented to the Company that they are constructing a line of railway from some point in Washington Territory near the southerly terminus of the Company's line of railway, to Portland, Seattle or Tacoma, so as to connect the said line of railway now under construction by them with a transcontinental line of railway before the seventeenth day of July, 1892.

AND WHEREAS, the said Nelson Bennett and others have offered to complete the construction and equipment of the Company's line of railway and other works, and to procure the same to be connected with the said line of railway now under construction by them, and thereafter to maintain and operate both the said lines of railway and other works upon certain terms and conditions contained in the proposed agreement hereinafter mentioned.

AND WHEREAS, it is expedient that the Corporation should aid the Company to secure the construction, maintenance and operation of its said line of railway and other works in the manner provided for by the said proposed agreement.

AND WHEREAS, the said proposed agreement is in the words and figures following, that is to say:

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made and entered into this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine;

BETWEEN The New Westminster Southern Railway Company, a body corporate, having its head office at the City of New Westminster in the Province of British Columbia, hereinafter called the Corporation, of the first part, and NELSON BENNET of Tacoma in Washington Territory in the United States of America, who is hereinafter called the Contractor, of the second part:

WITNESS that the Corporation hereby covenants and agrees with the Contractor and the Contractor for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, covenants and agrees with the Corporation in manner following, that is to say:

1st. The Contractor shall forthwith after the execution of these presents commence construction under this contract of the line of railway authorized to be constructed by the Corporation by its act of incorporation from the South Bank of the Fraser River to the Boundary Line of the United States and the extension thereof hereinafter mentioned and thereafter prosecute the construction thereof and complete the same on or before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

2nd. The said line of Railway including the said extension shall be constructed in the most substantial and workmanlike manner according to proper plans and specifications with all the graduation masonry and other work including the track-laying and back-filling and ballasting of the same, the erection of all necessary stations, roundhouses, machine-shops, turn-tables, water stations, ditches and all other auxiliary works necessary for a completed railway of the first class, and as provided for by these presents.

3rd. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive from the Corporation Twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) of its first mortgage fifty year six per cent. gold bonds per lineal mile of the main track of the said railway and also the bonus of $150,000.00 mentioned in a certain agreement heretofore entered into between the Corporation and the Council of the Corporation of the said city of New Westminster, bearing date the 10th day of September, 1889, which is made a part of this contract, all of which shall be payable to the Contractor at such time or times and in such manner as he may prefer, but so as that he shall not be entitled to receive more than the value of the work contracted to be done as it progresses as the same shall be certified to by an Engineer or Engineers to be mutually agreed upon and in case they cannot agree by an Engineer to be appointed by the said city and another by the contractor or in case they cannot agree they shall appoint a third and the certificate of any two of the said three shall be final.

4th. As soon as the lines of railway intended to be provided for by these presents shall have been completed and provision shall have been made to the satisfaction of the contractor for the payment to him of a further bonus of ($100,000.00) One hundred thousand dollars, he shall proceed to construct a railway and free traffic bridge over the Fraser River within the old limits of the said city, or between the Glen stream and Lulu Island, and thereafter maintain the same in good repair, the said bonus shall be payable upon the completion of the said bridge.

5th. Until the construction of the said bridge an efficient steam ferry suitable for transferring cars freight and passengers across the said river shall be provided and operated from the junction of the railway with the south bank of the said river to the opposite bank thereof within the old limits of the said city and the said line of railway shall be constructed from that point to and upon the lands agreed to be provided by the said city for such purpose as mentioned in the said agreement and the line of railway shall not be deemed to be completed unless and until the said ferry and extension shall have been constructed. Provided, however, that the Contractor may commence in good faith the erection of said bridge within six months from the date of this agreement and continue the same to its completion and then the said ferry may not be built. Provided further that the Contractor shall within four months from the execution of these presents have signified to the Corporation his election so to do.

6th. The Contractor shall upon the completion and equipment of the said line of railway be entitled to receive any residue which may then remain undelivered or unpaid of the said bonds and bonus also the capital stock of the Corporation (except as hereinafter provided) and all other benefits mentioned in the said agreement between the Corporation and the City of New Westminster including the real estate therein mentioned upon the execution by the Corporation of a bond or agreement to the Corporation of the City of New Westminster for securing the maintenance and operation forever thereafter of the said line of railway of the Corporation and the benefit of its operation in connection with the line or lines of railway contemplated to be connected therewith between the terminus thereof and an American trans-continental line of railway according to the terms of these presents.

7th. It is agreed that the Contractor shall construct a line of railway from the terminus of the line of the Corporation to connect with a trans-continental line of railway by means of an existing charter or otherwise procure the construction of such other line of railway within four years from the seventeenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight and so as that the same shall be fully constructed to Bellingham Bay on or before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and that an equal portion of the residue of the said railway shall be fully constructed within each other year thereof unless unavoidably delayed, in which case the time shall be extended to such further time only as may be reasonably necessary because of such unavoidable delay and that after the completion of the said lines of railway hereinbefore provided for the same shall be thereafter operated in connection with the line of the Corporation and in an adequate and efficient manner and the Contractor shall do all things necessary for the carrying into effect of this agreement.

8th. The head quarters of the rolling stock including round houses, blacksmith, machine and repair shops for the whole line of the Corporation amply sufficient for the repairs of the said rolling stock shall be erected within the limits of the City of New Westminster on Lulu Island where the said works shall forever be maintained in good repair and shall have continuously employed therein a sufficient number of men to efficiently operate the same at all times and no discrimination shall be made against the said city in freight rates or passenger tariff over the said lines of railway either to or from the city, and all connections with the Canadian Pacific Railway and other railways entering the said city shall be made at the aforesaid city where all transfers of cars, freight and passengers shall be made. Provided that the location and maintenance of the headquarters hereinbefore referred to shall be construed to mean the permanent location and maintenance of said headquarters. The temporary headquarters for construction purposes may be upon the South side of the Fraser River upon suitable grounds to provided by the corporation for that purpose.

9th. All railways which may hereafter be constructed South of the Fraser River for the purpose of running into the City of New Westminster shall have the right of passage on the said ferry and over the said bridge for their rolling stock upon fair and reasonable terms.

10th. The Contractor shall have the exclusive right to use the line of the Corporation while it is under construction for his own use and benefit.

11th. The contractor shall not be entitled to any of the benefits to be received by him upon the completion of the line of the Corporation as hereinbefore mentioned unless all the covenants and agreements in these presents contained and on his part to be performed and kept, shall have been duly performed and kept by him in so far as the time shall then have elapsed for the performance thereof and until the execution of the said bond.

12th. The said line of railway as to its location may be changed from Section 20 Township 7 District of New Westminster so as to form the most feasible connection with the American connecting railway at the International Boundary Line and shall be built as a first class road according to reasonable and usual specifications but subject always to the terms of this agreement.

13th. Upon the completion of the line of the Corporation the present stockholders of the Corporation shall transfer and deliver to the Contractor forty-six thousand dollars ($46,000.00) of the capital stock of the Corporation now held by them, each present shareholder in the Corporation retaining ten shares (or one hundred and forty shares in all) as individual property, so as to qualify them as directors thereof, the remainder of such stock, that is to say, the said stock to the amount of forty-six thousand dollars ($46,000.00) face value shall be issued as fully paid up stock, the Contractor agreeing to pay for the said stock at such delivery the sum of six thousand dollars ($6,000.00) in gold coin or six thousand dollars of the stock of the Corporation on the said original shareholders of the Corporation may elect; the said one hundred and forty shares of the stock of the Corporation shall be paid up shares and be equal to fourteen thousand dollars. It is declared that the lands agreed to be provided for workshops are four hundred acres of the lands granted to the city on Lulu Island and that the said lands shall be granted to the Contractor subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the act of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, granting the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of.

AND WHEREAS, it is expedient also to pay and reimburse the Company the disbursements and expenses actually expended by the Company (not being moneys expended in construction) since the termination of a certain contract made by the company with the firm of C. M. Sheafe & Co., not exceeding however the sum of $5,000.

AND WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the corporation intend to submit to the electors of the said city a by-law to provide for the granting to the company of such aid as is in these presents provided for, and it is expedient that these presents should be executed before the taking of a poll of the said electors on the said proposed by-law, but so as that these presents shall not be binding upon the Corporation unless and until the assent of the said electors be obtained to the said proposed by-law and the same shall come into force.

NOW, THESE PRESENTS WITNESS, That the Corporation and the Company mutualy covenant and agree as follows, that is to say:

1. The covenants and agreements herein contained on the part of the Corporation shall extend to and be binding upon its successors, and the covenants and agreements herein contained on the part of the Company shall extend to and be binding upon its successors and assigns.

2. These presents shall be binding on the Corporation and the Company if and so soon as the said proposed by-law shall come into force.

3. The Corporation shall give to the Company a bonus of the sum of $150,000.00 which shall be payable in the manner provided for by the said proposed agreement.

4. The Corporation shall grant to the Company the right of way for its said line of railway from the ferry landing or terminus of the said bridge on the northerly bank of the Fraser river along Front street and across Custom House Square to its intersection with Richard street, and thence along Richard street to its intersection with Royal Avenue and Edinburgh street, where the Company shall construct a railway and free traffic bridge to the lands on Lulu Island hereinafter agreed to be granted to the Company, and shall grant to the Company a lease for the term of ninety-nine years, at the nominal rent of $1 per annum of water lots numbered 36 to 47 both inclusive, and of the pleasure grounds so called, and Lytton Square, and of that piece of land or water front situate between the premises known as Webster's wharf and the premises occupied by the Royal City Planing Mills Company, which may be described as all that piece or parcel of land covered with water, lying between lots numbered 20 in block 1, and 1 in block 2, saving and excepting so much thereof as may be required for the extension of Ellice street so far as the Corporation may have power to grant the same, and shall also grant to the Company four hundred acres in one block off the northeasterly portion of the lands owned by the Corporation on Lulu Island, subject to the performance by the Company of all the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, namely:

(*a*). To erect and maintain a good and substantial free traffic bridge suitable for passengers and waggons between the Government Reserve on Lulu Island, Fraser River, now known as Lot seven hundred and fifty-seven, in Group one, New Westminster District, and that portion of the City of New Westminster which is situate on the north bank of the Fraser River, and that said bridge shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications approved of by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

(*b*). To construct and keep in repair to the satisfaction of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works a good and substantial waggon road not less than twenty feet wide from said bridge through Lulu Island to the boundary of the Municipality of Richmond.

(*c*). To construct all canals, drains, ditches and dykes necessary for draining said Government Reserve.

(*d*). That all said works shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the time being within five years from the first day of May, 1889, and time shall be deemed of the essence of this agreement. And subject also to the further condition that the Company shall grant to any other Railway Company requiring the same access to and running powers over the said bridge and across the said lands on Lulu Island on fair and reasonable terms and conditions.

5. The Company, so soon as may be necessary, shall construct a retaining wall or retaining walls along the said pleasure grounds for the protection of Columbia and Front streets to the satisfaction of the City Engineer for the time being, and thereafter maintain the same in good repair.

6. So soon as the said proposed by-law shall come into force, all such good and sufficient deeds containing all such covenants, agreements, provisos and conditions reasonably required by the Corporation and the Company as may be requisite for the purpose of securing the said lands to the Company as hereinbefore provided, and the performance by the Company of all the agreements and conditions in these presents mentioned shall be executed in duplicate by the Corporation and the Company and given to the Manager for the time being of the Bank of British Columbia at New Westminster, who shall deliver one of such duplicates to the Corporation and the other to the Company upon the completion and equipment of its line of railway.

7. The lands agreed to be leased and granted to the Company as aforesaid shall be so leased and granted as that the same shall revert to the Corporation in case the line or lines of railway to connect with the line of the Company shall not have been constructed as hereinbefore provided, and the Company covenants with the Corporation that in the like event the said bonus of $150,000.00 shall be refunded and paid to the Corporation by the Company.

8. The Corporation shall also pay and reimburse the Company the disbursements and expenses actually expended by the Company (not being moneys expended in construction) since the termination of a certain contract made by the Company with the firm of C. M. Sheafe & Co., not exceeding, however, the sum of five thousand dollars.

9. The Company shall not be entitled to the benefit of any of the covenants and agreements herein contained unless and until (in addition to the other conditions in these presents contained) the said proposed agreement shall have been duly executed by the Company and the said Nelson Bennett and the same or a duplicate thereof shall have been deposited with the Clerk of the Corporation.

10. It shall be lawful for the Company to enter upon occupy and enjoy the lands agreed to be granted by the Corporation to the Company until default shall be made in the performance of any of the covenants and agreements contained in the said proposed agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties of the first part have hereunto affixed their corporate seal of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster, and these presents are signed and countersigned by the Mayor and City Clerk of the said Corporation on behalf of the said city of New Westminster.

And the parties of the second part have hereunto affixed the seal of the New Westminster Southern Railway Company, and these presents are signed and countersigned by the President and Secretary of said Company on behalf of such Company, on the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of.

WM. B. TOWNSEND, Mayor. } SEAL.
D. ROBSON, City Clerk.

B. DOUGLAS, Pres't N.W.S.R.Co. } SEAL.
T. J. TRAPP, Sec'y N.W.S.R.Co.

Explanatory Declaration

WHEREAS DOUBTS HAVE ARISEN as to the meaning of certain words in a certain agreement made between the Corporation of the City of New Westminster of the first part and the New Westminster Southern Railway Company of the second part, which agreement bears date the 10th day of September, 1889, and relates to the construction and operation of the Southern Railway and other works and to the payment by the Corporation to the said Company of a certain bonus under certain conditions;

Now it is hereby mutually agreed and declared to be the true meaning and intent of the words contained in the second and third lines of the fifth section on page three of the above mentioned agreement, that the ferry therein provided for shall carry any passengers or freight seeking transportation across the Fraser River, as well as passengers and freight from or for the said railway; and it is further agreed and declared that, in the event of the contractor undertaking to construct a railway and free traffic bridge across Fraser River, as provid^ for in section four of the said agreement, then the contractor shall provide a temporary ferry suitable for the transportation of passengers and freight across said river, and maintain and operate the same until the said bridge shall have been completed and opened for traffic.

Signed and sealed at the City of New Westminster this 11th day of October, 1889.

W. B. TOWNSEND, Mayor.
D. ROBSON, City Clerk.
B. DOUGLAS, President N. W. S. R'y.
T. J. TRAPP, Secretary.

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THE MEGANTIC HERO,

Morrison, is Sentenced to 18 Years in the Penitentiary for Killing a Bailiff.

Startling Order Issued by the War Office to Deputy Adjutant Generals in Canada.

New Line of Steamships to be Established Between China and Mexico.

MORRISON SENTENCED.

SHERBROOKE, Oct. 11.—Morrison, the Megantic outlaw, was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment to-day.

FATAL COLLISION.

BELLAIRILE, Oct. 11.—It is understood here that four men were killed outright and twelve others seriously injured in the wreck west of Bridgeport. The engine with the caboose attached, and carrying about 100 workmen, collided with a freight train. The caboose and engine were completely wrecked.

A WARLIKE MANDATE.

MONTREAL, Oct. 11.—The British war office has just issued the following *orders to the deputy adjutant-generals* of the several military districts of Canada: "On receipt of this communication you will immediately take steps to ascertain, in your several districts, the fullest information regarding all facilities for the transportation of troops from one part of the country to another, giving details as to means of transports by rail and water, and also ascertain how many horses are available in your district at short notice for the purpose of military transport." Citizens are asking one another the following question: What is the cause of such a mandate from such a quarter? Is Great Britain preparing to engage in an immediate war with some other power, and is Canada to be unknowingly *drawn into the struggle?*" By many the order is considered as a hint that the alleged agreement between England and the United States on the Behring sea difficulty is not satisfactory, and that England wishes to show the United States that she is ready for business.

TEN YEARS FOR BULGLARY.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Oct. 11.—A German named Carl Webber attempted burglary on Wednesday night and was arrested. He pleaded guilty yesterday and received a sentence of ten years in state prison.

BOUND TO FLOAT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—The steamer City of Ney York is still aground. Mr. Fahnstock, of the Inman Line said: "We were disappointed in not floating our vessel at high tide last evening. Twelve tugs are now at work at her and the number will be increased to fifty if necessary. The steamship must be brought up to her pier, and it is only a question of time when the task will be accomplished."

DESERVES TO SWING.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 11.—Samuel Peterson, a farmer living near Sarpy, on the county line, south of Omaha, fatally shot Lizzie Williams a 16-year-old daughter of a neighbor, last night. Peterson, who is under arrest, says the girl was stealing cabbage from his garden when he shot her.

THE FATAL FLUID.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—John Teeks, a lineman of the Western Union Telegraph Co., was killed this afternoon by coming into contact with an electric light wire.

WELL DONE.

FORDYCE, Ark., Oct. 11.—A well known negro named Charles White, last night attempted to enter the sleeping *apartments of Mrs. Jolly, a prominent* white woman, who ordered him to leave, and on his refusal shot him, killing him instantly.

A REAL TEMPERANCE WAR.

LIMA, Ohio, Oct. 11.—Several weeks ago the neighboring town of Lafayette passed a prohibition ordinance and all saloons were closed. A few days ago a saloon keeper of this city named Romer, went to Lafayette and opened a place. The town officials got out an injunction to stop him. The judge decided in his favor and he resumed business with more openness than ever. Early this morning his place was bombarded by a crowd of several hundred persons, and the place was almost torn down and everything ruined. The people are determined that no saloon shall do business there, and threaten to tar and feather Romer should he attempt to open his saloon for business again.

RACERS INJURED.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 11.—The special express car on the Vandalia fast mail this morning left the track in this city. The engine and car were wrecked. The car contained the race horses Jeremiah, Nettie and Egmont, and all were seriously injured. J. J. Smith, owner of Egmont, was badly hurt. Edward Miller was seriously, and fireman Wood slightly hurt. The horses were entered for the Lexington races.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—The Mexican, Macao and Portuguese line of steamers has just been established. The steamers will start from a Chinese Port, call at Macao, the Sandwich Islands, San Francisco, and stop at Salina Cruz, Mexico. The new line will help greatly to promote Chinese immigration, and as much as Mexico is now *carrying on big works undertaken* several years ago, for which it needs a cheap and abundant labor, it is conceded that the projected steamship line will be practically supported by the government of Mexico since its vessels will be mainly employed in carrying Chinese emigrants.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—The cabinet convened at noon to-day with all the members present. The subject under consideration was what stand the administration should take on the silver question. Secretary Windom has been considering the subject for some time. The general impression among the treasury officials conversant with the silver question is that Windom will *favor allowing silver buleion to be* deposited with the government, and the issuance of bullion certificates therefore. His views will probably be adopted by the cabinet to-day.

OTTAWA NOTES.

OTTAWA, Oct. 10.—Mr. J. G. Moylan, inspector of penitentiaries, has returned from British Columbia.

At Montreal Mr. Dalton McCarthy spoke on the Jesuit agitation, and said that equal rights candidates will sweep Ontario at the next election.

Cardinal Taschereau, 20 bishops and 120 priests participated in imposing religious ceremonies here to-day. A chapter of the canon was created and Cardinal Taschereau unveiled the statue in honor of Gingues, the first bishop of Ottawa.

Hon. Frank Smith has resigned his position as director of the Grand Trunk Railway.

Another suspicious box of candy has been received by Rev. Mr. Mowatt, of Frederickton, N. B., and been sent to an analyst.

Mr. Thomas Workman, senior partner of the firm of Frothingham & Workman, wholesale hardware merchants, of Montreal, is dead, aged 93. His estate is worth $2,000,000.

Constable Beaudoin, Montreal, who was stabbed thirteen times by a man named McLaren, whom he attempted to arrest, may recover.

YELLOW JACK AT KEY WEST.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Advices received at marine hospital headquarters to-day, report several cases of yellow fever at Key West, but no fears of the disease spreading are entertained.

ONE MORE FOR MORPHINE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—Dr. Hughin Southerland died at the New York hospital this morning from the effects of morphine. He took the poison yesterday afternoon in Union square.

"HELD UP."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Post Office Inspector Rathbuon has been informed that a mail carrier was "held up" yesterday by two men and robbed, *en route* from Leadsville, Mississippi, to the state line. Two registered pouches were taken. The local authorities are in pursuit of the robbers.

STILL IN THE MUD.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The s.s. City of New York, which went aground in Gedney's channel last night, is still stuck fast in the mud.

DEFEATED.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—In the Episcopal convention to-day the resolution of the committee of judicial system of the church for an ecclesiastical court of appeals was defeated.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR APPOINTMENTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Mr. K. H. S. Gobin, of Pennsylvania, was this morning elected grand master, Hugh McCurdy, of Michigan, deputy grand master of grand encampment, Knights Templars of the United States. Gen. Gobin is state senator for Lebanon, Pa., and general of the third brigade of the national guards of Pennsylvania.

A STRANGE MARINE DANGER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—Grave apprehensions are felt for the steamship "City of New York," of the Inman line, which is aground down the bay. The company has sent down eleven tugs to assist her and take off the passengers. It is feared the steamship is sinking in a quicksand, and great excitement prevails in marine circles. One of the tugs sent to her relief has returned with the information that the steamer is stuck hard and fast and the tugs could not move her. There was considerable excitement among the passengers. The wrecking company will send a boat and crew to clear the mud from around the steamer so that she can be floated at high tide.

DENIED AGAIN.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct 10.—The Union Pacific office again denies the story that they have been buying fifty thousand tons of steel rails.

MILITARISM RAMPANT.

JOLIETT, Ill., Oct. 10.—The unveiling of the soldiers' monument, just completed to-day, was made the occasion of a great celebration. Old soldiers, sailors, grand army posts from several counties, together with national guards, sons of veterans and other civil and military societies joined in the parade. The speakers included Judge Banks for the county, Governor Fifer, Gen. Palmer, Gen. Black, and Gen. Martin for the old soldiers.

THE LATEST DEAL.

DETROIT, Oct. 10.—A prominent railroad man who was in this city last night and who is in a position to know the plans of the Canadian Pacific Company, says there is little doubt of the truth of the report that the Manitoba road and its kindred lines are to be combined with the Canadian Pacific system under the new programme of Mr. Hill, and that the programme *surely means the amalgamation of the* Burlington and Northern road with the Manitoba system. He gives the further information that there is to be a combination of the Union Pacific with the Canadian Pacific and the Manitoba roads and thus the great railroad trust will embrace two transcontinental lines. The Burlington and Northern will furnish the Chicago connection for the whole system. The Union Pacific as well as the Manitoba lines to Sioux City, now nearly completed, together with the Short Line now building out of Sioux City to connect with the Union Pacific, will give the latter road a Duluth connection, and through the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic, and the Canadian Pacific itself a through connection to the seaboard at Boston.

BANKERS JAILED.

Six French Bankers Committed to Jail Till They Pay Nineteen Million Francs.

The Czar Arrives Safely in Berlin, But Meets with a Very Cool Reception.

Bailiffs while Attempting to Collect Tithes in England are Driven off by Parishioners.

DIRECTORS JAILED.

PARIS, Oct. 11.—Attachments have been issued against the property of nine directors of the *Comptoir Des Compte.* Six of the directors are now in prison for violating the banking law. The directors and accountants are committed till they pay in all nineteen million francs to the liquidators of the bank, which means a life sentence to most of the prisoners. Efforts are being made to save them.

DEAD.

PARIS, Oct. 11.—The death is announced of M. Adrien Sebert Tailhand, formerly senator and ex-minister of justice.

THE FRENCH VOTE.

PARIS, Oct. 11.—The votes cast at the recent election were divided as follows: — Republicans, 4,012,353; Conservatives, 2,340,686; Boulangists, 1,037,666.

THE CZAR IN BERLIN.

BERLIN, Oct. 11.—The czar arrived here this morning. He was met at the railway station by the *attaches* of the Russian embassy, who did not accompany Count Schouvalof, the Russian embassador, to Kiel, and escorted by the first regiment of guards and a company of the Alexander Grenadier guards, of which the czar is honorary colonel, acting as a body guard, he was driven to the Russian embassy. The streets were crowded with people, and the decorations of the public and private buildings surpassed in every way anything of the kind ever before displayed in Berlin on the occasion of a visiting foreign sovereign to the German capital. The czar was greeted on behalf of the emperor. The precautions taken against the approach of the populace to the imperial carriage were as perfect in effect as they were formidable in appearance, and the route from the railway station to the Russian embassy was lined with troops. There was some cheering on the part of the populace, but on the whole, the enthusiasm of the people was far from hearty. Shortly before the arrival of the czar's train, the emperor with Bismarck, Count Herbert Bismarck, many generals of the German army, several German princes and a large number of government officials reached the station and awaited the coming of imperial visitor. German generals representing the emperor assisted the czar to alight, welcoming him as they did so. The two emperors affectionately embraced one another and the czar shook hands with Bismarck. A brief conversation ensued when the czar and his attendants entered the state carriage. The guard of honor defiled and assumed a place in the procession; the band of the imperial guards played the Russian national hymn and the state carriage began its route at a fast trot to the Russian embassy. When the czrr alighted from the train an imperial salute was fired, but even this failed to inspire enthusiasm among the crowd who gathered at the station, nor at any point along the route to the Russian embassy did they give vent to the cheering with which they greeted the Austrian emperor on the occasion of his visit. The emperor was in the uniform of the Russian Wybarga regiment, and upon his breast was a Russian decoration. Bismarck also wore the insignia of a Russian order. The admirals and several other officers of the English naval squadron, at Kiel, were at the station and were saluted by the czar.

RETURNS TO THE STAGE.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Mrs. Bancroft, who, with her husband, retired some *time ago from the stage, will shortly* return to the scene of her former triumphs. She will make her first appearance in "Belle Mammon," adapted by Bernard.

BAILIFFS DRIVEN OFF.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—An attempt by bailiff's to collect tithes was defeated by a mob of parishioners, who successfully *resisted and drove off the officers.*

A HUMANE MEASURE.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—The Bavarian minister of justice has inserted in the budget a large sum to be used for the benefit of persons who may be innocently imprisoned and thereby subjected to suffering and loss, in the course of the administration of justice.

MORE BIG GUNS.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—Krupp, the Essen gun manufacturer, has acquired a tract of land, 2,500 acres in extent, in Mecklenheim, near Cologne, upon which he will soon establish a second foundry.

THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS.

BERLIN, Oct. 10.—Smallpox is raging in the government of Oppela, in Prussian Silesia, and the victims are already numbered by thousands.

WILLIAM IS GAY.

KIEL, Oct. 10.—Emperor William this morning attended a banquet given by the German naval officers to the officers of the British fleet at Casend; he afterwards attended a conversazione at the marine academy, and then, at 11 o'clock, started for Berlin.

THE CZAROWITZ.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—The Czarowitz at New Market, to-day, were won by Primrose Day, Ingram second, Mersey third.

THE POLICE DEFIED.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—The police to-day attempted to break up a meeting in Marmora Island, called for the purpose of thanking the English and Scotch Liberals of Peterboro and Elgin for their splendid victories at yesterday's elections. The promoters of the meeting refused to leave and called upon the audience to hold their ground, despite the orders of the police to disperse. The officers finding the people disposed to insist upon their rights, desisted from their attempt to break up the meeting, but remained until the close, carefully taking notes of the speeches. The police were hooted at the conclusion of the meeting, but there was no violence, and the people quietly dispersed to their homes after rousing cheers for the Home Rulers of Peterboro and Elgin.

THE ARGENTINE LOAN.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—News comes from Paris that the government of the Argentine Republic have formally concluded negotiations with the syndicate of bankers formed in 1886, for the purpose of floating an Argentine loan, and that the convention is about to be signed. The proposed loan amounts to $40,000,000.

PLEASE DON'T RESIGN.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—President Carnot has sent an earnest request to the members of his ministry that they retain their present portfolios and do not resign.

A LIVELY MEETING.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The school board enjoyed a real American aldermanic fight last evening when the attempt was made to oust Mr. Conybeare from his seat in the board because of his recent conviction and imprisonment on a charge of defying the coercion act. As the crime is one the perpetration of which in every case endears the criminal to at least one half of the English people, it can be readily understood that the proposal to unseat Mr. Conybeare met with determined resistance and finally resulted in failure. The uproar for a time was awful and personal violence was threatened, but before the close the good sense of the members asserted itself and it was decided to relegate the whole question to the courts for decision.

THE CZAR'S VISIT.

BERLIN, Oct. 11.—The Emperor William before leaving the Russian embassy to-day, sat down to luncheon with the czar and his party. Count Schouvaloff, the Russian ambassador, presided and was the first to raise a glass to welcome the czar, after which he called for three cheers, and there was a hearty response. The band played the Russian anthem, when the czar toasted the Emperor William and the two engaged in an animated conversation. The emperor left the embassy at 12:30 p. m. Prince Bismarck did not accompany the emperor, but remained at the embassy and held a conference with the czar, which lasted fully an hour and a half. Later the czar drove out in a carriage surrounded by cavalry and paid a visit to the Empress Augusta and to the Empress Frederick. A dinner in the white hall of the Schloss took place this evening and there were 140 covers. The czar wore the uniform of a German Uhlan regiment and was seated between the emperor and emperess with Prince Bismarck as his vis-a-vis. The Emperor William drank to the welfare of his honored friend and guest and to the continuance of the friendship between their two houses, which had been maintained for over 100 years, and which he was resolved to cherish as a sacred legacy from his ancestors. The czar drank to the welfare of the Emperor William, and thanked him in French for his friendly sentiments. He then drank to Prince Bismarck, who rose in recognition of the honor, emptied his glass and bowed low. The Emperor William showed a like courtesy to Count Schouvaloff, which was acknowledged in the same way.

A GHASTLY FIND.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—A Los Angeles special dispatch gives an account of the capture of a monster shark at Rondo beach. On being cut open the arm of a human being and other human bones were found in its stomach. It is supposed the arm is that of a young woman. Great excitement prevails over *the discovery. The capture was made* by a yachting party. They had a great deal of trouble in catching the monster. He was sixteen feet long, and was of the man-eating species. Enquiries have been made, but there is no report that any one is missing, though many strangers are camping along the beach, and some one may have been devoured and the fact be still unknown to the relatives. The report of the capture and find is authentic.

I. O. G. T.

The morning session yesterday was chiefly taken up with the installation of officers and addresses by the same, and the afternoon session with miscellaneous business generally, appointment of committees for the ensuing, year, etc., etc.

In the evening the Juvenile Templars, having been invited by the Grand Lodge, attended in full force, Superintendent Sister Robertson in the chair. After the opening exercises and usual routine business, Grand Chief McGillivray, general superintendent *of juvenile work, Sister Jenkins,* and Bro. Holt, respectively addressed the lodge, expressing themselves as highly pleased with the excellent manner in which those so young acquitted themselves. Afterward the lodge adjourned, and the evening session of the Grand Lodge began, at which reports of committees were received and other important business was transacted. The Grand Lodge subsequently adjourned, to meet at Nanaimo next year, each one feeling that the prospects of Good Templary for the ensuing year are brighter than ever. Already a first class lecturer has been engaged, and is expected to be here in a week or ten days, and others are to follow during the year. Good results are expected for the temperance cause. —*Friday's Colonist.*

STARVING DAKOTA.

A Hundred Dakota Farmers Will Starve te Death Unless Assistance is Rendered.

The Ocean Greyhound is Still in the Mud, but Hopes are Entertained of Saving Her.

Mayor Grant, of New York, Orders the Electric Light Wires to be Cut.

STARVING DAKOTA.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 12.—Owing to the extreme drought there has been a failure of crops in Ramsey county, Dakota, and in consequence, over one hundred families are reported to be without any means of subsistence during the coming winter. To-day two lady delegates, of the Ramsey county relief committee, arrived in St. Paul to personally urge the cause of the sufferers. The ladies brought with them a letter signed by about sixty of the business firms of Grand Forks and vicinity. Unless relief is received very soon many must die of hunger. The matter of affording relief to the sufferers has been referred by the mayor of St. Paul to the chamber of commerce, and by that body placed in the hands of a special committee.

MYSTERIOUS EXCITEMENT.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Intense excitement prevails at the court rooms this morning, and the state's attorney's room presents great activity on the part of the different officials, who maintain the profoundest secrecy. It is reported that certain deputy *sheriffs are under arrest for their jury-*bribing in the Cronin case.

FOUND GUILTY.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 12.—A dispatch from Dillon says: Ah Wing, the Chinaman who killed another Chinaman at Lion City last February, was tried today and was convicted of murder in the second degree. In all probability the sentence will be imprisonment for life.

DESTROYED BY LOVE.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 12.—Louisa Petschke suicided by throwing herself into the rapids above the Horseshoe falls today. Her body passed over the cataract and has not been recovered. Disappointed love was the cause of the act.

STILL AGROUND.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The s s. City of New York is still aground and lighters are removing the cargo. The position of the vessel is somewhat critical, but hopes are entertained that she may be floated this evening.

A PROMPT MAYOR.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—As a result of the horrible death of lineman Feck, yesterday, among the electric light wires, *and many similar fatalities,* Mayor Grant has ordered all overhead wires to be cut this afternoon. The electric light companies obtained an injunction. In any event, the city is likely to be in partial darkness tonight.

PASSENGER LIST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—The str. Walla Walla sailed for Victoria and Puget Sound ports this morning with the following passengers for Victoria: C. J. Everett, E. Lequime, E. J. Millet, Miss M. Crossen, R. Lewis, L. Dovey.

FIVE HOUSES BURNED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—A fire broke out shortly before one o'clock this morning in an oyster house on Polk street near Pine, partly destroying five neighboring frame buildings occupied as stores and residences. The losses aggregate ten thousand dollars, partially covered by insurance.

MURDERED AND ROBBED.

GLOBE, Ariz., Oct. 12.—Labino Quiroz, a packer, was found murdered this morning at his wood camp, a few miles from Globe. The camp had been stripped of everything.

SHIPPING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—Arrived, bark Northwest; ship Spartan, Seattle. Sailed, ship Kennebec, for Nanaimo.

STRETCHING IMAGINATION.

OTTAWA, Oct. 12.—The dispatch from Montreal stating that an order had been received from the British war office requiring full information regarding the facilities for transportation of troops from one part of Canada to another, indicating a possible rupture between Great Britain and the U. S., receives little credence here. It was understood and generally noted in Canadian newspapers some time ago that the British government had ordered considerable information from the department of railways and canals concerning Canadian railways and their operations. What this information was wanted for has not transpired, but the Montreal correspondent has evidently seized hold of the most improbable use to which such information *would be put.*

BOULANGER SUFFERS FOR FRANCE.

PARIS, Oct. 12.—Boulanger has been interviewed at St Helier on the island of Jersey. He admitted that he had injured his cause by leaving France, but said that if he had remained his enemies would have imprisoned him, but this would have been followed by a revolution and he was willing to suffer defeat in order to save France from bloodshed.

GREAT STORM RAGING.

MADRID, Oct. 12.—There is a severe storm in northern Spain. The wires are prostrated and all communication is stopped. Many shipwrecks are reported on the coast.

PARNELL'S HEALTH FAILING.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Parnell's health grows worse instead of better, and grave fears are entertained that he will be unable to resume his political career. He will winter at Bournemouth.

A REMARKABLE PROJECT.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—It has just become known that a most remarkable engineering project was suggested at the recent meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute in Paris. This is nothing less than the erection of a great bridge between France and England, from Cape Grisnez to Folkstone. The length of the bridge would be thirty-two miles and the number of piers 120; the headway for ships 180 feet, and the height from the foundation to the top of the structure 600 feet. It is proposed to build the bridge entirely of steel. To do this one million tons of steel would be required, and the cost of the bridge, it is estimated, would amount to about $175,000,000.

STABLES BURNED.

PARIS, Oct. 12.—The extensive stables of the United Tramways in Bordeaux have been burned with 200 horses.

ROYAL SHOTS.

BERLIN, Oct. 12.—The czar and emperor started on a hunting expedition to Letzlingen to-day. Both displayed skilful marksmanship, killing a number of deer. They lunched at noon guarded by Cuirassiers. They afterwards resumed shooting and returned to Berlin this evening.

GENEROUS REGENTS.

BELGRADE, Oct. 12.—The regents have decided to permit ex-Queen Natalie to visit her son, King Alexander, to-day.

A LIBERAL VICTORY.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The liberals of the north division of Buckinghamshire yesterday elected Mr. Verney member of parliament, over Mr. Hubbard, Conservative, by a majority of 208. In 1886 Hubbard was elected by 71 majority.

A GRATEFUL CHIEF.

Orders an Expensive Monument to the Memory of his Predecessor, who is Still Alive.

There is an Indian ex-chief now residing at Metlakathla who is a very proud man indeed, and so would many of his white brethern be under the same circumstances were they so honored. "Jim" is the name he goes by now, but there was a time when his nearest and dearest friend dared not call him anything more familiar than his proper title as the greatest and most powerful chief of the north. He was the ruler of more than a dozen villages, and his warriors numbered more than 2,000.

Some years ago Jim killed an Indian vassal who had annoyed him in some way, never dreaming in his innocence that a more mighty monarch than himself ruled over the country. The murder came to the ears of the authorities, and Jim was captured and taken to Victoria a prisoner. By some means he escaped trial, but on his return home was forced to abdicate the chieftainship in favor of the heir apparent, a distant relative of his. The latter assumed the reins of government and has ruled both wisely and well, always with a feeling of deep gratitude to Jim for murdering his vassal, and thereby placing him (the present chief) on the throne. Chief Jack is an industrious man as well as a wise ruler, and during the present season has made about $2,000 netting salmon in a small bay, on the shores of which one of his villages is situated. Making use of his rights as chief, Jack appropriated this bay and the services of a number of his tribesmen to his own use, with the handsome results above stated. Out of this sum the chief has set aside $800 to pay for a monument which he is having carved by Mr. Rudge, of Victoria, in honor of ex-Chief Jim, whose glorious memory is not to be allowed to die even after his spirit has taken up its residence in the happy hunting grounds beyond the setting sun.

The fine monument is what makes the ex-chief so proud, and, as he told a well known government official a few weeks ago, he hopes to live to see the the stone announcing his death. The monument will be erected at Metlakathla, and will be unveiled with appropriate *ceremonies by the grateful* chief.

Matthews-Wolfenden.

The marriage of Miss Nellie F. F. Wolfenden with G. F. Matthews of the firm of E. G. Prior & Co., attracted a large throng to St. James' church last evening. The sacred edifice was specially decorated for the event, and presented a brilliant appearance during the ceremony, which was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven. The bride was given away by her father, Lieut.-Colonel Wolfenden, and looked very bright and charming, attired in a bridal dress of white corded silk with veil, and wreath of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids, Misses Katie, Roberta and Mabel, sisters of the bride, were attired in costumes of cream nun's veiling and drawn muslene hats, with baskets of flowers in their hands. The groom was supported by Mr. Geo. Pullinger. After the ceremony, a bridal supper was partaken of by about 25 guests. The gifts were numerous and costly on all sides, and Mr. Matthews and his fair bride carry the best wishes of all with them. The honeymoon will be spent in Portland, for which point the happy couple left this morning.—*Thursday's Times.*

The anti-Jesuit meeting at Toronto Thursday evening was very successful *in point of numbers and enthusiasm.* The report of the deputation appointed to lay before the governor-general the petition against the Jesuit Estates Act was presented. The reports stated that the reply of his excellency must be regarded as the official reply of the government itself, and that, therefore, there could be no want of respect in the free criticism of his utterance. Principal Caven, Dr. Davidson and Dalton McCarthy spoke. The latter said at next session of parliament he would make an effort to secure the abolition of dualism in the language of the Dominion.

Job printing of all kinds neatly done at the COLUMBIAN office. Prices will be found as low as at any other office in the province.—*Adv.*

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A fibrac from the fabric of ramie, said to combine the qualities of linen and silk, has been brought out in France.

The Giant diamond, lately discovered in Cape Colony, and now at the Paris Exposition, weighs 180 carats and is valued at $4,000,000. It is kept in a glass case by itself, and guardians stand around it all day. At night it is placed in a big safe, which is similarly guarded all night. It is said to be of the first water and pure as the famous Regent in the French Crown diamonds.

A French scientist has discover- that constant use of the telephone is liable to bring on ear tronbles. The symptons are similar to the conditions often brought on by the jar and crash of machinery. The new ear trouble has been christened "telephone tinnitus," and is probably as serious a consequence of Edison's new invention as the rapid increase of profanity from the same cause.

George Russell, a close young friend of Gladstone, says that the latter is deficient in the sense of humor, and that he has no taste for ordinary conversation. "He asks questions when wanting information, and answers them copiously when asked by others. But of give and take, of meeting you half-way and of paying you back in your own conversational coin he has no notion."

In a batch of recent appointments to the British navy appears the name of Prince George of Wales, who is given a lieutenancy on the royal yacht Osborne. Appointments to this yacht are generally much prized, as they lead usually to higher promotion. The young prince has had a good deal of experience at sea, his latest service having been put in during the recent naval manœuvres, when he found that a torpedo boat can toss and roll over with more discomfort to the crew than any other kind of a vessel in the navy.—*Ex.*

Already an improved form of the phonograph has made its appearance, the object being to provide a fuller tone to Edison's patent. In the latter barely 30 per cent. of the original volume of sound is returned to the ear, while the new invention will, it is said, reproduce 60 per cent. of the sound waves. The inventor is a wealthy Italian living in New York, who has secured a patent, and the instrument can, it is claimed, be applied also to the telephone, greatly magnifying the sound now received through this instrument. Edison having laid the foundation it is not surprising that busy brains are framing improvements upon his invention for the benefit of all mankind.

The eightieth annual meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions—the great missionary organization of the Congregationalists of the United States—will be held in New York this month. Of late years the meetings of the board haye been chiefly taken up with controversy over the "new theology," arising out of the refusal of the Prudential Committee to send out missionaries who believe in probation after death. At Springfield, Mass., the subject was vigorously discussed, and the conservatives won a practical victory. It is not thought probable that the "new theology" will be allowed to disturb this year's meeting, as it is now before the courts in the Andover litigation.

A MS. report of a course of lectures delivered by Carlyle in 1838 has been unearthed in England. These lectures have been printed. In one of them he says of Shakespeare that he "is the epitome of the era of Elizabeth, a man in whom that era as well as other eras have found a vein, one who gives utterance to many things silent before him, and worthy to be called the spokesman of our nation. It is now universally admitted that he must be regarded as the greatest person that has ever been produced in the literature of modern Europe. He was one of the great souls of nature, like a Homer, an Æschylus, a Dante—a voice pure, the inmost heart of nature. He speaks the dialect of the sixteenth century in words much more expressive and comprehensive than any used before him, for knowledge had made great progress in his time, and therefore his language became more complex and rich in significance."

The wind was blowing a terrific gale Thursday afternoon as the train containing the vice-regal party pulled up at the depot at Lethbridge, N. W. T., Immediately on his arrival, his excellency and party were escorted to the platform where an address was read by C. A. Magratt, president of the board of trade. The visitors then drove to the coal mines, making a lengthy stay there, after which they adjourned to Mr. E. T. Galt's residence where the remainder of the evening was spent. The party left next morning for the Indian reserve.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements on Fortescue street are progressing satisfactorily. Some of the cuts are very deep, and residences which used to be on a level with the roadway are now only accessible by means of a ladder or the back entrance round the corner. The appearance of the street, however, in spite of those incongruities, has been very materially improved. Some large boulders, or, as they have been facetiously denominated, "coarse sand," have been removed, and all the hollows filled and levelled.

On Blackie street chips and sawdust are working a complete change. This thoroughfare used to sag in the middle, as the navigators say, and was famed for the rich and abiding quality of its mud. But its name is mud no longer. When the improvements are completed, and that section of the public that gathers news is credibly informed that they will be completed, this street will offer facilities for traffic, seldom equalled and never excelled. As has been remarked several times lately, the work on the lower end of Douglas street is finished and is a credit to the board of works. Around the Royal City Planing Mills, street patching has been going on for some time, a number of years in fact, and where once the dusky Siwash pitched his tent and caroused in the bosom of the swamp, pretty safe from the unwelcome gaze of the vigilant police officer, there now extend on every hand broad, level roads compactly built of the refuse from the mill. It used to be a nightly occurrence, the arresting of intoxicated Siwashes in this classic vicinity. The officer was compelled to lead or drag his prisoner along a narrow plank, and as the Siwash is not totally devoid of humor, he would often make excursions off the plank into the muddy depths alongside, hauling the officer along with him. Then was the air made warm with loudly ejaculated expletives, and the officer was wont to lift the drunken red man and pitch him on to the plank; and the depraved son of the woods was wont to give so much assistance that he generally overshot the mark and landed head first on the other side, to the unspeakable delight of his captor, who, as a general thing, requisitioned the forward compartment of his capacious shoe to express his appreciation on the corporeal foundation of his prisoner. The Vancouver road has a good chance to develop a fine crop of wheel ruts, as the passage of heavy loads over this highway is almost unceasing. Nearly all the cordwood used in the city comes from this direction, and the vehicular traffic between this city and Vancouver is very much more than the average citizen has any idea of. Agnes street is being touched off in an artistic manner. The drains along the side of the roadway are being comfortably tucked in with dirt, and if the surplus water will only obligingly percolate over the sides, the troubles of a certain admirble body will practically end, in so far as Agnes street is concerned. The continuation of the sidewalk from the post office to Agnes street on Mary street, is going forward and is going to be a creditable piece of work. That it has been badly wanted a long time no one who has had to use Mary st. will be prepared to dispute. If a suggestion is in order it might be pointed out here that no place in the city needs a sidewalk so much as that part of Clement street lying between Agnes street and Royal avenue. The foot passenger traffic on this short piece of street easily warrants the laying of such a walk, and the present condition of it is, not to put it too strongly, bad. Nearly everyone going to the fair grounds, the old atheletic park and the residence regon on the crown of the hill uses this thoroughfare, many of them several times a day. The fragment of sidewalk alongside the Queen's Hotel on Clement street stops abruptly ten yards or so up the hill. Beyond its confines oceans of mud await the wayfarer all the way up to Royal avenue.

Exchange of Compliments.

The following invitation has been received by Mr. Thomas Cunningham, president of the British Columbia Agricultural Society, from Mr. Amos Rowe, president of the Calgary Agricultural Society:

"I beg to extend you a cordial invitation to our fair to be held on the 9th and 10th inst., and regret very much being unable to attend your meeting, which was entirely owing to business engagements here."

To this Mr. Cunningham, who is determined to make a point for Westminster out of every possible occasion, replied as follows:

"Your kind invitation to me to be present at your annual fair came to hand only yesterday, too late of course to enable me to avail myself of the great pleasure it would have given me to be present with you on such an important occasion. I cordially reciprocate the generous feeling which prompted you, and in proof thereof I beg to tender you a *standing* invitation to visit us at our next annual show, and on behalf of the officers and directors of the British Columbia Agricultural Association I promise you a cordial reception, and an exhibition far surpassing anything of the kind ever held in this province. We are near neighbors, and the more we know of each other, and the closer we are drawn together, the better for the interest of both sections of our beloved country. I most earnestly hope that these agricultural and industrial gatherings may result in the development of the interests which they represent, and closer business relations between Alberta and British Columbia. Our resources and productions are so varied, our geographical positions so different, that each province is a complement of the other. We are necessary to each other, and the sooner this fact is realized in its broadest sense the better for all concerned. Pardon me for inflicting such a lengthened reply, but the occasion seems so opportune that I could not resist the impulse to write a few sentences on behalf of good neighborhood."

Explorations of the Patterson.

The United States coast surveying steamer Carlyle F. Patterson arrived at Port Townsend on Wednesday afternoon on her way to San Francisco from her season's survey of the southern Alaska coast. The Patterson left port, going north, on the 15th of last April, and arrived at Cleveland passage, a few miles above Cape Fanshaw, on the 27th of April. From this point she made surveys of the coast about Admiralty Island, Seymour Canal and Holkhan Bay where the season's work terminated, The season was generally rainy, with but two weeks of fine weather in July, and this was of perfect beauty. The scenery of the unexplored Admiralty Island is spoken of by the officers as most grand and sublime, and the glaciers of Holkhan Bay were beautiful and interesting. The Gedna, now on the coast of Oregon, will sail next season and resume the survey. The Patterson started homeward from Juneau September 29th.

A Rich Valley.

Messrs. John Fannin, of the provincial museum, and D. E. Campbell, druggist, returned a few days ago from the Spallumcheen country, where they had been hunting for several weeks. They were remarkably successful in the chase, seven cariboo and several mule deer and other large game having fallen before their rifles. Mr. Fannin will add to the museum a whole Cariboo family—male, female and calf—and a great many varieties of birds and small animals. The party came very nearly capturing a grizzly, or perhaps the grizzly came near capturing the party. The king of the mountains was met on the trail at night and escaped in the darkness. Mr. Fannin says he was a monster. Stuffed for the museum it would have been a fine acquisition to the already fine collection of native animals, and an effort will be made to capture one of the best in the Spallumcheen mountains, where they are believed to be plentiful. Both Messrs. Campbell and Fannin were astonished at what they saw in the valley. They did not believe that within the boundaries of British Columbia there was such a large area of splendid farming land, or that such magnificent crops of grain were grown as they saw in the Spallumcheen valley. The incomparable beauties of the landscape, from the flat lands to the top of the Gold Range, which everywhere had the appearance of a vast park, was another revelation to them.—*Times.*

OUR TERMINAL HOTEL.

Nelson Bennet Now Controls the Finest Hotel on the Coast.

A deal which caused no little surprise in this city was made last night, by which the Tacoma hotel will change hands, the consideration being $250,000. The new proprietors are ten in number, among them being Allen C. Mason, Nelson Bennett, G. Collis, W. J. Thompson, Paul Schulze and five others. It was stated on the streets last evening that the sale of the hotel was under consideration, but no reliable information could be learned until to-day. It is understood that the Tacoma Land Company first decided to sell the Tacoma last August, when Mr. John C. Bullett, one of the trustees of the Tacoma Land Company, and agent for Mr. C. B. Wright, was in the city. While the hotel at present is a paying institution, and is a source of considerable revenue to the corporation which controls it, it has answered their purpose, and having an opportunity to sell the hotel to persons who will manage it in a manner suitable to all concerned, they decided to dispose of it at a figure at which the purchasers would be able to realize something from their investment. The deal was made by Mr. Nelson Bennett, while on a trip east, he having returned but yesterday. The heaviest stockholders are Allen C. Mason and Nelson Bennett. For the present the management of the hotel will not be changed, but it is understood that changes will be made in the future.—*Tacoma Globe.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

Has Not Withdrawn.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN.—I am informed that a report is being circulated that I have withdrawn from the political contest in favor of some other candidate. I desire to contradict this rumor and to assure the electors of this city that I shall not withdraw for any consideration whatever. If the taxpayers see fit to elect me I shall serve them to the best of my ability, and contend faithfully for the interests of this city.

THOMAS CUNNINGHAM

New Westminster, Oct. 12, 1889.

Local Politics and the N.W.S.R.R

EDITOR COLUMBIAN.—You will please permit a partial stranger in your community to say a few words anent the question of selecting the most fit and proper person from amongst the number whose names have been spoken of to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Mr. Bole from a seat in the local legislature to a soft seat on the "bench." I have for a short time been taking notes of men and things in this royal burgh. Your political meeting the other night showed pretty clearly that on political matters the citizens of Westminster are a little behind the age; you seem to have no faith in one another; instead of discussing the questions that would affect your best interests, you seem to be possessed with a spirit of jealousy, one against the other, After the noble effort made by your citizens in the matter of the agricultural exhibition, I expected to hear more sensible business talk at your political meeting. If it would not be out of place in a new chum, I would give you good people of the royal city a little advice in this matter. You seem to have three candidates who are rather anxious to represent you in the local parliament. Mr. Jenns, who first addressed the meeting, is a young lawyer of some promise in his profession; if you have any good wish for his future welfare, advise him to keep out of politics and let him stay at home. Mr. Dickinson would have no objection to try his hand again in the local house, but surely he has had enough of that already; he seems to be a very nice, inoffensive man, but in my country he would never be taken for a politician; he lacks *vim*, and is not *selfish* enough. Mr. Cunningham, although he may have gone half seas over to Uncle Sam, in order to protect his property, seems to be possessed of a good deal of the suitable stuff for a modern politician. "*Grip*" took his measure, when he pictured him with the provincial premier on the palm of his left hand and an Irish shilalah in his right, commanding him to potlatch or fall. You can't do better than try Tom for the last session of the present parliament. The way he has managed the agricultural exhibition shows that, although he may have a small *hatchet* to grind for his own use, yet he will grind more public concessions from the James Bay caucus than any or all the other candidates put together.

While my hand is in, perhaps you will allow me to express my opinion on the Southern Railway question as it now stands. Although a comparative stranger amongst you, yet I have been taking notice of matters and things in general, and this railway matter in particular. The codicil (if I may use the expression) that was published yesterday in your valuable paper, is, so far, more satisfactory than before, but there would need to be a good many such codicils to the will of the railway company before it can be easily understood by the rank and file of the tax-payers, who will have to foot the bills should the by-law pass; the whole business is too complex; it should be so plain that he who runneth might read and understand. What Westminster wants more than anything else is a free and easy communication with the farming districts. The ferry charter which is now owned by the city, should never be parted with until a crossing, either by a first-class ferry or bridge, is made across the Fraser opposite the two trunk roads leading from this city to the boundary line south; any bargain that fails to accomplish that beyond a doubt, will be a dead failure. The time was when Westminster thought she could exist without the farmers, but now it is entirely changed; without the support of the farmers she could not have had the next exhibition here. Make sure of a free and easy crossing of the river opposite the city, into the heart of this garden of the province, and Westminster is sure to be as busy as a bee-hive. Without it she will be cut off from her natural support. OBSERVER.

New West., Oct. 12, 1889.

An old German named Henry Kern committed suicide in Winnipeg by shooting, Tuesday night. He came from Fergus Falls, Minn., and claimed he was ill-treated by his sons.

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So he came to Westminster to buy him a pair.
"I'll have one pair of thick ones and one pair of thin,
If I can find J. Rousseau's," says Bryan O'Lynn.

He hunted the stores all along the main route,
Says he, "The right one I've not yet found out.
I want J. Rousseau—I'll buy only from him,
For he sells the cheapest," says Bryan O'Lynn.

He stepped a little west of McKenzie street,
He met Rousseau's sign—sure it was a great treat;
He lifted the latch, and Jim stood within.
"I've found it at last," says Bryan O'Lynn.

We showed him both Calf Boots, Kip and Cowhide,
The ones we praise mostly, without seams at the side.
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"Sure you have boots for the million," says Bryan O'Lynn.

He bought him his boots, which of course were no trash,
He paid down the money, for we sell only for cash;
To the public he says, "Be not taken in,
But buy from J. Rousseau," says Bryan O'Lynn.

"If there is a leak in the toe or side of your shoe,
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WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 16, 1889.

ON THE STUMP.

Leading Local Orators with Parliamentary Aspirations Address the Public Meeting

Which is Attended by Two Hundred Qualified Voters of the Royal City.

An Evening of Great Entertainment, but Unaccompanied with Startling Results.

The audience which gathered within the city hall last Wednesday night was, before the work of the evening began, a most orderly and intelligent-looking one, and it was apparent that many of the elders of the city had come out to debate the important question of parliamentary representation for Westminster. Unfortunately the presence of a few persons, chiefly at the rear of the hall under the shadow of the gallery where their faces could not be seen and where their lupine howls could be emitted without fear of detection, was a source of annoyance the whole evening. The rough and ungentlemanly conduct of this apparently inevitable section of all our important meetings was not the work of young, raw boys, full of fun and noise. Had it been, the matter would have awakened no surprise, but to see full-grown men conducting themselves like Fiji Islanders going to battle, is more calculated to inspire disgust than amusement. The chairman, Mayor Townsend, seemed thoroughly disgusted with the behavior of the crowd at the other end of the hall and more than once intimated as much.

When Alderman Curtis arose and moved that Mayor Townsend take the chair, the hall was nearly filled. The motion being seconded, his worship ascended the platform and said that they had gathered to-night to select some good and true man to represent this city in the local house. He hoped the audience would give all the candidates and other gentlemen who would speak, a patient, quiet hearing. He thought a proper representative could be selected from the audience; one who would represent the people and not use the position to further his own interests as has heretofore invariably been the case. (Applause).

Mr. Jenns was then called upon and took the platform amid great applause. He said that although a lawyer he was not much of a speaker and his remarks, he assured the audience, would be very few. In the first place in coming forward as a candidate for office he could say that it was a difficult matter to determine what support the government ought to get, but he would not go flat-footed against the government. He would follow any well-defined system of government, not a party of one or two men. The most important thing was the redistribution of seats and representation by population. He had not been able to procure statistics to present to-night, but he could safely assert that this district had a greater population than the whole of Vancouver Island. Secondly, he would advocate the erection of a traffic bridge across the Pitt River. There was in that district a large tract of available agricultural land, and a bridge would throw it into direct communication with Westminster. He had spoken to many farmers in that district and they, to a man, said a bridge would be the best thing possible at the point named. Thirdly, the new court-house should be seen to this year; the present court-house was quite inadequate for the wants of the city. Mr. Jenns concluded his remarks by assuring his hearers that should they send him to the house he would fight spunkily for the redistribution of seats; and asked the electors, if they chose him, to send him as an independent member.

Mr. M. Sinclair was next called upon by the audience vociferously, but Mr. Sinclair declined to take the rostrum.

Alderman T. Cunningham was next called, and stepped upon the platform saluted by the applause of his supporters. He began his remarks by saying he was surprised to hear Mr. Jenns beg off from making a speech. If a barrister could do that, having had a month of leisure to prepare, he could claim equal consideration. His time during the last two weeks had been fully occupied by matters other than political. His head had been full of the exhibition, and was in a continual whirl and had not the time to prepare an address. It was bad enough to be criticized by the ordinary, common reporters of the daily press, but when the prince of caricature himself, Mr. Bengough, was present it was a matter to put the best speaker on his mettle, and he hoped Mr. Bengough would be light on the amateur politicians. Westminster's geographical situation was very influential and she should lead off in all matters of provincial interest. But in this respect we had somehow not done our duty. We had allowed ourselves to become alienated, as it were, from the Island and other parts of the province. An effort had been made three or four years ago to remedy this alienation in part and to remedy also the land-laws. He was proud that the Dominion government had been compelled to back down and remodel the land-laws in the interest of the settlers of British Columbia. Mr. Cunningham here gave an interesting recapitulation of the late history of the New Westminster district in regard to the city and laws. He had had good help in carrying out the exhibition, and it was no mere country show. We ought to determine to make it a continued thing. We had been suffering a mild boycott, but we had lately shown how much we cared for any boycott. We were not advertised enough. Back in Ontario people knew all about Victoria and Vancouver, but nothing of New Westminster. At the Toronto exhibition he was proud to say we had taken the prize for fruit over all Canada. What we wanted was to be more talked about; we ought to bring ourselves more before the people of eastern Canada. He advocated applying to the great manufacturing firms and the prominent newspapers in the east to send representatives out here. He would in particular champion the rights of the farmers of the New Westminster district. He hoped we never should see the farmers divorced from Westminster. The city and the farming community had to go hand in hand for their mutual benefit. He never would blindly support any government. It had been said that he would. He asked, was that his record? He would challenge any man to say different. He would oppose the Dominion government every time they attempted to impose on them. He had gone through this district holding the government up to ridicule during the land laws trouble, and he was ready to attack them again when necessary in the interests of New Westminster. Westminster wants a $25,000 court house, he would try to get more when he went to the house (laughter), and a $15,000 or $20,000 school house. He would push for those requirements with all his soul. Another thing he would insist upon was a trunk road down the North Arm. We had lost all the North Arm trade on account of having no road for the use of the farmers. We had the whole district behind us if we could only get at it by means of good roads. Another road was wanted on Lulu Island; and the condition of the road between Brownsville and Popcum was shameful, two thirds of it was impassable. Many settlers in that quarter are suffering and the matter ought to be remedied at once. The traffic bridge on the Pitt river was no new thought, we had been harping on that string for three or four years. But it would take him all night to enumerate half of the things we ought to get. He would like Mr. Bengough to illustrate this thought, on one side a faultlessly dressed Victoria dude, driving along one of those beautiful Vancouver Island roads in an English dog-cart, and on the other side a Westminster district settler with a stove on his back toiling waist deep through the mud to reach his shanty. He would like to tell Mr. Bengough how Victoria had ruled the roost for years past. No part of British Columbia had suffered like Westminster, she was not the pet of any government and what she had got was obtained by her own sturdy efforts. The victories were all our own. Victoria influence has kept this province back for the last twenty-five years. He had seen hundreds of happy farmer's homes in Oregon and Washington Territory and he could prove that those very settlers originally came to British Columbia and by Victoria influence had been turned back and gone to the American side, and those men had been lost to this province, to Canada and the British empire. Victoria wanted to shove her members into all the vacant seats on the mainland as well as the island. But let her attend to her own affairs; we have given her a demonstration during the last few days of what we can do in that direction, and he hoped the lesson would not be lost on her. He believed Westminster was the best place for the seat of government, it was central, easily reached and possessed more solid advantages than Victoria. It had been said that he was a selfish man. But he would deny that charge. He challenged any man to show when or where he had ever been selfish in public affairs. The bill for hardware for the exhibition showed that only ten per cent. of the total amount went to the two Cunningham hardware houses in the city. He had been faithful in the duty entrusted to him and he would be faithful to the end. He would use the position for the advantage of Westminster; not abuse it for his own benefit. He thought he could do well for Westminster, he had made a good record this year and it was his intention to do his duty in every relation of life. (Applause).

Ald. Jaques, who had been shouting out something from the darkness under the gallery, but which could not be distinguished on account of the yells of the audience, of "platform, platform," strode forward to the platform and said he would ask the electors of Westminster what they could be thinking about to elect a man to represent them who had forsworn his allegiance to the British government.

Mr. Sinclair wanted to know if the $1,400 for hardware used at the park covered everything or only a part of the work. Ald. Cunningham replied that the $1,400 mentioned covered everything. As to the allegiance business he said he had never sworn allegiance to any sovereign, prince or potentate other than Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Ald. Jaques again took the platform and from memory recited the form of the declaration of an intending American citizen, which he said had been sworn and subscribed to by Mr. Cunningham, and said he could prove it, too. Ald. Cunningham said, in explanation, that it was a recognized fact all over the United States that an alien, if he wishes to protect his property, must declare his intention to become a citizen, and this was all he had done, he had never gone any further than that. But perhaps the very man who was making this hue and cry was not above suspicion himself. Perhaps if we were to enquire closely we might even find that he had shouldered the gun and bayonet to fight for Uncle Sam. (Cries of, "oh, oh, he'd never do that, you know, he ain't man enough.") Ald. Cunningham repeated, "no, he is not man enough." Again he would say he was a full fledged British subject and a loyal one. Ringing applause greeted the conclusion of his speech.

Ex-Mayor Dickinson was next called to the platform, and a perfect whirlwind of applause, mingled with cheers, saluted the popular ex-mayor as he stepped forward to address the meeting. He began by recommending that Mr. Cunningham be sent at once to the house, and if he could do only one third of what he had said he would, Westminster would be well served, indeed. But he was sorry to hear so much capital "I" in Mr. Cunningham's harangue. He seemed unwilling to give any credit to the committees which had so ably seconded him. There were many things he claimed to have done which others ought to have got the credit for; Mr. Homer, for instance, who had slaved day and night and done his best for the city. He had not come there to make a speech, but he would have liked if Mr. Cunningham had given a little more credit to his co-workers. We should send a man to Victoria who would thoroughly represent us, a man with a mind and will of his own, who would not be a nonentity, somebody who would be approved by the government. Mr. Jenns, like Mr. Cunningham, had promised to support the government, and his claims were worthy of consideration. He thought that high schools ought to be be made self-supporting and they could be made so. He thought the Lulu Island road and bridge would be a great benefit to the city and he could entirely concur with Ald. Cunningham in saying that the roads from Westminster were in a shocking condition. But he would conclude by reiterating that if Mr. Cunningham could get for the city one half or one third of what he says, we had better send him as soon as possible. (Applause).

Ex-Mayor Hendry was the next speaker. He said he was not a candidate for the legislature, he had had all the honors he could stand for some time to come. Mr. Cunningham had shown in a masterly manner what the needs of the city were, and he took pleasure in moving a resolution "that in the opinion of this meeting Alderman Thomas Cunningham is a fit and proper person to represent New Westminster city in the legislature, and we hope that he will be elected by acclamation." This was seconded by Sergeant Major McMurphy,

Mr. Geo. A. Kelly at this point rose and asked if it would be in order to make an amendment to that resolution. Being informed in the affirmative, Mr. Kelly got up upon the platform. He was hailed with roars of welcome that shook the building to its foundation, and were doubtless audible blocks away. Mr. Kelly said this meeting was assembled to discharge a very important duty. Would they elect a man to represent himself? If they examined the legislative assembly they would not find a man who represented anybody but himself. He had been 25 years in the province and the system of self-representation has been the rule all that time. The people were pawns on the political chessboard, and not represented at all. He was always opposed to Mr. John Robson's policy, but believed him a clever politician, and he (the speaker), was not prepared to oppose his government just now. The wildest Tipperary tenant would not think of killing a tyrant landlord next week who would be sure to die a natural death in six months. Next session would end Mr. Robson's career as a local politician, and it remained for them to elect a man not opposed to the government but fit to express his own ideas and theirs in the local legislature. He did not think Mr. T. Cunningham a fit person to represent them. He had condemned himself by admitting that he was pledged to become an American citizen. He broke that pledge just as soon as he found it would suit his own interest to do so. Could they trust such a man to keep the pledges he would make to them? As a newspaper reporter, in the city council chamber, he had a good opportunity to judge Mr. Dickinson as a public man and never knew him to vote against the city's interests in favor of his own. He was pledged to support Mr. Jenns who as "attorney-general for the opposition" would have great influence. In dealing with an opposition in which there was a legal adviser the government would have to be very careful, and Mr. Jenns under the circumstances would have more influence than five men like Mr. Cunningham. He begged leave to propose the following amendment to Mr. Hendry's resolution: "That Mr. Thomas Cunningham is not fit to represent this city, and that one of the other two be elected." After some delay the amendment was seconded by Mr. Beers. Mr. Kelly objected to the names of the candidates being inserted and said they could attend to that after the amendment had been carried.

Mr. Kelly's speech was most humorous and was interrupted by roars of laugher many times.

As soon as the tremendous uproar and shouts of merriment that greeted the finish of Mr. Kelly's remarks had partially subsided, Mr. T. J. Trapp requested permission to ask one question. A deafening chorus of "platform, platform," brought Mr. Trapp, smiling, to the front. He asked if it was the intention of the candidates to submit to an election by acclamation taken here. He said it would be a graceful thing to send a man to support the government and asked the candidates to consider that aspect of the question. We want a good deal and Mr. Cunningham was going to stand up sturdily for us. Mr. Cunningham knew what we wanted, he had the inside track on that subject. Mr. Jenns was a very able gentleman, but young, and besides he had not identified himself as a public man. In fact the majority of the people didn't know much of him.

Mr. M. Sinclair advised the audience to select the best man before them, and remarked that he thought Westminster city ought to have a representative for herself alone.

Mr. Beers most reluctantly came forward and addressed the meeting, his remarks being mainly confined to a warm eulogy on ex-Mayor Dickinson.

Mr. S. H. Webb and Mr. W. Howay also spoke in the same strain.

Mr. Dickinson said the two other candidates had been canvassing for a month and it would be no use of him trying to make head against that start, but if requisitioned he would stand.

Mr. Jenns said it would be unfair to his constituents to withdraw from the contest at this juncture, and he would therefore contest the election to the best of his power and ability. This meeting he said was no fair thing to go by: there were 1200 electors in the city and only about 150 present. The questions could only be settled at the polls.

His worship made some justly severe reflections on the disorderly crowd at the farther end of the hall, who, although not entitled to vote, made the most noise. He hoped the best man would be elected. He then proposed putting the resolutions.

Ald. Curtis, as he stepped out to the front, was saluted by hearty applause. He said he was a great stickler for fair play, and thought the chairman was putting the resolution wrong, as it did away with the ballot. Some gentlemen had been telling them what certain men had not done. Now, something else devolved upon us more than merely returning a man to a parliamentary seat. The day had passed away when a man could say, "I've done no harm." He wouldn't give two straws for a man who had done no harm in the community. Ald. Cunningham had displayed an unusual amount of energy, and it was time that Westminster had somebody of that stamp to represent her. But what was it to have a clean record? Hadn't we all clean records (a familiar voice from the rear, "not by a hanged sight!" roars of laughter). He could find a thousand men who had unimpeachable records in this city, but not one among them fit to represent us in parliament. Mr. Jenns was not a public man, but Mr. Cunningham had distinguished himself in standing up for duty. (Applause). Mr. Cunningham was a stayer, a most important thing in a politician. He was a man who would stick to the government like a burr until he got what his constituency wanted; he would literally take them by the throat for the sake of his city. And what was the good of a man who couldn't blow himself up a little, once in a while? He was surprised to hear Mr. Kelly carry on in the way that he did; he made that amendment for no good and pushed two men into the resolution so as to stand Mr. Cunningham off. Mr. Kelly, "no such thing." A voice from the rear, "Not by a hanged sight." Ald. Curtis left the rostrum amid deafening applause and the wildest uproar in the body of the hall. This was redoubled when Mr. Kelly was seen to take the platform. He said he was perfectly amazed at the "cheek" and the cool assurance of that raw young man. But, as has often been said, "Who thinks he knows everythihg more than the man that doesn't know anything?" This young man knew nothing of his own profession, and yet he came here to advise you. He told you gravely that he was "one of the family;" yes, one of the local, royal, pious family whose reign is over. But if they were influenced by his suggestion and followed him, he would wish them good-bye. The chairman said Mr. Bole's resignation had not yet been published, but would be out soon. A vote of yeas and nays was taken on the resolution, and so far as that imperfect form of judging went the nays most decidedly had it.

His worship thanked the audience for their attendance and said he would be happy to call another meeting at any time the electors wished. This ended one of the liveliest and most amusing meetings held in the Royal City in a long time.

MRS. GEORGE WISE.

The Descendant of an Indian Rajah, Her History.

Mrs. George Wise, the widow of the late George Wise, who at the time of his death was registrar of the court at Westminster, and formerly connected with the press of this city, having been thrown upon her resources to make a living, is at present engaged in teaching a system of hand-painting on silk and velvet which she was the first to introduce into this country. Madame Aida Zuleika Wise has a remarkable history. She is the grand-daughter of a princess of India and the granddaughter of one of the most powerful rajahs that that country has had in modern times. He was enormously wealthy, numbering his elephants by hundreds and his palaces by scores. When the iron hand of Clive was subjecting the country the rajah, a warm friend of the conqueror, was assassinated and his family destroyed by a jealous relative who espoused the cause of the malcontents. Only one daughter escaped—the Princess Merghenhaye—who married an English officer. She left two sons, one of whom became a major in the British army and the other a captain in the East Indian navy. Mrs. Wise is the daughter of the last mentioned officer. We understand it is the lady's wish to return to India, and she is bending every energy to the accomplishment of that object. We know her to be an accomplished lady and most proficient in the particular art which she teaches—East Indian work of rare beauty. Its adaptability to house ornamentation in many forms makes it a valuable acquisition at a time when beautiful homes are becoming numerous and new ornamental designs and methods are being eagerly sought for by the refined in all classes of society.—*Victoria Times.*

Nicholas McLean fell off a load of hay at Gladstone, Man., the other day, and was instantly killed.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Australian colony of Victoria is well supplied with religions. Although its population is only a little over a million it has no fewer than 150 different sects and denominations, not including one lot of six persons who describe their religion in the census papers as "£ s. d."

It is not a Yankee invention, for it originated in the brain of a Frenchman. Coats and tronsers are hereafter to be made with large waterproof pockets, which will contain a small amount of carbolic acid. If the wearer falls into the water, a small outlet will let in just enough to create a gas, which will float the man for a number of hours.

Launches propelled by electricity are now common on the Thames. Heretofore the use of the steam launch has been attended with more or less discomfort, but by means of electric storage batteries the distasteful features of common navigation are done away with. The use of the storage batteries involves obtaining a supply of electricity whenever this may be needed. To accomplish this, floating electric power stations have been put up at various points on the river.

The fact that Mr. Gladstone is a Scotchman without a drop of any other than Scotch blood in his veins, is claimed by Mr. T. P. O'Connor to be a very important factor in the mental characteristics of the ex-premier of the United Kingdom. It may also be remembered that his nationality has contributed largely to his success as a political leader, having certainly been worth very many votes to him in Scotland, while not operating in the least to his disadvantage in England.—*Ex.*

"Great Scott, Maria!" exclamed a Chicago father as he saw his infant son with the daily paper in his chubby fist, don't you know you musn't allow that?" "Why, what's the matter, James?" replied the mother, "Tommy's amused and what harm can there come of it?" "What harm? Can't you see that he is likely to receive certain impressions regarding the Cronin case, and that when he grows up he will be disqualified from sitting on the jury? If you women had your way the Cronin murderers would never come to trial."

As might have been expected, the real estate "boom" in Southern California has collapsed with disastrous results, and it is likely that the development of that portion of the State will prove to have been retarded rather than advanced by it. Many paper cities in which lots were sold at extraordinary prices do not boast a single inhabitant, and in one in Los Angeles county, in which a large hotel was erected and public buildings were begun, a watchman is the sole resident. It is simply the old story of unwise speculation; the larger the bubble, the greater the collapse.

Galignani tells that recently at Mayenmountier, in the Vosges, some citizens assembled in the main thoroughfare in order to hoot M. Jules Ferry at the close of a public meeting. The ex-premier, much to to their suprise, went among them, and in a friendly, jocular way asked how much they were paid to shout him down. "A day's wages," they replied. "Very well," said the ex-premier, "I give you down on the nail, two days' wages to cry 'Vive Ferry!'" The demonstrationists cheered him immediately, and continued to shout in his praise until long after sundown.

The number of disasters and the loss of life in connection with British shipping seems appallingly great until we remember how large a portion of the world's shipping Great Britain controls. Even then the figures are startling. In the year ending June 1888, the number of accidents to vessels was 7,724 and 2,534 lives were lost. There were 906 ships which were total losses with a tonnage of 263,048 tons. Nearly one-third of the lives lost were in missing ships, and in the period we are dealing with no less than 71 ships disappeared. That is to say, every few days in the year a British vessel disappears never to to be heard of again. The total number of deaths at sea, adding to the former number of 2,534 all deaths whether by accident, from natural causes, and the accidents in fishing craft and small boats, gives a formidable total of 4,993. These figures reveal better than rhetorical description the dangers of the deep and the sufferings endured by those who live a seafaring life.

Mrs. P. Kelly, wife of Patrick Kelly, reeve of Blythe, Ont., is dead. She has been ailing four years with dropsy and was tapped about 500 times and from one to one and a half pails of water have been taken from her weekly.

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WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 16, 1889.

The last session of congress appropriated $50,000 to defray the expenses of an expedition to be sent under direction of the secretary of the navy to the west coast of Africa, to observe the total eclipse of the sun on December 22. It is reported that the man-of-war Pensacola will be employed for this expedition, and the preliminary details have been arranged by a board, of which Commodore John G. Walker, chief of the bureau of navigation; Capt. R. L. Phythian, superintendent of the naval observatory; Prof. Asaph Hall, of the naval observatory; and Prof. Simon Newcomb, superintendent of the nautical almanac, are members. One of the navy officers, familiar with the details says: "The expedition will be divided into two parties, one of which will be under the direction of Prof. Joseph Russel, of Washington, and the other under Prof. Todd, of Amherst. The former is an expert in solar photography, and will have charge of the corps detailed to obtain photographs of the eclipse. Permission has been obtained from the Portuguese government for the expedition to land at St. Paul de Loanda, the capital of the Portuguese possessions on the west coast of Africa. The expedition will proceed from that place inland to Maxima, on the Cuanza River, where the two parties will separate and take up stations near that point, and have all of their instruments set up before the date of the eclipse. The line of the centre of totality will strike the coast at a point about 100 miles south of St. Paul de Loanda, and pass directly over the stations. The expedition will not be absent more than three months."

Elsewhere will be found a despatch, clipped from the Victoria *Times* of Saturday, and by that paper credited to its Ottawa correspondent, which states that application has been made to the railway committee of the Dominion privy council, on behalf of the C.P.R., to enable that company to build a bridge over the Fraser at the Mission, with an eighty foot draw, the usual draw being one hundred feet. The despatch also states that a letter was read from the provincial secretary of this province saying that eighty feet would be sufficient in the interest of navigation. Whether this last statement is so or not, it is to be hoped that the railway committee of the privy council will not grant the request of the C.P.R. This question, it will be remembered, came up last spring for the first time, when THE COLUMBIAN drew public attention to the fact that the C.P.R. was proceeding to construct the bridge in question with a sixty foot draw, and protested against it. The Westminster board of trade, as well as the city council, immediately took the matter up and sent urgent protests to Ottawa, and the C.P.R. sought to compromise by proposing to the board of trade to put in a draw of from seventy to eighty feet in width. This the board took into consideration, and, after receiving the opinions of river captains and pilots, reaffirmed its previous resolution that the draw should be at least one hundred feet, and a resolution to that effect was forwarded to Mr. Abbott and to the minister of marine at Ottawa. It should be mentioned that the Victoria and Vancouver boards of trade, and also the district municipal councils along the river, followed up the action of the Westminster board of trade in this matter. The provincial legislature, in session at the time, also passed a resolution memorializing the Dominion authorities to the same effect. As a result of the prompt and persistent action of the Westminster board of trade and its allies, we find, by reference to our files, that, on April 20th of this year, the board of trade received a telegram from Ottawa stating that the C.P.R. had consented to make the Mission bridge draw one hundred feet in width, and had given the Dominion government a guarantee to that effect. Delays followed in the construction of the bridge, as everyone knows—in fact the work has been altogether suspended for some time—and now, when it is proposed to resume construction, the C. P. R., according to the despatch published elsewhere, has attempted to open the question again by trying to get permission from the railway committee of the privy council to build an eighty foot draw instead of one of a hundred feet, which it was definitely settled between all parties, as we have shown, should be the narrowest draw constructed on the bridge in question. The request, which, under all the circumstances, has considerable assurance behind it, should certainly not be granted.

Had Mr. Firth, who died suddenly a week or two ago, lived but a short while longer, he would have seen the first fruits of his years of unrelaxing labors in the interests of Greater London, (as opposed to the selfishness of the city proper), in the gigantic scheme of street improvements which is shortly to be brought under operation. The Metropolitan Board of Works in its day did grand and enduring work for the improving and beautifying of London, as the Thames embankment, Shaftsbury avenue, and other equally fine thoroughfares stand to witness. But that body fell into the hands of boodlers, and so had to be snuffed out of existence. Then, and only then, when there was no other course open, was London given home rule, and what may be termed a parliament of its own. The county council is hardly a year old, and it is the child of the late Mr. Firth's years of dreaming and fighting; for whilst to him is due the credit of the scheme, the realization of it was not obtained without hard battling, and sturdy resistance from the monopolists, the guilds, and the thousand and one vested interests which saw in self government for London, a forecast of the reform which must before many years compel the city of London to make restitution to those who have the misfortune to be ratepayers in that Greater London, that "province covered with houses," outside the area whose limits are Aldgate, Finsbury, Temple Bar, and London Bridge. The county council has begun well in determining to widen the Strand its whole length; but to do this the cost will be tremendous. With the exception of a few streets in the very heart of the city, there is probably no place in London, perhaps in the world, where real estate is so valuable as in Fleet street and its continuation, the Strand. It is the main artery from the fashionable West-end to the city. It is lined by handsome stores and hotels and banking houses, and possesses nearly a dozen large theatres. To widen this thoroughfare Holywell street and probably three or four more will have to be wiped off the map. It is probable that St. Clement Danes' Church, and the monstrosity called a Griffin, set up to mark the site of old Temple Bar, will have to go likewise, and much immensely valuable property will have to be acquired and then demolished. But the new scheme is to embrace another main artery connecting the Strand with Holborn, a street long required, but never before hoped for on account of the cost. We are told through the wires that these are only the beginnings of the improvements to be effected, but if they were the end there would be immense reason for congratulation. Too long has London borne the reproach of being a dirty, dismal and ugly place, without plan or design. The improvements hinted at here, however, will go a very long way to remove this stigma, and when the Covent Garden Market is rendered approachable by broad streets, as it will be at no far distant time, and when the Duke of Bedford is made to look after his property in that vicinity, and not permitted to keep all London at a standstill for his ducal pleasure, then will the Londoner be able, like Doctor Johnson, to take pride in suggesting a walk not only down Fleet street but the Strand as well.

"The course of true love never did run smooth," has got to be a saw with popular fiction makers. This trite saying, according to almost universal experience, merely states a pervading truth with respect to all great emprises in the domain of the heart, the intellect, or of the physical forces. It is only through "great tribulation," as a rule, that anything really worth having or accomplishing is attained in either the moral or material sphere. The Westminster Southern Railway, which has just passed through another of its numerous crises, furnishes another exemplification of this oft demonstrated truth. From the days of "disallowance," when the Dominion authorities held their ban over the enterprise, until the passing Monday, for the second time in a little over a year, by an overwhelming majority, of the $150,000 railway bonus by-law, the history of the Westminster Southern has been very far from being a smooth one. On the contrary, it has been a record of obstacles and difficulties persistently and nobly overcome, only to be met by new lions in the path, fresh disappointments and fears, further bars to progress. Through it all, through good report and ill report, the great majority of the Royal citizens have, on every public opportunity, shown their unswerving loyalty to the enterprise itself—their unalterable determination to have the railway, and to take no backward steps that might delay its attainment to some vague and indefinite period in the future. They were even prepared, as they did, to pledge their individual credit rather than that the undertaking should receive a serious set-back or total defeat. During all this time strong forces have been arrayed against the enterprise from without, and, under all the circumstances, it can hardly be wondered that some opposition has been developed and manifested among our own household. Most of this opposition has been honest, if of doubtful shrewdness and propriety; but the most determined opponent and the worst enemy of the Westminster Southern must be convinced, after the final verdict of Monday, that the people of the royal city know their own minds in this railway matter, and that knowing this, they are not lightly to be turned aside. The unmistakable action of the ratepayers Monday has brought nearer by a great stride that grand consummation, and crowning of all the efforts and struggles of years, so earnestly desired by every loyal citizen, whether he may have been a persistent supporter or an honest opponent of the one connected Southern Railway scheme as it has been before the public.

An esteemed subscriber and occasional correspondent, Mr. John Kirkland, of Hazel Grove, Delta, has a communication in another column, in which he makes some strictures, more or less severe, upon Westminster and her citizens anent the action of the late annual meeting of the provincial agricultural association in this city. Our correspondent thinks that the royal city just covered herself with glory by the excellence of the exhibition and celebration, and the perfection of all the arrangements, recently held, and then "put her foot in it," so to speak, by the action of the annual meeting. Further, our correspondent argues that the provincial exhibition as a peregrinating institution should have been preserved intact, and that an annual district show might have been arranged for to be held at the Queen's park in this city. While there may be difference of opinion as to the creditableness of some of the incidents of the meeting in question, and as to the particular manner of disposing of the main business before it, we cannot agree with our correspondent that the provincial exhibition should, or even could, have been perpetuated as it originated and had been so far sustained. As an itinerating show, one year upon the island and another upon the mainland, every close observer and reader of the signs of the times must have seen a year or two ago, at least, that the days of the "provincial" were numbered. Those who were present at the last annual meeting at Victoria will remember that the question of dissolving the "provincial" and holding thereafter separate islalnd and mainland exhibitions was seriously, if informally, mooted, and was just shelved for the time, principally because the people of the capital did not take sufficient interest in the matter to get up an island show this year, although it was freely intimated last fall that they would probably do so. Although sudden, it was not unexpected, might with truth be applied to the *coup de grace* which the peregrinating "provincial" received at the hands of its friends in this city at the late and rapidly becoming famous annual meeting. Anyone giving the subject a few moments' unprejudiced thought will be convinced that the finishing stroke did not come a moment too soon in the best interests of the two principal sections of the province with respect to the larger exhibitions. It was bad enough to alternate between two cities, Victoria and Westminster, as had been done for the last eight or ten years; but when Vancouver and Nanaimo, to say nothing of Kamloops looming up on the horizon, were presenting their claims to have *their* turn at the "provincial"—and who could deny them under the old "carpet-bag" arrangements?—it became necessary, unless the very name of exhibition in the province were to become synonymous with FARCE, to put forth a strong, albeit, as some would have it, a somewhat rude hand, and save the cherished institution from being worried to death by its numerous and disinterested friends (?); for a show dragged about to four or five different places in as many years—situated as those places are in this province—would inevitably lead but a sickly and declining existence. No one of the places, it is obvious, could afford to maintain the proper buildings and grounds necessary to a successful and creditable provincial exhibition, and have those buildings and grounds used for their intended purpose only once in four or five years. Neither could the necessary degree of local interest be stimulated—upon which depends so largely the success of an exhibition—towards a show recurring only every fourth or fifth year. And, as no place that might be mentioned in the province can compare with Westminster in advantages as a site for a great central exhibition, it would follow, this city having its turn with the other cities of the province, that only once in four or five years would the provincial show be relieved from the serious handicap and incubus of being held in an unsuitable place. We again affirm, as we have stated before, that, in so far as the end attained, the people of Westminster are entitled to praise instead of censure for having boldly given the finishing stroke to an obsolete and moribund condition of things with respect to the "provincial" that threatened to slowly and surely strangle its usefulness. Certainly the farmers in any section of the province should be the last to complain at the new order of things which the royal city's farsightedness and patriotism have inaugurated. The boon to both mainland and island farmers is considerable. Instead of having, so far as the vast majority are concerned, no central exhibition every other year, the farmers, and the manufacturers as well, of both natural divisions of the province will hereafter have a show—better than any so-called provincial show, with the exception, perhaps, of the last, that has ever been held in the province—each year, right at their doors, thus giving both large and small exhibitors in all departments an opportunity to make a display every year without being seriously out of pocket in travelling expenses. But even better things than we have hinted at are in store for those who take an interest in and are benefitted by exhibitions. With a new born ardor infused into them by the glorious example of the royal city, each of the three other principal cities of the province are contemplating holding grand annual shows of their own, provincial in their scope and ambitions. The prospect is certainly alluring—four provincial exhibitions every year instead of one? We see no reason why the dates of any of the four should conflict. The healthy rivalry induced will make the entire quartette famous shows in every respect. Each will vie with the other in the extent and liberality of their prize lists—a veritable "snap" for exhibitors of all sorts. The smaller exhibitors will have a splendid show right at their own doors every year, and the larger ones and all who have A1 exhibits can "take in" the whole row. The resulting stimulation to the agricultural and manufacturing industries of the province will be most gratifying. While each of the four shows will, doubtless, be provincial in aim, the inexorable law of the "survival of the fittest" will determine which shall be provincial in reality. This is as it should be, and to the royal city belongs the credit of placing the "provincial" exhibition question on its proper basis.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

An ingenious American cotemporary concocts the following, which might appropriately be applied to Westminster also: "Chicago is the most courageous, plucky, and enduring city in the country, as shown by her history. She is therefore entitled to the World's Fair without further question, as "none but the brave deserve the *fair*."

Mr. Gladstone has an unconquerable aversion to smoking. It is recorded that once he was offered and accepted a cigarette from the Prince of Wales. He did not find the result encouraging, and has never been induced to repeat the experiment. There was a time when Mr. Gladstone's dislike of the weed went so far as to prevent its inroad in any shape to Hawarden Castle.

Young man, don't be a loafer and slick-whittler. Go to work! Do something! If you can't be a bank president be a day laborer. Do anything that is honorable to make money. Labor is dignified, while idleness is a disgrace. Take this view of the matter and the result will be in your favor. The man who works never drops his eyes when talking to you, while a loafer can't look an honest man straight in the face. His opinions on any subject receive no respect or attention, because they are not entitled to any. Lay aside false pride, roll up your sleeves and go to work and be a man among men.—*Ex.*

Statistics, observes an exchange, are knocking all to pieces the cranky cry that "the rich are growing richer and the poor poorer." In 1850, with a population of twenty-three millions the average wealth per capita was $300. In 1888, with fifty-five million population, the average per capita was $975. The average has nearly trebled. Some rich people have grown much richer, many rich people have lost all they had, but the average poor people are far better off. A family of modern means is far better housed, better clad, better fed and better educated now than were those of moderate means forty, thirty or twenty years ago.

THE CRONIN MURDER.

The Mysterious Jury Briber in the Cronin Murder Trial Brought to Light.

Sullivan Spends all His Earnings in the Late Fight and Goes Into Debt.

The Grave of Ralph Waldo Emerson Opened and His Body Supposed Stolen.

THE RUSH ARRIVES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Sailed, ship Oriental, for Tacoma; steamer Mexico, for Portland. The U. S. revenue cutter, Richard Rush, arrived from Behring Sea, via Port Townsend, this morning.

WHAT A SNAP.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The president to-day made the following appointment: Samuel L. Sheets of Colorado to be receiver of public monies at Durango, Colorado.

SPENDTHRIFT SULLIVAN.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—John L. Sullivan is reported to have squandered the $20,000 which he received as the reward for his victory over Kilrain, and is also said to be $15,000 in debt.

EARTHQUAKES AT COSTA RICA.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Central and South American mails were received to-day as follows: There was a heavy shock of earthquake at San Jose, Costa Rica, Sept. 26.

A FATAL ERROR.

BUCYRAS, Ohio, Oct. 14.—John Howard, engineer, Frank Raiser and Hynlon were instantly killed this morning at Hynlon's sorghum mills, by the bursting of a boiler. Cold water was pumped into the boiler by mistake by the engineer.

MAYOR GRANT RESTRAINED.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—The Electric Power Co. and Mount Morris Co., this morning obtained injunctions restraining Mayor Grant and the board of electrical contractors from cutting their wires.

EIGHT HOURS A DAY.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 14.—The conference between the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, which embraces all the powerful trades unions on one hand, and general master workman Powderley with his executive board, representing the Knights of Labor on the other, to discuss and perfect plans for the general introduction of eight hours' work a day on May 1st next, is being held here to-day.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 14.—At Middleburg, Carroll county, last night, William Ebbert was flogged by "white caps" for beating his young wife.

AT 'FRISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Arrived, bark Pearl, Port Hadlock; stmrs. City of Puebla, Victoria; Columbia, Portland; ship Commodore, Departure Bay.

HONORED EVERYONE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Wm. L. Page, a California newspaper man, who has just returned from a trip aboard, in speaking last night of the Paris exposition, said: "The American exhibit was considered a very small affair comparatively, yet many of the displays were awarded grand prizes. The adroit Frenchmen made very slight distinctions between the exhibits for degrees of merit. Thus we find that all the typewriter machines received gold medals, as did all the fire arm manufacturers, boot and shoe men, hatters, schools, etc. A school at Coldwater, Mich., received a gold medal, and other schools from big cities in the east and west received no higher awards, although they were greatly superior.

EDISON ON ELECTRICITY.

ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 14.—In an interview to-day Mr. Edison said there is no such thing as insulation in enormously high currents. Cable companies use only about forty volts, being afraid of injuring insulation by increasing the pressure. A cat can be killed by 220 volts alternating current, and with five volts I can throw a man into convulsions. The authorities will have to adopt similar rules to those governing gas and steam companies. There is a law against the manufacture of nitro-glycerine; let there be one against those deadly currents.

THE U. S. SUPREME COURT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 14.—The October term of the supreme court of the United States opened to-day at noon; all the justices were present. The proceedings to-day were very brief. The chief justice merely announced the opening of the fall term of the court and stated that the court to-morrow would proceed with the docket. The court then adjourned and the justices made their customary annual visit to the executive mansion to pay their respects to the president. The term opens with a crowded docket of about 1575 cases; fully 100 more than last year.

THE DEADLY WIRES MUST GO.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—At to-day's meeting of the board of electrical controllers, Mayor Grant offered a resolution reciting that the number of deaths caused by electric light and power wires furnished ample proof that such wires were not being put under ground fast enough to insure the safety of the lives of the people, and that in view of the imperative demand for greater subway facilities the board determines that the contract made with the electrical subway construction company in April, 1887, now in operation, is ineffectual for the accomplishment of its just purposes. Mr. Lauterbeck, counsel for the subway people, tried to convince the mayor that his company had done all it could to comply with the order of the board. The mayor said: "I don't concede that the company has made promises that it has not performed; the board disagrees with that resolution. The resolution rests with them." The mayor said he was going to use all his influence to put the wires under ground, no matter whose interests suffered or what other members of the board thought. "I propose to give the company," said he, "all the facilities I can for conducting their business, but the wires have to go underground. I insist on putting my resolution." The resolution was put, and all the commissioners voted against it, and it was lost.

EMERSON'S GRAVE OPENED.

CONCORD, Mass., Oct. 14.—It was discovered yesterday that during Saturday night the grave of Ralph Waldo Emerson, in Sleepy Hollow here, had been opened, exposing the casket. Whether or not the remains were removed is not known as authorities before making an examination are awaiting the arrival of the philosopher's son, Dr. Edward W. Emerson, who has been telegraphed for and is expected to-day. The general opinion is that the miscreants secured at least the skull, which was probably what they were after, and great excitement and indignation prevails here.

GHOULISH THIEVES.

CONCORD, Mass., Oct. 24.—Mr. Farrar, undertaker, is authority for the statement that the Emerson casket was not opened. The vandals uncovered it, but were frightened away before they could accomplish their purpose.

SENTENCED TO HANG.

BROOKLYN, N Y., Oct. 14.—John Weile, *alias* John Greedwall, twice Weeks, was to-day sentenced to be hanged on December 6th. The counsel convicted for the murder of Lyman N. moved to put aside the judgment. He also claimed that the court of sessions did not bar the jurisdiction to pass sentence.

JURY BRIBERS UNMASKED.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—At two o'clock the grand jury returned an indictment against John Graham as well as a true bill against 6 men indicted Saturday. Another startling rumor is to the effect that John F. Beggs has made a full confession which has disclosed jury bribing plot in all its details.

THAT MYSTERIOUS PRISONER.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 14.—An extra issued at 1 p. m. says that the mysterious prisoner arrested last night by Captain Schuttler and brought to Chicago Avenue station with his face muffled in a handerchief so as to conceal his identity is John Graham, a lawyer who has an office in the same room with A. S. Trude. Whether Graham has confessed and acknowledged connection with jury bribing, is not yet known, except to the state's attroney. Judge Longnecker accompanied the grand jury to their room. And this afternoon an indictment will be returned against Graham, and also two additional indictments against two of the men already in jail. More evidence is being rapidly accumulated and the probabilities are that Graham's backer and employer in the conspiracy will be arrested before night. The whole scheme is on the point of complete exposure. No startling developments are looked for. Jerry O'Connel, charged with complicity in the jury bribing case, this a. m. gave bail in $5,000.

BISMARCK CHECKMATED.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The Paris correspondent of the *Times* asserts that he has discovered a trustworthy authority that the visit of Prince Ferdinand to Munich was undertaken on suggestion of Bismarck, who wished to present him to the czar. The project fell through because the czar was unwilling to receive the prince.

LIVERPOOL EXCHANGE.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 14.—Wheat firmer; California, 7s. 2d.

BUBEAR BADLY BEATEN.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The three mile sculling race between Matterson and Bubear, on the Thames course to-day, was won by Matterson. Matterson led from the start and finished eight lengths ahead.

A RESPECTABLE STRIKE.

PARIS, Oct. 14.—Three thousand five hundred miners have struck at the men's department of the Pas De Calais.

THE DEPRAVED EARL.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The trial of Earl Galloway, under an indictment for a series of assaults upon girls of tender years, began at Dunford to-day. The court room was packed with notable persons. The prosecution was conducted by the lord advocate in person, and 6 counsel headed by John Blair Balfour, Q.C., appeared for the defence. The indictment, upon which the earl is on trial, to-day, is for indecently placing his hand upon a little girl of ten years, named Gibbon. The child testified to the assault as charged in the indictment, and the testimony was corroborated by other witnesses. From the statement of the earl read by his counsel deponent declared he had merely assisted the child to alight from a wall. The trial ended in a verdict of acquittal.

THE MISSION DRAW.

OTTAWA, Oct. 11.—At a meeting of the railway committee of the privy council held to-day, the Hon. R. N. Scott applied, on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway for power to build a bridge over the Fraser river at St. Mary's Mission, with a draw of a width of eighty feet, the usual draw being one hundred feet. The city of New Westminster objected to the decreased draw but Scott read a letter from Provincial Secretary Robson saying that eighty feet would be sufficient in the interest of navigation. Sir John A. Macdonald said the matter would be taken into consideration.

Job printing of all kinds neatly done at the COLUMBIAN office. Prices will be found as low as at any other office in the province.—*Adv.*

WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 16, 1889.

(*From Daily Columbian, Oct. 14.*)

The Rainbow arrived last night from Victoria with passengers and cargo. She left on the return trip this morn- heavily loaded.

Mr. and Mrs. George Norris, of the *Free Press*, Nanaimo, mourn the death of their youngest son, John R. Norris, who died Friday afternoon.

Mr. Fisher conducted the religious services at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday. There was a very good attendance in spite of the attractions elsewhere.

Should the weather continue fine, the brick-work on the Bushby block will most likely be finished this week. The building presents a very solid and imposing appearance now.

Seven hundred sheep arrived from Calgary yesterday and were landed at the C. P. N. stock yards. The muttons are in fine condition and speak well for the Alberta ranchers.

The Irving is having her forward deck repaired. New planking is being laid down on the old, which, in some places, bears evidence to the amount of business transacted upon it.

The manager of the Experimental Farm at Agassiz was in town the other day and purchased for use on the farm, an end-spring top-buggy and a fine express wagon from Messrs. F. G. Strickland & Co.

The Irving yesterday brought down 90 hogs, 10 head of cattle, 200 bales hay, 200 sacks potatoes, 32 boxes apples, one horse for Victoria and a large quantity of farm produce and a number of passengers.

Invitations are out for a ball to be given by Rear Admiral Heneage and the officers of the fleet, to the governor-general on Friday evening, Nov. 1st. Many invitations have been received in this city.

Apostole Tenasse brought to this office on Saturday a tomato weighing 16ozs., which he grew in his garden on Edinburgh street. He is delighted with his success in this particular line, and with good reason.

An inmate of the Royal Columbian Hospital named Geo. McKenzie, aged 66, a native of Pictou, N. S., died last night. He had been in the province about 17 years, the last 10 of which he spent at Ladner's Landing, in the employ of Mr. T. E. Ladner.

The sidewalk on the west side of Mary street, just opposite the post office, needs looking to at once. Something has given way, probably a rotten stringer, and what is left is of the genus spring-board. Something is going to be seriously injured if it is not immediately repaired.

The church going people yesterday greatly appreciated the clean street crossings. The new crossing on Agnes and Mary streets, laid on Saturday, saved the residents of that locality a disagreeable job. They had arranged to lay a crossing themselves if the city had not taken the matter in hand.

Two boat-pullers of the mainland, McLean, of New Westminster, and Murray, of Vancouver, are anxious to pull a double scull race, and it is understood that Messrs. Bush and Paine, of this city, will accommodate them. Stakes will be fixed at not less than $250 a side, and a good race may be expected.—*Times.*

There was a trifle more animation about the streets this morning than on Saturday. The injunctors were "strong on the wing"—and the chin—but the by-law supporters were also good on the counter and did excellent service in the interests of the city. A great deal of subdued, but strong feeling was perceptible among the little knots of citizens, here and there, holding down the sidewalk.

As Capt. Cavin, of the Rainbow, was coming down from Westminster yesterday, he picked up a boat adrift about four miles from the sand heads lighthouse. In the boat was a salmon net, about 50 fish, a cloth coat and some other articles, but there were no oars. The boat did not belong to any of the canneries, and whether the fisherman had been lost overboard or not could not be told.—*Saturday's Times.*

The insane man Lawson, who was recently arrested on a serious charge, was removed from the city gaol to the provincial gaol. At present there are three insane inmates in the latter institution awaiting to be taken to the asylum at New Westminster, but owing to the crowded state of the asylum no room can be found for the three patients, and the provincial gaol is doing first class service as an insane asylum in the meantime.—*Times.*

The steamer Princess Louise arrived from Victoria this morning with a large cargo of general merchandise and the following passengers: Bishop and Mrs. Sillitoe, Mrs. T. E. Ladner, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lord, Miss M McKenzie, Major Wilson, J. A. Black, J. A. Clarke, W. H. Ladner, M. P., H. Bell Irving, J. W. Cotton, J. Scott, W. Tasker, Capt B. Young, W. H. London, J. Stewart, W. H. Normand, Professor H. J. Sharp, L. Guichon.

A Good Company.

Mr. Wm. Tietjen has received information regarding the last wash-up of the Lillooet Hydraulic Mining Co. The clean-up took place on October 1st, and dust to the value of $500 was the result of three week's work. This is considered most encouraging, and the members of the company have no doubt as to the great value of their claim. The water supply, owing to the great drought during the past few months, is more than 50 per cent short of the average, which has had the effect of confining the company's operations within narrower limits than was intended. Work will be maintained for another month when the claim will be shut down for the winter. With the spring freshet active operations will be resumed on a much larger scale than heretofore.

A Celestial Sullivan.

At the police court this morning, Ah Lim, a Chinaman, stood charged with assaulting Tin Hoon, or Tin Horn, countryman. Joe Qui acted as interpeter. Ah Lim met Mr. Tin Horn on Front street, yesterday, and requested a loan of two bits; the loan was not advanced and Lim gave Horn a hit in the eye and a severe kick in the vest, which brought Horn down on his back, howling. On the approach of Officer Terhune, Lim took to his heels and was only captured after a hot chase of half-a-mile. Lim sent down to his friend Lee Coy to come and defend him, but Coy sent up word to the authorities that Lim is a bad Chinaman. In view of this fact and the case having been fully proved against the defendant, his honor sentenced Lim to two months' imprisonment with hard labor.

The Ashcroft Fair.

Mr. W. H. Ladner, M.P.P., was in the city to-day and gave an enthusiastic account of the fair lately held at Ashcroft, and which he attended. He says the cattle and horse exhibits were very fair indeed, and better than was to be expected. The display of potatoes was superior to anything he ever saw, and the root exhibits generally were far above the average. The fruit display though small was very fine, and garden vegetables were excellent in every way. The wheat exhibits, Mr. Ladner says, were superior to those shown at the provincial exhibition in this city, and he thinks the interior farmers would do well in future to pay more attention to the provincial fair. The Ashcroft people showed great enterprise in connection with their exhibition, and the outcome of the event was satisfactory to all who took part in its success. The next exhibition will be held at Kamloops.

Mildly Insane.

On Saturday night, a man named Campbell knocked at the door of the Presbyterian manse and was admitted by Rev. Mr. Scouler. The stranger began an incoherent harangue about things in general and finished up by accusing the reverend gentleman of having, in company with two other well known citizens, defrauded him out of $10. He demanded satisfaction and said he was quite prepared to go to law about it. A police officer was sent for, and the law, in the person of Officer Smith, loomed up majestically and invited the crazy citizen to take a walk to the station. At the police office Campbell said he worked at the saw mill and had lots of rich relatives in the old country. He could not talk two minutes on one subject and gave every evidence of mild insanity. He was allowed to go, as he assured the officers he worked regularly at the mills and would go to work Monday morning.

A Sudden Death.

Mrs. Nancy Scott, wife of Mr. John Scott, who lives about four miles from Ladners Landing, was taken with violant hemorrhage of the lungs yesterday (Sunday) morning, about 8 o'clock. A doctor was procured from the landing, and arrived about 10 o'clock, and the hemorrhage was temporarily stopped. About six o'clock in the evening, however, a renewal of the hemorrhage occurred and the unfortunate lady expired about seven o'clock last night. The deceased, who is a sister of the Messrs. London Bros., of Lulu Island, was aged 38 years and 9 months, and was a native of Brantford, Ont. She has been living in this province about four years, and leaves a sorrowing husband but no children to mourn her death. The funeral, it is expected, will start tomorrow at 2 o'clock from Ladner's, for the Oddfellows' cemetery in this city.

Park Committee Meeting.

On Saturday night a meeting of the park committee was held at the city hall, Ald. Cunningham in the chair. Aldermen Calbick, Ewen, Reid and Keary were present. The financial statement showing the expenditure on the park and buildings up to date had not been prepared, and a number of the committee objected to going into the subject until the material to work on was at hand. Ald Cunningham estimated that the expenditure up to date amounted to about $21,000. He also urged that the work be fully completed no matter where the money came from. Ald. Calbick was in favor of having the lower part of the grounds completed, even if the council had to obtain another loan in order to do so. He wanted the whole work to be under way before the present council retired, which would be necessary to ensure the success of the next provincial exhibition. Alderman Reid thought the athletic grounds should be enlarged, as at present they are a little smaller than they should be. Ald. Keary objected to any definite action being taken until the financial statement had been laid before the committee, nothing could be done until then. He was of the opinion $5,000 more would be required to finish the grounds, etc. Ald. Reid was in favor of proceeding immediately with the completion of the work and he was sure the whole city would heartily support the action of the committee. Ald. Ewen supported Ald. Keary's objection to immediate action being taken, and on their advice the committee adjourned to await the presentation of the financial report.

When Donald Morrison was sentenced by Judge Brooks to eighteen years in the penitentiary, there was great excitement in the court room, and much sympathy was expressed for the prisoner. Morrison was taken to St Vincent de Paul Penitentiary Friday night.

ONCE AGAIN

The Railway Bonus By-Law is Endorsed by the People by a Large Majority.

The Solid Stand by Enthusiastic Citizens Vote Down the Opposition.

A Sturdy Fight Against the Bylaw but Progress Once More Asserts Itself.

The great railway bonus by-law was before the ratepayers of Westminster again to-day, and again the ratepayers elected to vote for the city's best interests and for its advancement and prosperity. A small but determined opposition, thoroughly organized, worked like Trojans for the defeat of the by-law, but their labors were in vain. The perfection of the organization of the opposition was not realized until to-day, when it was found that the city had been thoroughly canvassed and an accurate estimate of the vote against the by-law taken. Trusting to the apathetic manner in which the friends of the bill seemed to regard its passage, the opposition hoped to win by concealing their hand and protesting indifference. But the crafty scheme failed, well laid though it was. On Friday last a quiet meeting of the friends of the by-law was held, which resulted in a canvass of the city on Saturday. The canvass was satisfactory in every way, although it was found that many votes had been pledged to the opposition through a misrepresentation of facts.

Voting commenced early after the polls opened this morning, but at no time during the day could it be called lively. As will be seen by the annexed returns the vote was not nearly so large as was expected, the result of want of organization on the part of the friends of the by-law, who might have largely increased the majority had they entered on a thorough canvass of the city. It is safe to say that not one opposition vote remained unpolled. The neighborhood of the Colonial hotel was the battle ground for "injunctors" and railway supporters, and many amusing wordy arguments were heard, all of which, however, resulted in the complete and utter route of the opposition. Carriages were employed by both sides to convey voters to the polls, and the streets all day long were quite animated in appearance. Everything passed off quietly, barring the excited arguments. At 5 o'clock the city hall began to fill with voters and citizens generally, and by the time the returns were all in the building was packed. The success of the by-law, when announced by the returning officer, was greeted with intense enthusiasm. Following is the result of the vote:

WARD NO. I.

For the by-law	17
Against	5
Majority for	12

WARD NO. II.

For the by-law	65
Against	14
Majority for	51

WARD NO. III.

For the by-law	92
Against	36
Majority for	66

WARD NO. IV.

For the by-law	62
Against	19
Majority for	43
Spoiled ballots	3

GRAND TOTAL.

For the by-law	236
Against the by-law	74
Total majority for by-law	162

Personal.

W. H. Ladner, M.P.P., returned home this afternoon.

Bishop and Mrs. Sillitoe returned from Ladners this morning.

Capt. Robertson, of Moresby Island, is registered at the Colonial.

John Kirkland, reeve of Delta, was in the city to-day and gave us a call.

Mr. L. P. Eckstein, of the law firm of Armstrong & Eckstein, has gone up to Chilliwack to prosecute in a case where the defendant is charged with selling liquor without a license.

Mr. Coroner Ferris, our esteemed and respected citizen, is lying at his residence dangerously ill. His relatives and friends are very anxious concerning his recovery, as his condition is very grave indeed.

Mr. Sharp, the organist of the Victoria Methodist church, arrived in the city this morning to assist at the Harvest Home festival at the Methodist church this evening. As an organist Mr. Sharp is said to have few equals in the province.

Mrs. J. M. Clute and family left town yesterday for their old home in the states, where they will reside for the future. There were a large number of friends down at the station to see them off. Mr. Clute will follow as soon as his business is settled up here. —*News.*

Mr. E. Rand, of the firm of Rand Bros., real estate and insurance agents, left Westminster to-day to take up his abode permanently in Vancouver. Mr. Rand leaves the royal city sincerely regretted by the social and business circles in which he has been so prominent a figure. The Y. M. C. A. of this city counted him as one of its most zealous and unitiring supporters, and will miss him severely; although his support will not be entirely withdrawn. Mr. Arthur Rand will manage the Westminster office in future.

(*From Daily Columbian, Oct. 15.*)

The Holy Trinity church choir practice will be held this week in the Temperance Hall, Columbia street.

A new sidewalk is being laid down on the north side of Douglas street between Columbia and Front streets.

The Rev. Mr. Croucher's little steam launch was noted ploughing up the placid bosom of the Fraser this afternoon.

The time for the completion of the Queen's avenue and Clinton street contracts has been extended by the city council.

Owing to certain necessary repairs to Holy Trinity church, it has been found expedient to suspend all services for this week.

The directors of the Royal Columbian hospital acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a sack of oysters from Mr. A. J. Tolmie.

The cooking apparatus at the provincial jail has broken down, and the food is being cooked in the yard until the range is prepared.

A heavy fog, usual at this time of the year, enshrouded the river for a few hours this morning. These morning fogs are considered a fair weather sign.

A new sidewalk is to be laid from St. Mary's church, Sapperton, to the new Royal Columbian hospital. The Sapperton people will appreciate this improvement.

There are considerable numbers of "cultus" salmon in the river at present. Some of the fishermen were seen throwing these no-goods back into the river this afternoon.

Sergt. Langley brought over from Victoria yesterday two lunatics for the insane asylum, and a Kanaka named Moses, who has been sentenced to two years in penitentiary.

The magnificient weather to-day attracted quite a number of pleasure-seekers on to the river. It was an ideal day for rowing, and a moonlight excursion would not fail to be remunerative.

The lacrosse club held a practice on the athletic grounds this afternoon, which was fairly attended. The men played in good form. Much practice will be required between now and the date of the match with Vancouver.

The plans prepared by the waterworks engineers and sent to Mr. J. T. Fanning, the great American expert, for an opinion, have been returned to the city along with his report. Mr. Fanning also sent his bill along, which is moderate beyond all expectation.

The rifle match at Vancouver on Saturday next, between the Westminster and Vancouver rifle teams, will commence an hour earlier than first announced. The ferry will leave Vancouver for Brockton Point at 10:30 o'clock, and the match will begin at 11:30 sharp.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney, minister of the interior, has addressed a note to the mayor and council, thanking them for the part they took in making his visit to New Westminster so pleasant and interesting. He considers his visit to the royal city one of the happiest events of his life.

Autumn tints are again making the woods and fells beautiful. This is the Indian summer, the sweetest time of all the year, and beloved of the sportsman and the artist. Those inclined to sketching can find many an exquisite bit of scenery between here and Douglas Island. On the North Arm and around Poplar Island.

Everybody looked cheerful and happy round town to-day, and a renewed feeling of confidence was apparent on all sides. The most prominent opponents of the bylaw have signified their intention to submit to the will of the majority, and will pull heartily with their opponents of yesterday for the general welfare of the city.

The Indians encamped under the battery, on the slope, enjoy life about as much as any millionare in the city. Their dogs, of which there are untold numbers, and every cur innocent of a tag, and totally fearless of Constable Smith's piercing eye, have a very reprehensible habit of frequenting the highway and sniffing the legs of passing strangers, as if they would like to taste the fatted calf.

Some amusing incidents happened yesterday at the polling stations through either the ignorance or facetiousness of the electors. One man deliberately scored and re-scored the space marked "For," evidently with a view to showing his detestation of the railway scheme. Another man, who apparently thought that the "x" stood for 10, placed a 1 after it, and remarked proudly, "there's eleven agin it, anyhow!"

The Mission Bridge Draw.

A resolution was passed at the city council meeting last night, to be forwarded by telegraph to the Dominion government, protesting against the 80 foot draw, and in this they voiced the opinion of the general public of Westminster. Many expressions concerning the bridge were heard on the streets to-day, everyone of which supported the city's contention for a 100 foot draw.

After Two Years.

A man supposed to be Spencer, the murderer, was taken up to Kamloops to-day by Provincial Police Officer Armstrong. It is a little over two years since Peter Foster was brutally murdered by Spencer at Kamloops. The murderer was hotly pursued, but managed to elude the clutches of the law, and eventually left the country. He was identified by two men in Vancouver the other day, to which place he had rather foolishly returned. The police were informed of his identity and he was arrested without loss of time. Spencer does not acknowledge to being the man wanted, but his identity will be proved at Kamloops, where he will appear for trial at the next assizes.

Pelham Street Bombardment.

The residents of Pelham street are again living in agonizing dread, the blasting operations having been resumed with undiminished vigor. Last night a number of very powerful blasts were exploded just at 6 o'clock, and several people on Mary street, 200 yards distant, were forced to take protection in neighboring houses while the shower of stones and splinters lasted. A boulder dropped into Dr. C. E. C. Brown's yard and sunk in the earth only a few feet from where his little girl was playing. Another rock crushed through his woodshed roof. Such is life in the vicinity of Pelham street at present, despite the orders of Mayor Townsend that the heavy blasting was to be stopped.

Astonishing Results.

Mr. Russell Smither, of this city, lays claim to the $25 offered by the proprietors of the *Rural New Yorker* for the best hill of potatoes of that name, grown from seed purchased direct from them. The seed purchased by Mr. Smither was no larger than a walnut, and after allowing it to remain in a warm situation for a couple of weeks only three eyes were discovered in it that promised to grow. The seed was planted in a trench 5 feet long, 12 inches wide and 6 inches deep, well manured. The vines grew well, and at length covered a space of 7 x 9 feet, and some of the stems were an inch in diameter. The potatoes were dug yesterday with the following astonishing results: The hill contained 22 potatoes, all marketable save 2; the 22 potatoes weighed 18 pounds; the largest weighed 27½ ozs., and the second largest 26 ozs; the six largest weighed 8 lbs. 14 ozs., and the nine largest 12½ lbs. Mr. Smither brought these potatoes to THE COLUMBIAN office, where the figures were verified. They are as fine looking "murphies" as anyone could wish to see, being much of a size, clean and evenly shaped.

Large Real Estate Transfers.

One of the results of the passage of the railway bonus bylaw has been an active movement in real estate, and one of the largest real estate transactions ever made in Westminster was concluded to-day. The purchasers are Vancouverites, who have been conducting their negotiations through Messrs. Richards, Haywood & Mackintosh for some weeks, but would not finally close until they were certain the bonus bylaw would be sustained. The property purchased was that of Mr. A. W. Lundbom, which comprises 55 feet frontage on Columbia street, and 99 feet on Front Street, and the buildings thereon. The value of this transfer is about $20,000, though the exact figures have not been made public. By this deal the purchasers have secured one of the best business sites in the city.

Another large deal in suburban property is also announced. A block of 14 acres has been sold to a Victoria capitalist who pays for the same $250 per acre, a considerable increase over prices of three months ago. In all quarters of the city prices are looking up, and a general reaction in the real estate market is looked for. The fact that foreign capital is looking for investment in Westminster goes to show that outsiders fully appreciate the immense advantages the railroad will confer on us.

Harvest Home Service.

The concert and social at the Methodist church last night was a success in every way. The body of the church was filled, all but a few back seats, and the wings were packed. Rev. J. H. White occupied the chair and performed the functions pertaining to that office in a manner worthy of admiration. He did not inflict long and tiresome speeches between each item on the programme, but said what he had to say in a few crisp sentences, strictly to the point. The proceedings of the evening opened with the grand, old doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," in which the whole audience joined. Then followed the "Lord's prayer" by Rev. E. Robson. The concert programme was carried through in good style, Mrs. D. Robson, Mrs. McCrady, Miss Major and Messrs. DeBeck, Cunningham, Harris and Middlebrook taking the chief parts. The organ solos by Prof. Sharpe, of Victoria, were rendered in a manner that elicited the warmest praise. The anthems by the choir, conducted by Mr. Pearson, were excellent performances, and the programme on the whole was decidedly well carried out.

After the singing of the national anthem, the audience adjourned to the basement where pumpkin pies of every shape, make, description and flavor were served out by the energetic ladies who had prepared the entertainment. This was the social part of the programme and as such it was an unqualified success. There was nothing in the shape of select coteries observed, but a general intermingling of the people. The wealthiest man in Westminster peacefully munched his piece of pie alongside of a hungry youth of eight summers, who had wandered away from the fold of his own church to patronize the Methodists while the pumpkin pie season lasted. All seemed intent on enjoying themselves and in making others comfortable and happy, and their efforts in this direction were attended with unqualified success. After an hour socially spent in this way the gathering broke up, more than pleased with the pleasure the evening had afforded them.

Nobody at Halifax knows anything about the alleged sensation referred to in a despatch purporting to come from Halifax, and published in New York, about General Sir John Ross, commander of the British troops in America, and his divorce. Sir John was divorced some years ago.

Died of Despair.

Even the wild and retiring grouse was for once drawn from its favorite haunts in the heart of the dense wildwood to learn the result of the voting on the bonus by-law. The anxious bird left home yesterday morning, and on arriving in town took up a commanding position on one of the lofty trees on the premises of Capt. Pittendrigh. The march of progress, the shriek of the iron horse and the civilization of the wilds are all set down as deadly sins in the catechism of the grouse family, consequently this bird was more than anxious that the by-law should be defeated. High perched on the stately poplar the bird sat all the afternoon and evening inwardly digesting the latest election news, as told by passers-by, and the fresh young buds on the newest branch. About dusk a wild rumor flew up the street that the by-law had passed, and so overcome was the grouse by the news that it lost its grasp, and the power of its wings at the same time, and fell headlong several yards, sustaining the loss of a handful of pinfeathers. Recovering itself before the lowest branch was reached the bird took up a fresh position and assumed a look of sad resignation, which, under the circumstance, was worthy of a martyr. All night long the bird sat and suffered, listening to the multitude as it went by, tell of the victory, of the fact that the road would be built, and lastly, and what affected it most, of the certain extermination of grouse.

Day dawned on the neighboring hill tops, nature awakened, and the sun drove the fog down toward Ladner's, but none of these inspirting incidents could restore the crushed spirit of the disappointed grouse, and a shade of deep blue melancholy came over it. Again the multitude went by, and again the story of victory floated upwards and ruffled the already much ruffled garments of down; and then the oft told tale drove the poor grouse to desperation and raising from its perch it gave one lurch forward and fell heavily against the window of Mr. John McKenzie's house, breaking its neck by the contact. A fitting resting place was arranged in a pot pie for the once happy grouse, and its requiem was sung this evening with a knife and fork accompaniment.

Gordon Brown's Opinion.

Winnipeg *Free Press*: Mr. J. Gordon Brown, who has been on a trip as far as the Pacific coast, returned to Winnipeg yesterday. He will go back to Toronto with a higher opinion than ever of the Northwest and British Columbia. All the doubts he ever had concerning the greatness and richness of the country have been entirely dissipated by what he has seen, and he believes that it will be the greatest and richest country on the face of the globe.

Messrs. F. G. Strickland & Co. have just received from the east a large consignment of elegant wheeled goods. A stroll through their commodious premises is a treat that will be appreciated by anyone at all interested in beautiful carriage work. There are Gladstones with comfortable seats, on the most approved design, strong, durable and elegantly finished. First class Brewster and Timkin's spring buggies; this is a new kind of spring, said to be very satisfactory on the road. Road Queens' beautiful side bar buggies, which have obtained such great popularity in the east; and end springs, Buffalo road wagons; finely finished phaetons of the latest styles and fitted with either two or three springs. These vehicles are in the highest style of the carriage builder's art and fit to appear on the streets of any city. Express, city delivery and market wagons of different sizes, besides buckboards and sulkies, complete the consignment. The prices are away down and only a trifle higher than in the east. *

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Beef, per 100 lbs. live weight	4 00	4 50
Pork "	7 00	7 50
Mutton "	8 00	9 00
Potatoes, new "	75	1 00
Cabbage "	75	1 00
Onions "	1 00	1 50
Wheat "	1 00	0 00
Oats "	1 00	1 25
Peas "	1 25	1 50
Hay, per ton	10 00	14 00
Butter (rolls) per lb	25	30
Cheese, "	14	15
Eggs, per doz.	35	40
Cordwood (retail) per cord	3 50	4 00
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Wednesday Morning, Oct. 16, 1889.

The Icarus Afloat.

H. M. S. Icarus, which was reported ashore at Edith Point, got off some time during Monday night or early yesterday morning. Capt. Rudlin passed the three men-of-war about eight o'clock yesterday morning, at which hour all were afloat and steaming gently. One of them, presumably the Icarus, was in Beaver Bay; the other two, the Champion and the Acorn, were out in the gulf. From the distance at which the Islander passed, it was impossible to estimate the extent of the injuries, if any, received by the ship, or to obtain any particulars of her release. It is expected that all three men-of-war will at once return to Esquimalt. As the weather yesterday was unusually rough where the Icarus went ashore, it is fortunate that she got off as she did, or she would in all probability have been badly injured by the terrible sea.—*Wednesday's Colonist.*

Seen From Abroad.

The endeavors of THE COLUMBIAN to forward in every way the success and interest of the late exhibition and celebration are thus acknowledged by the Vancouver *World:*

THE COLUMBIAN is quite elated over the success of the late exhibition, in which it had so large a share. It was the first to set the ball a rolling, by heading a subscription list with $100. The action of THE COLUMBIAN was emulated by others, and so a goodly sum was netted for the general fund. It kept the matter before its readers, always directing their attention to the necessity of making the exhibition worthy of the royal city. We say nothing of the excellence of its reports of the gathering, because we conceive that all the mainland papers did the occasion justice. Honor to whom honor is due, is a true motto; and it is only fair to add these few words of felicitation to the many heard within the last few days, on the success which attended our cotemporary in its efforts to prove to the people of the province, and visitors generally, that that portion of British Columbia lying contiguous to the fresh-water terminus of the C. P. R. is one of the most fertile on this broad continent.

Richmond Council.

Council met in the town hall, Sept 7th. Present,—Thos. Kidd (reeve), and Councillors Reid, Garratt, Stewart, Daniels and Blair. After adoption of minutes, the following communications were received: From George Turner, C. E., respecting the driving of piles around the point of Sea Island, recommending the same and saying Mr. Gore has stated that the Richmond council should bear the expense. From Fred. G. Walker, Victoria, stating that, in his opinion, the municipality can lease any wharves built on corporate property, or lease sites for wharves, such sites being corporate property. The clerk was instructed to reply, asking for more definite advice.

REPORTS.—From A. H. Daniels, reporting having let a contract on road No. 7 to Thos. Spencer, James Spence, and H. Williams, at $2 per rod. From D. Reid, reporting Kwong H. Chong's contract on road No. 7 nearly completed, and recommending payment of $360 on same. From W. F. Stewart, recommending payment of $400 on Ah Len's contract. From W. F. Stewart and B. W. Garratt, reporting having examined location for extension of road asked for by Wm. Nicoll at south end of road No. 11, Sea Island, and considering expenditure required to construct same too great to be undertaken at present; also reported that they could not recommend the council to construct road asked for by John Brock and others, as Mr. Nicoll refused to give the land at less than $100 per acre and cost of fencing. W. F. Stewart reported that on examination, he found the dyke on section 20, from the slough to the bridge, was insufficient and he had employed Ah Sam to enlarge the same for a distance of 35 rods, at 25 cents per rod, he also recommended payment for same, $8.75. Mr. Stewart further reported that about 40 rods of road was unprotected by dyke on section 17, Sea Island, and recommended that same be examined by the board of works. On motion, it was decided that the several reports of the board of works be accepted and that a committee composed of Councillors Daniels and Garratt be instructed to examine the unprotected road on Sea Island, with power to act.

PETITIONS.—From M. Steves, requesting the council to extend road No. 9 westward to Gulf of Georgia. From D. Branscombe and others, asking the council for the construction of a road from the new wharf to the opera house, a distance of about 40 rods, and stating that W. H. Steves will complete the road to connect with No. 1 road.

It was moved and carried, that the petition of Mr. Steves be laid on the table, and that respecting the petition of D. Branscombe and others, the clerk be instructed to inform the petitioners that the council consider they have no authority to expend money on the road in question. It was decided on motion that the board of works be instructed to proceed with the construction of the road along the river from the bridge site to road No. 4 as soon as satisfactory arrangements for securing the right of way are completed. It was moved and carried that the board of works be hereby authorized to employ a competent man to take measurements and make out specifications for bridges across sloughs, and the approaches to main bridges in A and B wards, and to let contract for the construction of the same. Carried. The following bills were ordered to be paid: *World*, printing acct., $10.80; COLUMBIAN, printing acct., $23.33; R. C. P. M. Co., ward B, No. 2 acct., $60.72; Ah Len, ward A, No. 2 acct., $400; K. H. Chong, ward C, No. 2 acct., $360; Ah Sam, ward A, No. 2 acct., $8.75.

Council adjourned to meet 1st Saturday in October.

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Late Despatches.

THE GOLD DRAIN.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The threatened drain of gold to the Argentine Republic, which in part induced the directors of the Bank of England three weeks ago to raise the rate of discount to 5 per cent., has now struck Germany, and 1,500,000 marks of gold were withdrawn to-day from the Reichs bank, in Berlin, for shipment to Buenos Ayres. Berlin financiers do not conceal their nervousness at this movement of gold from Germany in the face of a money market which is anything but easy, and, as further orders for shipment of gold to South America have been received, something like a panic is threatened, and Berlin is at serious disadvantage in case of a drain of this sort, since, unlike London or Vienna, it cannot count upon aid from the Bank of France, which to-day holds by far the largest gold reserve in Europe. The sharp rise in the Bank of England discount rate precludes any hope of naturally sharing the outward flow of specie with London, and the Berlin bankers will in all probability be driven to ask for temporary assistance from her.

A GREAT STORM.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The storm which swept over England and Ireland yesterday, though doing serious damage everywhere, appears to have spent its fury in the northern portions. The reports of casualities resulting from the high wind which prevailed all day, come in hourly and the aggregate loss of property will be enormous, and several lives were lost by contact with flying timbers and the debris of demolished houses, but the telegraph wires everywhere are so crippled by the storm that accurate figures cannot yet be given. In almost every county in England and Ireland houses were blown down by the force of the gale, and many cases are reported in which occupants of the ruins remained for hours buried in the river, until rescued from their position by their more fortunate neighbors. In most of these cases serious injuries were sustained by those dragged from the ruins, and in some, death has resulted. In the city of Bradford a large warehouse was blown down and the heavy brick walls in their fall crushed in four houses adjoining. The occupants were buried all night under tons of tangled *debris* and it was not until late this afternoon that the hundreds of men who had been set to work at once to rescue them, managed to drag them from under the ruins of their homes. Many of the victims were frightfully maimed and seveaal cannot recover.

BISMARCK'S ADVICE.

ROME, Oct. 9.—It is currently reported in this city that Prince Bismarck has urged upon Signor Crispi the advisablity of making a pronounced endeavor to lessen the unfortunate tension which at present exists between Italy and France. This strained relation of the two powers is really the menacing thing of the day in relation to the European situation, and is more likely to burst into flames and occasion serious alarm for the peace of the continent than even the palpable material preparations of Russia and Austria for war. France and Italy are in a sensitive mood, without being altogether prepared for an outbreak of hostilities. In this situation Bismarck sees cause for some fear of trouble. Bismarck also asks Crispi to modify so far as possible the struggle of the Italian government with the vatican, which is also, although a matter of minor importance in international affairs, an irritation and extremely uncomfortable element in diplomatic intercourse. The chancellor prefers that the pope should look upon Germany as his friend, and desires to maintain the most amicable relations with the vatican as well as with King Humbert. He has been discontented with the situation ever since the Italian prime minister declared open war with Leo XIII. It is expected Signor Crispi will acquiesce in Prince Bismarck's views, and his requests will be indicated in his forthcoming speech at Palermo.

A certain M. & N. W. official at Portage la Prairie made an attempt to commit suicide by shooting himself one day last week, because the young lady of his choice refused to come to him just as he would have liked. At present he is under medical treatment and will soon be around again.

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