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Weekly British Columbian.

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 9, 1889.

Last year, as our readers may remember, the apple crop in the eastern provinces and states was such a large one that apples were a drug on the market, and many shipments of this fruit were made to Europe, principally to England, with not the most satisfactory results, as will be seen. According to the *Trade Bulletin* of Montreal, very heavy reclamations were made during the summer of this year by English houses upon Canadian shippers and farmers, on apple shipments of last year which had turned out disastrously. Several of these claims, it was said, were so large as to ruin the persons making the shipments, and the claims were placed in the hands of proper parties for collection. The total amount of these reclamation claims amounted to between $50,000 and $75,000, showing how very disastrous were most of the apple shipments of last season across the Atlantic, when the fruit lacked all this of paying even the freight charges. This year eastern orchardists have a considerably less dreary prospect, and it is interesting to note that the brighter outlook is on account of the comparative failure of the apple crop in Ontario as well as the eastern states. There is no glut on the market this season, and the consequence is an eager demand and good prices; so a poor crop, under some circumstances, may be a blessing in disguise. The *Canadian Horticultutist*, commenting on the subject, says: "If the quantity of apples in our orchards in Ontario is small and the quality poor, there is, at least, some satisfaction in the prospect of good prices; and after the sad experience of last year we shall consider it in no way unfair to take from consumers as much as $2.50 per bbl. for winter fruit f. o. b. Indeed, only a few weeks ago summer apples sold in Montreal at that figure, an unusual thing now-a-days and which indicates a hungry market. The fact is, apples are a very short crop. New York State is one of the most important apple-growing states in the union, and the prospect is that it will not give 75 per cent. of an average yield. Ontario probably has not 50 per cent. of an average. Michigan promises a yield which will run below the average, and Ohio a very light crop. Aside, therefore, from the impulse of a foreign demand the prospect is that our apples will all be required for our home supply, and that at constantly increasing prices, unless some other fruits fill the gap. From our foreign reports we gather that there will be a lively foreign demand for apples also, as the crop in England and on the continent is much below the average. We hesitate to speak encouragingly to our readers concerning the apple market, after the misfortunes of last year; yet the conditions are different, for while what we said about the English supply was true, the unprecedented quantities sent over from America exceeded the requirements about one-half. It will not, however, be necessary for us to ship to England to get good prices this year, as we shall be able to command them at our own doors, without risk." However eastern fruit growers may be affected by too bountiful a crop, our orchardists in this province need have no apprehension about glutting the market for years to come. The supply is not nearly equal to the home demand yet, and then we have the great contiguous plains of the Northwest, where fruit practically cannot be raised, for an ever enlarging market. British Columbia offers the most encouraging field for the operations of the enthusiastic horticulturist, both for the success that will assuredly attend his efforts in fruit raising and the practically unlimited market that awaits his products.

The Victoria city council has from the first focused the opposition against the government levy upon the four principal cities of the province for one-third of the amount of the teachers' salaries in the public schools. This tax, it will be remembered, is levied each year upon the four chief cities of the province, Victoria, Vancouver, Westminster and Nanaimo, under the provisions of the "Public Schools Amendment Act, 1888," upon the theory that these cities, being accorded government high schools and possessing superior educational facilities in the public schools, should thus refund to the provincial treasury one-third of the salaries of their public school teachers, to enable the department to extend needed educational facilities to outlying districts of the province and to carry out necessary improvements where required. Victoria, as we have stated, has held out against this tax from the first and refused to pay it, and last Monday, accordingly, action was brought by the attorney-general of the province *vs.* the corporation of Victoria, in the supreme court, before Chief Justice Begbie, to recover the sum of $5,780, being the amount due by the city for the tax in question. The attorney-general appeared for the crown, and Mr. Taylor (Eberts & Taylor) on behalf of the defendants. Mr. Taylor contended that the act created a discriminative tax, and was therefore unconstitutional and void. His lordship held that inasmuch as the act applied equally to all of the cities of the province it was not discriminatory, and in other respects he considered the act to be free from legal objections. His lordship, therefore, gave judgment in favor of the attorney-general for the amount claimed, with costs. The Victoria corporation will appeal the case, it is stated, although the wisdom of such a step is to be doubted. In the meanwhile the other cities of the province affected are taking various stands on the question. Vancouver has payed without a murmur from the first, while Nanaimo, following suit to Victoria, strenuously objects, and Westminster, though she handed over the tax for the latter half of last year, has declined to pay for the former part of this year, awaiting further developments, presumably, in what may be designated the test case of the government *vs.* the corporation of Victoria, and so the matter stands.

An invitation has been sent the *Empire* to be present at the British Columbia Provincial Exhibition, which is held this year at New Westminster, and opens October 2, lasting for three days. The sending of the invitation is a graceful recognition of the close relationship between Ontario and the Pacific Province, which we acknowledge with great pleasure. Although a long way off, our friends at the coast may rest assured that they have the cordial good wishes of the *Empire* and the people of the East for a successful exhibition and a good time generally.—*Toronto Empire.* Which we are having; thanks.

Assessments in Toronto for 1890 show a total increase in taxation of over $24,000,000. The exemptions have increased nearly $3,000,000.

THE DELTA FAIR.

Continuation of Last Week's Report. The Complete Prize List.--- A Grand Success.

In fancy work the Delta ladies beat their Chilliwack and Surrey sisters all along the line. The number of articles exhibited was very large and the quality and beauty of the work would be hard to equal. The largest displays were made by Miss Woodward and Miss McKee, and they were beautiful indeed. Many other ladies had large and beautiful assortments of fancy and needlework, any one of which is worthy of special mention.

CATTLE, HORSES AND SHEEP.

In cattle and pedigreed stock the number of entries was nearly double that of last year, which indicates a general improvement of stock throughout the Delta. In Durhams, H. D. Benson, John Kirkland and W. H. Ladner showed some full pedigreed stock, as did also John McKee, Sr., and Thos. McNeeley in Holsteins, H. E. Falconer in Jerseys and John Kirkland in Herefords. In horses the show was good and considerably better than last year. The prizes were very evenly distributed, the principal winners being Wm. Gowdy, R. A. Purver, J. D. Pemberton, Arthur Bros., W. H. Ladner, T. Robertson and Wm. Pybus. In horses Lieut. Ogilvie, of "C" battery, showed a fine thoroughbred Irish hunter and colt, and J. C. Calhoun and Wm. Gowdy fine stallions.

BUTTER AND BREAD.

The dairy exhibit was fully up to the provincial fair of last year, the number of entries being something over 60. Mrs. R. E. Kittson made 5 entries, Thos. Thirkell 4 entries and many others two and three entries each. Wm. Arthur captured first prize for fresh butter after a very close competition, and Mrs. Kittson took the honors in salted butter. A. C. Wells made the only exhibit of cheese. Mrs. Wm. Gowdy took first prize for bread against 20 competitors.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

James Faulkner and H. Kipp won the first prize for wheat, E. Greyell and J. Kirkland for barley, and C. F. Green and the Jubilee Ranch for oats. These samples were all very fine indeed, but the oats, particularly, are most worthy of special mention. The samples, shown by Mr. Green and Jubilee ranch weighed 55 lbs to the bushel, and the black oats displayed by the latter turn the scale at 45 lbs. H. A. Hicks showed a sample of potatoes, 54 lbs, raised from one pound of seed.

HON. JOHN ROBSON'S SPEECH.

It was nearly three o'clock, and the surging crowd were waxing very impatient, when the Hon. Mr. Robson made his appearance on the platform at the door, and having been introduced by the president of the society, explained that, as it would be some little time yet before the judges finished their work, it had been arranged to utilize time by his saying what he had to say now, and whenever the judges were ready the president was to pull his coat tail and he would stop. This announcement was received with cheers, and the scattered groups came together for the purpose of listening to the premier. Mr. Robson said he had "taken in" the show and he considered it highly creditable to the Delta; for, although there were a number of excellent exhibits from Chilliwack, Surrey and other settlements, it was to be presumed that the Delta supplied the greater part of what constituted such a creditable whole. Considering the weather and the indifferent accommodation, he felt justified in congratulating the Delta upon the success of this year's exhibit. He said the government had granted the society 25 acres off the school reserve, a little way up the road, for exhibition purposes, and he hoped it would be in readiness for the next exhibition. He then proceeded to expatiate upon the importance and advantages of these competitive exhibitions, and administrated a well-deserved rebuke to those who, either from indifference or jealously, sent none of their productions. Every farmer should aim at attaining the highest possible excellence, and thus ennoble labor and place agriculture in the high and honorable position it ought to occupy. He pointed out that not only was this a duty in a local sense; but the best and most effectual way to advertise our glorious province in the great centres of population, and bring what alone was needed (capital and population) to make British Columbia the most prosperous and wealthy province in the Dominion; it was also a good plan to send the best samples of our productions for exhibition in Toronto and other eastern centres. The comparatively meagre exhibit sent to Toronto this year was attracting much attention, and would, he was assured, result in much good. How much more would that be the case if British Columbia would put her best samples in these centres? He referred to the provincial exhibition to be held at New Westminster, and urged those present to go to that exhibition and send their best samples to it—remarking that the people of the city had done right nobly in providing the most ample facilities and accommodation. He understood that the city was expending about twenty thousand dollars in that way, and he hoped the farmers both in the Delta and elsewhere would manifest their appreciation of such enterprise and whole-souled liberality by fully availing themselves of it. He urged the ladies to use their influence with their husbands and brothers and lovers to spur them on to greater interest in these competitions, and concluded his able and interesting address with a humorous allusion to the ladies' fancy work department of the exhibition, after which he formally declared the exhibition open. During the delivery of the address, Mr. Robson was repeatedly greeted with applause, and at the conclusion three hearty cheers (proposed by Mr. E A. Sharp, of Lulu Island) were accorded him.

Following is the official list of prize winners:

THOROUGHBRED CATTLE—DURHAMS.—Best bull, aged, H D Benson, 2nd, W H Ladner; best yearling bull, John Kirkland; best cow, aged, W H Ladner, 2nd, John Kirkland; best two-year-old heifer, H D Benson, 2nd, H D Benson; best heifer calf, W H Ladner, 2nd, John Kirkland. HOLSTEINS.—Best bull, aged, John McKee, 2nd, John McKee; best cow, aged: Thomas McNeeley; best yearling heifer, Thomas McNeeley. JERSEYS.—Best bull, aged, H E Falconer, 2nd, E S Brown; best bull calf. H E Falconer; best cow, aged, H E Falconer. HEREFORDS.—Best bull, aged, John Kirkland; best two-year-old heifer, Jno Kirkland. GRADED CATTLE.—Best cow, aged, E S Brown, 2nd, John Scott; best yearling heifer, John McKee, 2nd, John McKee; best heifer calf, J McKee, 2nd, John McKee; best yoke oxen, J A Patterson, 2nd, Wm Pybus; best 3 fat cattle, John McKee, 2nd, John McKee.

HORSES—DRAUGHT.—Best stallion, two years and upwards, William Gowdy, 2nd, H D Benson; best brood mare, with foal at foot, J D Pemberton, 2nd, D Stewart; best three-year-old gelding or filly, T Robertson, 2nd, T Robertson; best year old gelding or filly, William Pybus, 2nd, William Arthur; best yearling gelding or filly, W H Ladner; best sucking colt, D Stewart, 2nd, J D Pemberton; best span draught horses, mare or gelding, T Robertson, 2nd, William Gowdy. ROADSTERS.—Best stallion, two years and upwards, R A Purver; best brood mare, with foal at foot, William Arthur, 2nd, J D Pemberton; best three-year-old gelding or filly, Arthur Bros, 2nd, Arthur Bros; best two-year-old gelding or filly, W H Ladner; best yearling, Arthur Bros, 2nd, Arthur Bros; best sucking colt, Barber Bros, 2nd, William Arthur; best span carriage horses, matched, H E Falconer; best buggy horse, Arthur Bros, 2nd, W H Ladner; best saddle horse, W H Ladner, 2nd, J A Patterson.

SHEEP—LONG WOOLED.—Best ram, aged, John McKee; best shearling, John McKee, 2nd, John McKee; best ram lamb, John McKee; best pair ewes, aged, John McKee, 2nd, Washington Grimmer; best pair shearling ewes, Washington Grimmer, 2nd, John McKee; best pair ewes lambs, John McKee, 2nd, John McKee; best six fat sheep, John McKee, 2nd, Washington Grimmer. SHORT WOOLED.—Best ram, aged, John Kirkland: best shearling, Washington Grimmer; best ram lamb, Washington Grimmer, 2nd, C F Green; best pair ewes, aged, John Kirkland, 2nd, John McKee; best pair shearling ewes, Washington Grimmer; best pair lambs, John McKee, 2nd, Washington Grimmer.

BERKSHIRE, YORKSHIRE AND CHESTER SWINE.—Best boar, aged, H D Benson, 2nd, Jubilee ranch; best brood sow, in farrow, H D Benson, 2nd, John McKee; best sow under 12 months, H D Benson; best fat pig, John McKee, 2nd, John McKee. SUFFOLK, ESSEX, OR ANY OTHER SMALL BREEDS.—Best boar, aged, John Kirkland; best brood sow, in farrow; John Kirkland; best sow, under 12 months, Jubilee ranch, 2nd, John Kirkland; best fat pig, John McKee, 2nd, John McKee.

POULTRY.—Best pair turkeys (bronze), H E Falconer, 2nd, Mrs Hutcherson; best pair any other kind, Miss Woodward; best gander and goose, John McKee, 2nd, E S Brown; best pair Pekin ducks, Thomas Thirkell, 2nd, Mrs Hutcherson; best pair Rouen ducks, Mrs Hutcherson, 2nd, Mrs Hutcherson; best pair any other kind, John Kirkland, 2nd, Mrs. Hutcherson; best pair brahmas, J L Waddell; best pair Leghorns, Miss Woodward, 2nd, Thomas Thirkell; best pair Plymouth Rocks, H E Falconer, 2nd, C Beadleston; best pair game fowl, E S Brown; best pair any other kind, H Trimm; best pair pigeons, Mrs Hutcherson, 2nd, William McKee; best pair turkeys bred 1889, Mrs Hutcherson, 2nd, H E Falconer; best pair ducks bred 1889, John Kirkland, 2nd, Mrs Hutcherson; best pair geese bred 1889, John McKee; best pair chickens bred 1889, Miss Woodward, 2nd, H E Falconer.

BUTTER, CHEESE, ETC.—Best four pounds fresh butter, prints, William Arthur, 2nd, F F Raitt, 3rd, John Kirkland: best 25 lbs butter, salt, R E Kittson, 2nd, Thomas Thirkell, 3rd, R E Kittson; best bread, Mrs Wm. Gowdy, 2nd, Mrs. R Alexander, 3rd, John Kirkland; best 10 lbs cheese, made in the province, A C Wells, 2nd, A C Wells; best dozen hen's eggs, Thomas Thirkell, 2nd, R E Kittson.

GARDEN PRODUCE.—Best twelve carrots, short, Jubilee ranch, 2nd, J Tamborine; best twelve onions, John McKee, sr, 2nd, J Tamborine; best twelve parsnips, Thomas McNeeley, 2nd, R E Kittson; best six beets, Arthur Bros; best cabbages, Thomas McNeeley, 2nd, Thos McNeeley; best cauliflowers, William Arthur; best cucumbers, J Reece, 2nd, Jubilee ranch; best twelve tomatoes, J Reece, 2nd, William Arthur; best two squashes, A C Wells, 2nd, J Reece; best two vegetable marrows, J Reece, 2nd, H N Rich; best two muskmelons, John McKee, sr, 2nd, John McKee, sr; best quart string beans, green, H N Rich, 2nd, Thomas McNeeley; best six bunches celery, John Scott; best twelve head table corn, Jubilee ranch, 2nd, Thomas McNeeley; best citrons, C Bleadlestone, 2nd, John McKee.

FIELD PRODUCE.—Fall wheat, best bushel, James Faulkner, 2nd, Henry Kipp; spring wheat, best bushel, John Kirkland, 2nd, William Arthur; chevalier barley, best bushel, E Greyell, 2nd, J Reece; rough barley, best bushel, Jno Kirkland, 2nd, Jubilee ranch; white oats, best bushel, C F Green, 2nd, J Tamborine; best bushel black oats, Jubilee ranch, 2nd E Greyell; best bushel oats, new variety, C F Green, 2nd Jubilee ranch; best bushel field peas, any color, E Greyell, 2nd, Henry Kipp; best bushel beans, fit for cooking, John Scott, 2nd, Jubilee ranch; best sample hops, Barber Bros; best sample Timothy seed, John Scott, 2nd, Barber Bros; best Indian corn, field, J Reece; best bale of hay, Carl Leander; best early rose potatoes, H A Hicks, 2nd, S Elliott; best bushel early, any other variety, John Kirkland; best bushel burbank seedlings, Mrs Waddell, 2nd, J Reece; best bushel any late variety, James Faulkner, 2nd, William Arthur; best bushel white star, Jubilee ranch best bushel any new variety, John Kirkland, 2nd, John Kirkland; best three, varieties, H A Hicks; 2nd, William Arthur; best mangold wurtzel, long and red, J Reece, 2nd, Jno McKee; best mangold wurtzel, globe, William Arthur, 2nd, Thomas McNeeley; best sugar beets, William Arthur, 2nd, Arthur Bros; best carrots, long red, Thomas McNeeley, 2nd, E Greyell; best carrots, white, E Greyell, 2nd, J Reece; best Sweedish turnips, J Reece, 2nd, James Faulkner; best pumpkins, W B Skinner, 2nd, J Reece; best field cabbage, Thomas McNeeley.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Best set of iron harrows, provincial make, S Elliott; hammered horse shoes, S Elliott; fancy horse shoe, S Elliott; best display of horse shoes, S Elliott; best gentleman's leg boots, J L Waddell; 2nd, J L Waddell; best gentleman's lace boots, J L Waddell; best pair ladies' boots, J L Waddell; 2nd, J L Waddell; best pair boys' boots, J L Waddell; best honey dish, in comb, J Kirkland, 2nd, E Greyell; currant wine, Mrs Hutcherson; best salmon preserved in tins, E A Wadhams, 2nd, do, E A Wadhams; best assortment of preserved fruits, Mrs Hutcherson; stuffed birds or animals, Barber Bros.

FRUIT.—Best 12 Gravensteins, E Greyell, 2nd, H A Hicks; best other fall variety, E Greyell, 2nd, A C Wells; best russets, H Webb, 2nd, J Kirkland; best 22 other winter variety, J Kirkland, 2nd, C O'Brien; best varieties, 6 of each, J Kirkland, 2nd, Wm Arthur; best six varieties, 6 of each, E Greyell; fall variety, best, Thos McNeely, 2nd, John Kirkland; best winter variety, A Taylor, 2nd, C F Green; best three varieties pears, 6 of each, Wm Arthur, 2nd, John Kirkland; best plums, cooking, H Kirkland, 2nd, H A Hicks; best prunes, green, J Kirkland; best prunes, dry, W Arthur, 2nd, E Greyell; best crab apples, Arthur Bros.; best black currants, H A Hicks; best blackberries, J Kirkland, 2nd, H A Hicks; best collection fruit, E Greyell.

FLOWERS.—Best two geraniums in pots, Miss Parmiter, 2nd, Mrs Hutcherson; best fuchias, H J Kirkland, 2nd, Miss Parmiter; best any other, in pots, Miss Parmiter, 2nd, Mrs Hutcherson; best hanging basket, Mrs Hutcherson, 2nd, Mrs H N Rich; best collection of stocks, cut flowers, Mrs. Hutcherson, 2nd, Mrs H J Kirkland; best collection asters, Mrs Hutcherson, 2nd, Miss Parmiter; best collection zinnias, Mrs. Hutcherson, 2nd, Mrs H N Rich; best collection verbenas, Mrs H N Rich, 2nd, Mrs. Hutcherson; best collection pansies, double, Mrs Hutcherson, 2nd, Mrs H N Rich; best collection dahlias, single, Mrs Hutcherson, 2nd, Mrs Rich; best collection everlasting, Mrs Rich, 2nd, Mrs H J Kirkland; best bouquet, table, Mrs Rich, 2nd, Mrs Hutcherson; best bouquet, hand, Mrs H J Kirkland, 2nd Mrs Hutcherson; best floral ornament, Miss Parmiter; 2nd, Mrs Hutcherson.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—F G Strickland & Co., for person taking most prizes in Divisions A B, C and D, one Buford T & S, 14-inch plow, value, $25, John McKee, Sr; F G Strickland & Co., for person taking most prizes in Division H, one Maxwell Diamond Drag Harrow, 60 teeth, value, $25, J Reece; Thomas McNeely, for best Bull of any kind, cash, H D Benson; H T Reed & Co., for person taking most prizes in first nine classes in Division H, one grind stone (tread power attachment), value, $10, Jubilee Ranch; W H Ladner, for best exhibit of horses, mares, fillies and geldings, of one family (not less than six), cash, Paul Ladner; John McKee & Sons, for best six fat cattle, cash, John McKee, sr.; H D Benson, for best sucking colt, by Prince Charley, No. 514, Scotch Register, cash, D Stewart; H D Benson, for best sucking colt, by King Henry, cash, J D Pemberton; Vancouver *News-Advertiser*, best exhibit roll butter, cash, $7, R E Kittson; Vancouver *News-Advertiser*, for person taking first prize, Class 23, Division J, cash, $5, E Greyell; Vancouver *News-Advertiser*, for taking most prizes in Divisions A, B, C, D, and E, one copy (for each division) of the Weekly *News-Advertiser* for one year, value, each copy, $2, John McKee, sr.; Kennedy Bros,, for person taking most prizes in Division F, cash, $5, R E Kittson; Kennedy Bros., for person taking most prizes in first nine classes in Division H, DAILY COLUMBIAN one year, value, $8, J Reece; Kennedy Bros., for person taking most second prizes in Division F, WEEKLY COLUMBIAN for one year, value, $2, R E Kittson; H M Cunningham & Co., for person taking 1st prize, Class 3, Division F, one Clark's window flower holder, value, $5, Mrs Gowdy; J Kirkland, for stallion of any kind, cash, $10, H D Benson; Alex. Gilchrist, best specimen of handwriting (by any pupils of schools in the municipality), cash, $2, Katie Beadleston; 2nd, cash, Stonewall Watson.

LADIES' WORK.—Best arasine work, Miss Woodward, 2nd, Miss Woodward; best rick rack, Miss Woodward, 2nd, Miss Woodward; gentleman's slippers, Miss Woodward, 2nd, Miss Woodward; best pillow sham, Mrs. John Kirkland, 2nd, H. E. Hicks; best darned net, Mrs. A. E. Forrer; best fancy quilt, cotton, F. F. Raitt, 2nd, H. E. Falconer; best embroidery, cotton, Miss McKee, 2nd, Miss A. C. Falconer; best embroidery, silk, Miss Woodward, 2nd, Miss McKee; best ribbon work, Miss Woodward, 2nd, Miss Woodward; best slipper case, Miss Woodward; best etching, Miss McKee, 2nd, Miss Woodward; best crochet work, cotton, Mrs. Calvert, 2nd, Mrs. Falconer; best crochet wool shawl, Mrs. R. Alexander, 2nd, Mrs. H. E. Falconer; best crochet cotton lace, Mrs. W. H. Ladner, 2nd, Miss Faulkner; best twine brackets, Mrs. Calvert, 2nd, Mrs. Calvert; best table scarf, Miss Woodward, 2nd, Miss McKee; best knitted stockings, wool, Mrs. A. C. Wells, 2nd, Mrs. Waddell; best knitted socks, Mrs. A. C. Wells, 2nd, Mrs. Calvert; best knitted gloves, Mrs. A. C. Wells, 2nd, Mrs. A. C. Forrer; best knitted mits, Mrs. A. C. Forrer, 2nd, Mrs. A. C. Wells; best darned socks, Mrs. H. E. Falconer, 2nd, Miss Woodward; best hand sewing, Miss Woodward, 2nd, Mrs. Falconer; 2nd best tidy, worsted, Mrs. H. E. Hicks; best tidy, cotton, Mrs. C. F. Green, 2nd, Miss Lassiter; best silk tidy, Mrs. Waddell; best child's buggy rug, Mrs. A. E. Forrer; best floor mat, Mrs. F. F. Raitt, 2nd, Mrs. Waddell.

FINE ARTS.—Best water color painting, Miss Woodward, 2nd, Miss Woodward; best painting on satin, Mrs. H. E. Falconer, 2nd, Miss Woodward; best map drawing, plain, Stonewall Watson, 2nd, Halley Tingley.

SPIRITS OR HUMBUG.

A Strange Man Says and Does Strange Things, and Charges Them Up to the Shades.

Wednesday night a COLUMBIAN representative, accompanied by a friend, called upon Dr. Schelsinger at his rooms in a well-known Columbia street boarding house. This visit was at the earnest solicitation of the person above named, and not through any curiosity or excusable inquisitiveness on the part of the writer. The doctor does a little mild advertising and calls himself a "test medium" and "healer," and these are capable of translation into just what the mind of the subject of them chooses. Some call it humbug, rot, rubbish, nonsense, chicanery, legerdemain, and a blankety blank swindle, while others call it something not so bad, and others don't know what to call it. The reporter and his comrade were shown into the waiting room, the doctor being busy with other visitors. Some interesting scraps of the conversation going on between them, overheard involuntarily, were not of a reassuring kind. Some strong-minded gentleman was refusing to pay the bill and using language more emphatic than polite. Soon the audience chamber door was opened and the representative of the people entered in. The doctor is a great man for shaking hands, and gives the right arm plenty of muscular exercise in that way. He invited the visitors to be seated and then carefully explained that he was in direct communication with the other world and could tell anything his visitors wanted to know. During this conversation sundry subdued rappings, like a telegraph clicker with a bad cold, could be heard, and the doctor would stop now and again and say, "what is it, guide?" (he calls the invisible individual who does the tapping business "guide."). The "guide" would answer with a hurricane of taps and raps, to which the doctor nods his head and makes such remarks as, "Ah!" "oh, yes," "indeed, is that so?" "well, all right"—like a person speaking through the telephone. The doctor began operations by having one of his visitors write out a number of names of persons living and dead, and also the name of the writer himself. These names were cut from the sheet, folded up and thrown into a hat, which was vigorously shaken; then the doctor, all the time asking questions about the names, took the slips from the hat and requested the spirit to tell him which was the writer's name, and which were dead and which living. Sometimes the doctor hit it rightly, and his guesses were very clever, but sometimes he was badly off. After a good deal of this kind of thing, during which his auditors were not at all impressed with either surprise or admiration, the doctor's face suddenly shrivelled up in a horrible manner, like the countenance of a man who has taken a bite of a lemon, or bitten the end of his tongue; his head sank down between his shoulders and strong spasms shook his frame; then, grabbing a hand of each of the visitors he began a strange kind of monologue, something in the form of an incantation. This lasted some minutes during which he had hauled both his unfortunate auditors to their feet and jerked them back and forward a number of times. At length the "fit" was off and the old gentleman, with all the worst symptoms of a man about to sneeze, came to. A harangue on the tobacco habit and its evils concluded the seance and his visitors took their leave, one of them at least having his ideas of spiritualism more strongly confirmed and feeling more assured than ever that the whole thing is an impudent piece of humbug.

The customs authorities at Montreal are investigating a new smuggling case. They have seized a yacht and some twenty-two barrels of whiskey at Point Levis. Five men in the vessel ran away on the approach of the officers.

A Mr. Moffitt of Carthage, Ill., has been notified that he is heir to one-fifth of $40,000,000,

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The action of the meeting of the provincial agricultural association last Friday night, in deciding to hold the next annual exhibition also in this city, has occasioned some discussion in various quarters and the propriety of the action is even affected to be called in question by a few. It was Victoria's turn, say these tender hearted and ultra-honorable (if such a thing could be) people, and Westminster has taken a bite off her island sister's apple. Oh, dear! Poor, down-trodden Victoria! The spectacle is almost mirth-provoking, if it were not also a little bit significant, and, perhaps, prophetic. Just imagine, the old Royal City, which for all these years has been accustomed to be uniformly sat upon, snubbed, defrauded, given cold crow, so to speak, for breakfast, dinner and supper, and a shake-down in the garret over night; just imagine, we say, this same meek and mild "comporosity" putting in its thumb and pulling out a plum (Victoria's plum) and exclaiming, "Oh, what a smart boy am I!" Then look at the ultra-honorables (some of them mainlanders, too) crying "Stop thief!" and say if the "smart boy," startled at his own temerity and the hysterical voice of his accusers, will drop the plum, like a hot spud, and stammer, "I didn't mean ter." Not much; the "smart boy" has been taking elixir the last few years, and is getting precocious in his old age. Turn about is only fair play. Besides, there is no larceny involved, as the ultra-honorables would have us believe, in the rape of the plum. It was for the good of the plum as well as of the "smart boy" that the transference was made in this instance. If poor old Victoria has got so decrepit that it cannot look out for its own interests any more, it deserves to lose what it hasn't got spunk and gumption enough to hold and improve. We commend the picture crudely outlined above to the versatile lecturer and caricaturist of *Grip*, now in our midst. To drop figures of speech: Westminster did perfectly right in using her utmost endeavors (which were successful) to have the next annual show held in this city, as the last one was. This is where the exhibition can be made most successful as a truly provincial affair. The people of the Royal City have shown that they thoroughly appreciate this fact, and that they can and will make the annual provincial show a grand and perfect success on every occasion. In no other place in the province are the conditions nearly so favorable for success, and for the educing of the greatest good to the greatest possible number. These considerations, apart from a sectional view of the case, should entitle Westminster to be confirmed in the permanent holding of the provincial exhibition and in receiving the annual grant for that purpose. We would not say, however, that the island should not have a separate show, with government assistance. We believe it should. But it is too much like the mountain going to Mahomet for the mainland to continue to attempt to attend a provincial exhibition held at Victoria every other year, and the Royal City deserves praise instead of censure for having had the courage to fracture a moss-grown amulet and get out of an obsolete rut. Whatever the upshot may be—whether the present rather inconsiderable annual government grant of $1,000 will be divided between the mainland and the island or not—whether there shall continue to be a provincial show in name—one thing is certain, a grand annual show, which will be "provincial" in reality, will continue to be held on the mainland, and the Royal City is the place, *par excellence*, to hold it.

A correspondent whose letter we printed in our Saturday's issue spoke in rapturous terms of the wonderful size of the fruit displayed at the provincial exhibition held in the Queen's park last week. The praise was well deserved, although to an outside reader it might appear extravagant. We have seen, and therefore believe; but it is not very remarkable if persons who read the accounts through the press, of the colossal size and marvellous flavor of the fruit of British Columbia, but have never had the opportunity of proving the trustworthiness of accounts which must appear exaggerated, smile incredulously. That the district of New Westminster is capable of raising immense quantities of fruit, as good as any in the world probably, is beyond question, and the knowledge of this fact should result in a great and lasting source of wealth. Years ago, Mr. Gladstone, speaking to his tenantry, advised them to turn their attention to the cultivation of fruit. At the time the great statesman was laughed at for proposing a scheme which the so-called agricultural authorities regarded as the idea of an enthusiastic amateur, or else the mere talk of a landlord hard pressed for something to say to a disheartened community, suffering from a series of bad grain crops. But time has proved Mr. Gladstone's advice to be wholesome, and small fruit farms are beginning to be looked upon as a good investment. All over the old country they are springing up, and in the county of Kent, more particularly, miles upon miles of glass houses have this summer been erected. The Fruiterers' Company, of the city of London, recently offered a prize for the best essay on fruit culture, and the three judges appointed to decide the award were men pre-eminent for their expert knowledge of the subject treated. They were Mr. Rivers, who first made the cultivation of dwarf fruit trees a successful business; Mr. Barrow, who is the head of the world-renowned Chiswick gardens, and Shirly Hibbard, to praise whom would merely be to gild refined gold. That an antiquated guild like the Fruiterers' Company should at last have awakened to its duty and gone to work to help an industry it was founded to assist, but which it has so long neglected, is proof positive of an awakened and widespread public interest in the cultivation of fruit. These three judges, whilst agreed that wild or virgin ground will do to plant trees, are of opinion that no soil is better suited for orchard purposes than that which has been in cultivation for years. We may, therefore, assume that, as yet, British Columbia has merely produced a comparatively poor display of fruit, and that, as the earth is brought more into cultivation, the fruit will assume larger size and fuller flavor. Already this province is second to none for its fruit, but if Messrs. Rivers, Barrow and Hibbard are to be believed, the marvellous apples, pears, peaches, and what not, we have beheld quite recently, are merely dwarfs to those which will be grown when our farms have been a few years under systematic cultivation. Such a prospect is very gratifying to those of us (and who does not?) who love this fair country of ours. At last something has been done to take our light from under the bushel, and if only the good move made by sending exhibits to Toronto is followed up, and no opportunity lost of sending specimens of our almost miraculous productions far and wide across the length and breadth of the American continent, and beyond the seas to the countries of the old world, for exhibition, the result will be without doubt an increased knowledge and appreciation of our Eldorado, an influx of sinew and muscle, and a flowing in of capital, and, in the not far distant future, new industries springing from the canning and preserving of fruit will rival the enterprising activity of the salmon canneries, which are a legitimate source of pride to every British Columbian.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The latest difficulty that has presented itself to the promoters of the World's Fair of 1892 is connected with the operation of the contract labor law, which, as it stands, will prevent the importation of the numerous laborers and artisans who will be employed by the foreign exhibitors, and even of foreign salesmen, clerks, cashiers, etc. It has been suggested that the law should be amended to cover the case, but it is feared that such a step would arouse the indignation of the home labor element. In the meantime New York and Chicago continue to press their respective claims to the honor of holding the exhibition, while in New York there is a pretty quarrel over the proposed site in that city.

A heart trust, or a lover's trust, has been organized in Baltimore, Maryland. It is a secret organization, the object being to protect its members from hasty or ill-advised marriages. As soon as a member feels that he is falling in love he is pledged to make the fact known to the organization, when a committee is specially appointed to investigate the matter and advise him. All of which may be done very well in Baltimore, but out in this section it would not work. A Westminster belle has a fellow over head and ears in love before he knows what ails him. She don't give him a chance to let any club know that he 'feels that he is falling in love" until he is there, fast and sure, beyond the reach of investigation or advice.

The peculiar qualities inseparable from journalistic success is one of those things which no fellow can understand. The Daily *Graphic* of New York has suspended publication after a varying fortune of seventeen years. The *Graphic* was started in 1873 as the only illustrated daily paper in the world on a ready money capital of $500,000, and patents on process work which practically gave it a monopoly. Capable and successful journalists were employed, and the paper was sold at the low rate of five cents a copy. The *Graphic* however, was never able to secure itself on a solid foundation. Establishing newspapers, concludes the New York *World*, is like opening mines. For every bonanza there are hundreds of sink-holes into which money may be poured to any extent without the least chance of getting any of it out again.

A physician of Stockton, Cal., has discovered a new and very singularly applied treatment for consumption, which, so far as tried, is working wonders. Iodine and carbolic acid are mixed in about equal parts. A teaspoonful of the mixture, with three or four drops of glycerine added, is put into a syringe especially prepared for the purpose, having a long hollow needle, somewhat longer than the needle of a hypodermic syringe. This needle is stuck through the wall of the chest and into the lung at the sore spot, and the liquid is injected into the sore. The acid, being an insecticide, kills the microbes, and the iodine acts also as a disinfectant, while the glycerine has a soothing effect. But the main point is the killing of the microbes, after which nature is the chief agent of restoration. The good effects of this remedy are said to be well attested.

The action of the Protestant committee of the Quebec council of public instruction in relation to the $60,000 voted to it to balance the Jesuit grant has been somewhat misunderstood in Ontario. The committee offers to accept the money "on condition that the trust be restored," and that the government allow the committee control of the principal as well as the interest. The trust referred to is the result of the sale of the Jesuit property. According to the Jesuit estates act the legislature, after the sale of the property, can do as it pleases with the money; in fact, can divert it from the purpose to which it was to have been applied—education. The Protestant committee says practically: —"Grant the Jesuits $400,000 out of the public funds and give us $60,000 for education out of the same funds if you will, but leave the proceeds of the estates that are to go to education untouched."—*Mail.*

A Victoria Opinion.

The Victoria *Times* of Saturday last, speaking of the provincial exhibition, says: The exhibition was brought to a successful termination on Friday night. The weather on the last two days could not have been more favorable, and the attendance was very large. The visitors came from Vancouver by special excursion trains in hundreds and from every point on the river. Victoria and Vancouver Island generally, no doubt on account of the distance, and expense and time involved making the journey, were not well represented. This is unfortunate for several reasons. The "mainlanders" took advantage of it to prove that the "islanders" had not the cause of agriculture, etc., really at heart, and therefore the "provincial" in future ought to remain permanently at New Westminster, the centre of the farming interest. This feeling was very generally expressed by the citizens of Westminster and by not a few of the most enterprising farmers of Chilliwack and the Delta district, who, although admitting the existence of an unwritten law that provided for the holding of the show alternately on the mainland and island, subject, of course, to a vote of the members, were of the opinion that the time had arrived for New Westminster to assert its claim to the "provincial" as its exclusive property. The splendid enterprise of the citizens in erecting buildings and in preparing grounds, all in the course of a few months, was pointed to with satisfaction, and the credit of possessing the most suitable structures for such a purpose unquestionably must be given to the royal city. These considerations, assisted to some extent by the spirit of sectionalism or antagonism, which cannot be ignored, was the cause of the summary disruption of the bond at the annual meeting last night. Perhaps, on the whole it will result in good to both sections. It is needless to particularize in the various departments. The exhibition on the whole, was an unqualified success. The show of horses and cattle was the best we have seen in the province, while fruits and roots were not inferior, if indeed they did not surpass the displays in the same line at Victoria last year.

Illicit Dealings.

Recent reports from the north disclose an alarming increase in the illicit business of supplying liquor to Indians. The offenders are whites, whose mode of operations is to steal into shore in their sloops with barrels of fire water. A few days ago a sloop manned by several white men was confiscated at Alert Bay and the men were on trial at the time our informant left there. North of Cape Mudge the traffic in whisky is carried on to an alarming extent; but south of that a commendable vigilance has reduced it to a minimum.—*Times.*

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

VICTORIA NEWS.

A Tale of the Sea.—The Norcross Picks up a Ship's Crew.—The Carpenters' Strike.

Special to THE COLUMBIAN.

VICTORIA, Oct. 8.—The carpenters in the city are all on strike, causing a general cessation of building operations. The men demand that 9 hours shall constitute a day's work. The demand will probably be granted and work resumed to-morrow.

The British bark Norcross arrived Sunday, 147 days from England, consigned to Turner, Beeton & Co. On Aug. 7 in lat. 48, south long. 78, west, she picked up the crew of the American ship Wm. McGilveary, Capt. Dunbar, which had just been abandoned. The McGilveary belonged to Searsport, Maine, and was bound from Pisagna, Peru, to New York with 1,700 tons of nitrate. The vessel became leaky, and the crew pumped continuously for 11 days, but could not keep her clear of water. The captain and crew were picked up immediately after abandoning their ship, which foundered. Eight of the crew were afterwards transferred to the British ship Indian Empire, bound from Iquiqui to London. The rest were brought here. Capt. Dunbar and the crew saved nothing but the clothes they stood in.

This issue of the WEEKLY COLUMBIAN, containing as it does the fullest report of the late provincial exhibition in this city, as well as lots of other interesting matter, is a splendid number to send abroad to friends and others. A limited number of extra copies have been printed, and may be obtained at this office for 10 cents a copy.

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Beef, per 100 lbs. live weight	$ 4 00 @	4 50
Pork "	7 00 @	7 50
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Cabbage "	50 @	1 00
Onions "	1 00 @	1 50
Wheat "	1 50 @	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
Apples, per box	80 @	1 00
Hides (gr'n) per 100 lbs	4 00 @	6 00
" (dry) "	5 00 @	9 00
Wool, per lb	0 @	11

Meteorological Report for Week Ending Oct. 5, 1889.

	MAX.	MIN.	RAIN.
Sunday	59.0	54.0	1.25
Monday	57.0	50.0	1.01
Tuesday	56.0	50.0	.89
Wednesday	59.0	50.0	.66
Thursday	67.0	50.0	
Friday	71.0	50.0	
Saturday	66.0	49.0	

A. FEELE, Capt'n.

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E. H. FLETCHER,
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HEARTS OF OAK.

A Visit to H.M.S. Icarus. A Floating Battery. Jolly Tars and Perfect Discipline.

Much interest has been felt in and curiosity bestowed upon the two fine little ships of war iately at anchor off our docks, by the people of the royal city. Not to be behind hand when a question of inquisitiveness was to be settled, a representative of THE COLUMBIAN with that organ highly developed, borrowed a boat Saturday afternoon and rowed out to the ships. As the crews of the two vessels were busy storing sail, he, and whole boat loads of all ranks of city society, had to rest on their oars a few minutes. At last the final knot having been tied and rope neatly coiled up, permission was given the people to come aboard. Up the accommodation ladder they went, and each party as it reached the main deck was trotted off in charge of a blue jacket or officer. Having accomplished the ceremony of saluting the quarter-deck, the captain not being aboard, and all the chief officers being busy, the writer was taken in tow by a fine young sailor, and the first object presented for consideration was one of the five inch guns. This pretty little weapon is ten or twelve feet long, and a sight of the intricate mechanism of the breech is enough to give anyone but a watchmaker brain fever. The blue jacket obligingly threw open the breech with a few turns of the wrist and disclosed to view the bore of the gun, shining bright as polished silver and with rifling almost deep enough to lay the little finger in. The port out of which this pretty toy smiles engagingly is so constructed that the gun can be trained fore and aft and at any angle of depression or elevation. The gun works on a semi-circular track with all distances cut in the brass. At the top of the gun and alongside are the sights for guaging the speed of the enemy, also for giving the speed of the ship. These instruments are most delicately constructed and adjusted. The projectile is ponderous and the range tremendous. A row of the missiles is ranged neatly along the inner side of the bulwark, which is high enough to prevent the head of the tallest man from being seen from without. Climbing up to the quarter-deck several Jack tars were found sewing up rents in the signalling flags. The decks in all parts of the ship were clean enough to serve as tables, but the quarter-deck was immaculate, and the metal work shone again in the sunlight. Mounted on a strong iron standard at the starboard quarter aft was found the Nordenfeldt gun. The sailor carefully explained the method of construction and operation. At the breech of the gun is a kind of hopper magazine into which are pitched twenty cartridges; the operator seizes a handle projecting horizontally from the right side of the gun and can fire the cartridges as quickly as he pleases. The range is 4,000 yards and the bullets are rather smaller than hen eggs. The gun can be depressed to an almost perpendicular pitch for the benefit of boats attempting to board. It may be noted here that the board for uninvited guests on these ships is very poor, although served piping hot. The Nordenfeldt is held in high estimation in the navy as it completely supersedes the antiquated grape and canister A constant stream of heavy bullets can be kept up at a range where the best rifles are totally useless. Near by, under a mohogany cover, stood the Gardner gun, an even more delicate piece of mechanism than its co-partner in destruction, the Nordenfeldt. It is mainly constructed of brass and the interior arrangement of the breech is very complicated. A handle being turned, a loud clicking noise is heard, caused by the hammers striking the butts of the cartridges, and the machinery working that throws out the empty cartridge cases. The bore of the Gardner is about the same as a Snider rifle. This gun can, like the Nordenfeldt, be made to fire very rapidly, and the range is such that a Martini-Henry would be no better than a pea-shooter alongside of it. Needless to observe each piece and part of the gun shone like the inside of a new watch. When in action a long brass standard is elevated at right angles on top of the gun, on this is slipped the self-supplying magazine. Just behind the Gardner was the electric search light with a disc larger than a locomotive head light. The system of lighting is the arc, and the carbons are remarkably large and powerful. Objects four miles away can be distinguished on the darkest night, and the darker the night the better. Leaving the quarter deck, the steering gear was next inspected. The wheels are situated on the main deck under the forward projection of the orlop deck. All kinds of nautical scientific gauges and instruments are here found. Immediately behind the wheel house is the magazine with a notice overhead saying "Magazine Closed." In a little rack were noticed twenty huge navy revolvers for the use of the officers. These weapons were all firmly fastened down, possibly to prevent a repetition of the pranks of the Greek visitors aboard the squadron at Zante and Corfu a few years ago. The officers' quarters are still further aft, and, so far as could be seen, were sumptuously fitted up. Going down the companion hatch, in the wake of his guide the writer found himself 'tween decks. This is known as the lower deck and smelt strongly of grog, machine oil, tobacco and kindred perfumes. In the small, square, general room abaft the engines the rifles, cutlasses, revolvers and other small arms are kept. The gunners', artificers', engineers', boatswains' and officers' rooms were ranged all around this armory. A peep into the engine room disclosed half a dozen grimy engineers getting up steam. The engines are composite, double condensing, and for the size of the vessel are very powerful. The coal is ranged round the sides of the vessel in bunkers in the neighborhood of the engines, so that an enemy's shot striking there would stand a good chance of being stopped. Regaining the deck again and going forward, the quartermaster and his mates were found dealing out the day's rations. On a great block, cut and hacked all over with repeated taps of the meat axe, lay a quarter of beef. A burly marine, wielding a cleaver not unlike the blade of a miniature guillotine, knocked off smaller masses and these again were transformed into steaks and weighed carefully by an assistant. A number of the crew were weighing one of the anchors at the time, and it was like old times to the writer to watch them skipping around the capstan under the falcon glance of the bo'sun. Two more of the five inch guns peered in quisitively over the bows of the vessel and up aloft on the fore and main tops could be noted the arrangement for fitting the machine guns. The accommodation in the forecastle is not what it might be. This section of the ship is stuffy, although clean to a fault; but too small for the number of men occupying the space allotted them. Although most of the men were deeply engaged in chewing tobacco while attending to other and lighter duties, not a spot of dirt could be noted on the snowy deck. At various points are placed what are known in nautical parlance as spit-kids, and woe unto the man who misses his aim and strikes the deck instead. The crew of course always go bare foot aboard. Their nimbleness in the rigging is catlike and one man who happened to be coming down from aloft did so with the ease and agility of a monkey. They also step the boards with the noiseless grace of cats, and no noise save the hoarse commands bellowed by the bo'sun stout and his hardy mates can be heard. The Icarus is in her first commission, having been built at London in 1886. She is a good ship under sail, and can, on a good quarterly wind, make it decidedly hard racing for the best clippers afloat. The reporter was rather sorry to step over the side again into his gondola, but must admit that he saw longing glances of envy on the faces of not a few of the sailors toiling on the forecastle, seeming to say, "I wish I was in your place just now, young feller."

THE CHURCHES.

Summaries of Some of the City Sermons Spoken Sunday.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

At Olivet Baptist church Sunday evening, Rev. Thomas Baldwin discoursed on Matthew, 11 chap., 28 v.—"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He said:—This is the greatest invitation ever given in the universe, and it is given by the greatest personage, and involves more than any other except those parallel with it; and its provisions are the warmest love God ever gave to his creatures. To understand the text fully we must remember the circumstances under which He spoke. He had been thinking of John who had been sent of God to do the work and perform the ordinances of God, and He commends those who received him and his teaching, and in no measured terms condemns those who refused the gospel which He preached. He censures those who would not receive Him after seeing the wonderful works which were performed in their very midst; the secrets of their hearts are read out to them as from a book opened. My friends, you are responsible according to the light you have. If Sodom and Gomorrah, Tyre and Sidon had the light you have they would have turned long ago, and as He reviewed their neglect to obey, He thundered the awful judgment of the last day upon them. Then, as though love, the love of God, softened Him into tenderness, He says, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." This brings us to another thought. We have seen the person and the circumstances under which He spake, and we find in His words an acknowledgement that there is a burden. Men think they are free from the burden, but they are not, and somehow there is the thought of pilgrimage coupled with the idea of burden; we are on the go, we are bound to go, on, down, ever under the burden; man cannot stop, he has no control over himself to stand still in life, he comes and goes without his own control, and he feels the burden as he goes along, and Jesus sees man wants relief and He gives the antidote. Man is ever reaching out to gain some point, there appears ahead another condition to be entered into, a chasm to cross; then there is business, the family cares, these all wear upon him; then, where is the mother or father who does not sigh as they think upon the future of their sons and daughters. Jesus sees all this, and He comes and says, I will lengthen out your days, and He knits into our life a condition that shall live on. Eternal life, and He says, "Come unto me and I will bless you and be to yours all I have been to you." The reverend gentlemen pointed out to those Christians who had unrest because of neglect of duty that they would be the better to cast all their burden, cares and fears upon Jesus, and closed by reminding his hearers that the invitation was to the least of all, the most callous the most degraded, it was to the uttermost, "Come unto Me *all* ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Rev. Thos. Scouler preached Sunday night from Job. 13 c., 24 v.—"Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face?"—and spoke as follows: There is only one answer that can be given to this question. That is, sin causes God to hide His face. Sin is want of conformity to or transgression of the law of God. We sin sometimes ignorantly, we sin against light, we sin with a full knowledge that we are transgressing law, and we sin against love, thereby wounding the Savior by our transgression and sin. It is sin that causes God to hide His face. To enjoy the light of God's countenance we must come into harmony with His revealed will. The words of our text imply that God's people may enjoy the light of His countenance. This is truly wonderful, that a sinful worm of the dust should enjoy God's favor and bask in the sunshine of His countenance. The scriptures speak of God as high and lifted up and as dwelling in the high and holy place; yet we may enjoy the light of this Holy Being's countenance and live in the sunshine of His favor. The old testament saints enjoyed this favor, but it is our privilege to come into a closer relation to God than that which they enjoyed. But His people sin and cause Him sometimes to withdraw the light of His countenance. God does this in various ways: One way is by removing from His people the ordinances of His grace, when these ordinances are not appreciated or improved. This has been done. God, speaking through one of his prophets to His ancient people, said: "Behold the days come that I will cause a famine in the land, not a famine of bread and of water, but a famine of hearing the word." In the days of Samuel, we are told that "the word of the Lord was precious." This has been the case with people since that time; it was so before the Reformation, and it is so to-day in many parts of the world, and even in the large cities and outlying districts of America and of our own Dominion. But we have the light, and let us make a proper use of it, lest it be withdrawn. Another way in which God hides His face is when He allows the means of grace to continue but is not present in them. What would these ordinances be without the Spirit? They would be the mere form—the shell without the kernel But if his people do not care whether He shall thus come, or if they come into His house in an indifferent manner, need they wonder if He should hide His face and withdraw the light of His countenace? Now, whilst God may hide His face from His people, for their sins, He shall not do it forever. The mountains may depart, but his loving-kindness will He not utterly take from His people. So then, brethren, if this is your condition, you are not to abandon your faith in God, but forsake the sin, which has been the cause of God hiding His face, return unto Him, and He will abundantly pardon you and receive you again into his favor and into the light of his countenance.

CITY COUNCIL.

The council met at 8 o'clock Monday night for the transaction of business. Present—Aldermen Calbick, Curtis, Ewen, 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 Robt. Beaven, Victoria, returning thanks for invitation to be present at the opening of the provincial exhibition and regretting absence. Received and filed.

From G. W. Anderson, Saanich, thanking council for invitation to the exhibition. Received and filed.

Chief of Spokane Falls fire department, returning thanks for invitation to exhibition. Received and filed.

Chief of police, calling attention to a dangerous spot on Clement street, and another at the Methodist church. Referred to board of works with power to act.

W. Wood, applying for position of care taker of the park. Referred to park committee to report on at next meeting.

His worship reported that he had received a very nice letter from Mr. Nelson Bennett thanking the council for their invitation, and regretting his inability to be present.

J. T. Fanning, saying that plans and reports for the water works were being forwarded by mail. Received and filed.

Thomas Binnie, resigning his position of superintendent of works. Received.

Ald. Jaques said he thought Mr. Binnie's services were no longer required, and he moved that the resignation be received.

Ald. Cunningham said he had only admiration for the earnestness and devotion to his work which Mr. Binnie had displayed. After further encomiums upon Mr. Binnie's faithfulness, Ald. Jaques withdrew his motion and also spoke highly in praise of Mr. Binnie.

Moved by Ald. Cunningham and seconded by Ald. Jaques, that the resignation of Mr. Thomas Binnie be accepted, and that the thanks of this council be tendered Mr. Binnie for the earnest and efficient services which he had rendered in grading and preparing Queen's park for the exhibition, and also for efficient services in the streets.

From J. T. Fraser, applying for a position on the police force. Received and filed.

J. M. Whiteside, asking for confirmation of his position as care taker of the park. Received, and referred to the park committee to report.

L. Thornber, asking permission to lay building material on Douglas st. Granted subject to the usual conditions.

Patrick Feeny, stating that his fence is falling in on account of street work going on, and warning the council that he will hold them responsible for all damage done by this means. Received and filed.

Ald. Jaques said it would be an everlasting source of trouble if they started in to remedy this matter now. He said $2,500 would not cover the damage that has been done to his property, and yet he never raised a fuss about it. He would oppose any motion to fix up any private property at public expense.

Jas. Johnson, asking for street lines on the corner of Brown and Douglas streets. Referred to board of works with power to act.

Davie & Bodwell, applying for payment of $150 for the use of flags obtained from T. Gorrie, of Victoria. Received.

Ald. Curtis thought the city ought to pay the freight at least.

His worship explained why the flags had been returned.

Ald. Jaques said he was not present at the time, but he fully endorsed the action of the council in sending them back.

Ald. Cunningham said he would not consent to the payment of one dollar more than the freight.

On motion the clerk was instructed to inform the solicitors that the council will pay the actual freight charges and no more.

Blackmer & Post, St. Louis, recommending their make of pipes for the water works. Referred to the water committee.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were ordered paid: R. Watson, $10.75; Jas. D. Rae, $4.80: Jas. Leamy, $15.50. J. M. Wise, $22.00; W. E. Dickinson, 75 cts.; R. Jamieson, $35; tug Buzz, $10.00; *B. C. Gazette*, $13.00; W. D. Ferris, $15.00; S. E. Stickney, $1.00; Gilley Bros., $146.25; Ackerman Bros., $1,674.00; H. Morey, $4 60.

Ald. Shiles reported for the health committee that James Burns had taken out a license as city scavenger.

Ald. McPhaden moved, seconded by Ald. Shiles, that the bonds for the city scavenger be placed at $25 per annum. Carried.

The finance committee handed in their financial statement. It was read by the clerk and received.

A. E. Wilmot presented a written report on the survey of the Coquitlam district for the water works. Referred to the water works committee.

His worship said that the council had promised Mr. W. N. Bole on his retirement from the position of police magistrate an embosssd testimonial. But this had never been done. The mayor and clerk were instructed to prepare such a testimonial.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Communications left over from last meeting were first taken up.

From Jas. Connor, applying for position as park keeper. Referred to park committee.

Edward Whyman, asking same appointment, took the same course as preceding.

W. T. Cooksley, asking an increase of salary.

Ald. Jaques said he considered Mr. Cooksley had rendered first class service, and deserved an increase. His worship said Mr. Cooksley had proved himself a faithful and efficient servant, and his request was only reasonable. Moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Ald. Jaques, that the request of W. T. Cooksley be granted. Carried.

From the mayor of Vancouver, inviting the mayor and council to attend the reception to be given the governor-general at Vancouver. On motion the invitation was received with thanks, and the clerk was instructed to reply.

On motion council went into committee of the whole on the trades license bylaw, Ald. Curtis in the chair. The bylaw was read by clauses. When the clause referring to the assessment of barristers was reached, the fun began, the ball being opened by Ald. Jaques. He said he could not see why lawyers should be exempted from licenses and taxation any more than anybody else. The lawyers in this town had formed a combine, a ring in fact, and they thought they could do pretty much as they pleased. But he could not for the life of him see why they should not pay their licenses as well as honest men. Ald. Jaques made a severe onslaught upon the morals of the lawyers and summed them up as a bad, mean lot.

Ald. Cunningham said it was notorious that lawyers coming from any part of the British dominions had to undergo twelve months' tutelage under a miserable pettifogger here. The lawyers ought to be compelled to pay taxes just the same as honest people had to do.

Ald. Jaques again rose and said the lawyers in this province had ridden rough-shod over the people long enough, but the time was coming when we should have honest lawyers—paradoxical as that term may sound—honest lawyers in this province. And the time was also coming when there would be fewer lawyers in the legislative assembly of British Columbia to meddle and intrigue. The lawyers were getting a hanged sight too "sassy" around here; and we weren't going to have them throwing up threats of law-suits in our face just because a little bit of rotten sidewalk stuck out six inches, as lawyer Bole did a while ago. No, he would advocate socking it to the lawyers just the same as to honest people that had to work for their living. A very animated and somewhat lengthy discussion on this clause was taken part in by nearly all at the board. The legal faternity came in for a full share of the aldermanic wrath and contempt.

The report of the committee that the bylaw had passed with amendments was adopted.

On motion, the bylaw was read a third time by title and was passed as read, and it was ordered that the bylaw receive the usual seals, signatures and publication in the *B. C. Gazette*. The clerk was instructed to proceed with the collection of those licenses.

Ald. McPhaden asked for further time to report on the street naming and numbering bylaw. Granted.

The water lease bylaw was tabled for another week.

The water commissioners bylaw shared the same fate.

During the discussion on the proposed Royal avenue boulevard, a severe altercation took place between Ald. Jaques, Cunningham and Shiles. Ald. Jaques accused Ald. Cunningham of something which the latter indignantly repudiated as untrue. Ald. Shiles made some reflections on the Park lane sidewalk and about water running up hill. These remarks brought Ald. Jaques to his feet and a most sarcastic speech to his lips. On his worship attempting to remonstrate, Ald. Jaques cried out, "No, it's my turn now, he (Ald. Shiles) has been shooting off his horn hard enough at me, and I'm going to shoot off mine."

His worship immediately and sternly called the alderman to order, and said he would not allow such language to be used in this council chamber. All the aldermen around the board seemed disgusted with the puerile squabbling and objectionable language that were emanating from Ald. Jaques' corner, and several expressed themselves to that effect. The plan of the proposed Royal avenue boulevard was submitted and on motion adopted.

Ald. Jaques said that Mr. H. V. Edmonds was complaining that Siwashes of both sexs assembled regularly among the bushes in front of his residence to drink whiskey, to the annoyance of all beholders. Mr. Edmonds' request, which was read by Ald. Jaques, was referred to the police committee with power to act.

Ald. Curtis said action ought at once to be taken on the question of the disposal of city prisoners. He recommended the erection of a temporary prison at Queen's park and the employment of the chain gang on the grounds. This met with the opposition of the entire council and the matter was referred to the police committee see what could be done.

NEW BUSINESS—RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Ald. Jaques seconded by Ald. Reid, that the collector be instructed to proceed to levy for all tax arrears with costs. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Shiles, seconded by Ald. Calbick, that the board of works be instructed to hire men and teams and improve Fife street and repair Merivale street at the corner of Agnes street. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Ald. Ewen, that the clerk be instructed to convey to Admiral Heneage, the thanks of this council for his kindness in sending two of Her Majesty's ships to participate in our annual celebration. Carried.

On motion the finance committee was instructed to have the exhibition building insured at once.

Moved by Ald. Calbick, seconded by Ald. Reid, that the clerk be instructed to communicate with Mrs. Brighouse, T. L. Briggs and A. M. Herring and ask permission to take earth from their premises on Agnes st. to be used for street purposes. Carried.

The board of works was instructed to complete the sidewalk on the east side of Mary street from the Post Office to Agnes street.

The police committee were instructed to enquire into the complaint of Mr. H. V. Edmonds, of Indians consuming intoxicating liquors in front of his residence.

On motion the finance committee was instructed to make arrangements to sell by public auction lot 17, block 7, surburban.

The clerk was instructed to consult with Mr. Douglas respecting proposed by-law to run an electric street railway.

The board of works was instructed to enquire into the question of the drain on Holbrook street.

Council adjourned at a late hour, but a group of aldermen gathered in the centre aisle eagerly discussing various matters municipal until a still later hour.

Mr. W. A. Robertson returned from Queen Charlotte Islands this morning on the steamer Sardonyx. Mr. Robertson says the reports of coal claims in which he is interested turning out well are quite true. The seam is about 22 feet in thickness. He has been principally engaged during the summer in making a trail and rendering the mine accessible from the coast. The summer at Queen Charlotte Islands has been stormy and the "skil" fisheries have not been completely successful in consequence. — *Saturday's Times.*

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Yarmouth.

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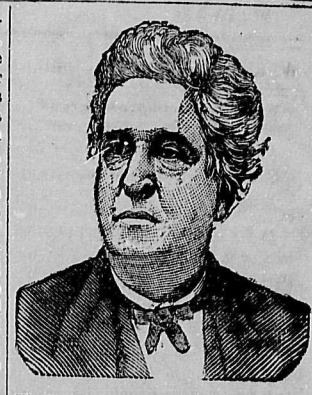

THE LATE PROF. PHELPS.

The above is a portrait of the late Prof. Edward E. Phelps, M. D., L. L. D., of Dartmouth college. He was a strong, able man, who stood high in the literary and scientific worlds. It is not generally known, but it is, nevertheless, the truth, that Prof. Phelps was the discoverer of what is known to the medical profession and chemists universally as Paine's Celery Compound, unquestionably one of the most valuable discoveries of this century. This remarkable compound is not a nervine, an essence, a sarsaparilla or any devised article, but a *discovery*, and it marks a distinct step in medical practice and the treatment of nervous complications. It has been freely admitted by the best medical talent in the land, and also by the leading chemists and scientists, that for nerve troubles, nervous exhaustion, insomnia, debility, senility and even the dreaded and terrible Paresis, nothing has ever been discovered which reaches the disorder and restores health equal to this discovery of Prof. Phelps.

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WEEKLY BRITISH COLUMBIAN

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 9, 1889.

(*From Daily Columbian, Oct. 2.*)

Senator McInnes arrived in the city yesterday, and is attending the exhibition.

Mr. Fraser, treasurer of the celebration fund, has received two more subscriptions to the fund, Van Volkenburg Bros., $10, and Jas. Punch, $50.

E. L. Kirkland, government assessor, is busily engaged on the revision of the assessment roll and the officials of the land office have got work cut out for them early and late on this arduous undertaking.

Engine No. 358, D. Morton, driver, ran into a cariboo on the track west of Sicamous and broke its leg. The train was stopped to remove the obstruction and the carcase was brought into town.—*Kootenay Star.*

Mr. W. D. Ferris has been requested by the directors of the Royal Columbian hospital to solicit subscriptions towards that institution. The directors have been put to great expense in building the new hospital, and they now hope the public will assist them in furnishing the same.

The young woman who recently came to this city from Toronto, with the object of marrying a well-known, full-blooded Celestial, has returned fully compensated for her long trip and the marriage is now off. The girl was accompanied by her brother, who it appears played the part of "I'll tell my big brother" with success. It is just as well that the affair terminated as it did: yet some of the knowing ones believe a marriage should have been consummated.—*Vic. Time.*

A Good Appointment.

Mr. John S. Clute, the popular collector of customs for this port has been appointed acting inspector of customs for District No. 7, British Columbia, and will discharge the duties of both offices in future, with an increased salary of course. The fact of this appointment has been intimated before, but Mr. Clute just received the official notification from Ottawa last night. We congratulate Mr. Clute on his accession to increased responsibilities, honors, and salary, and the government upon securing an able and efficient officer for so important a position.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

A Brakesman Named Montgomery Makes a Fatal Mis-step and is Run over by a Locomotive.

While engine No. 96, of the local passenger service, was performing the usual shunting this morning, one of the brakesmen, named William Montgomery, was accidentally run over and both his legs mangled into a shapeless mass. The engine was moving slowly towards him and he attempted, as usual, to step onto the foot board running around the cow-catcher, but his foot slipped on the wet board and he fell, his legs being instantly crushed by the first truck wheels. The engineer brought the locomotive to a standstill almost instantly, but it was impossible to stop it in time to prevent the accident. Besides the loss of his legs, Montgomery was badly injured about the head and body. Dr. Fagan, Dr. I. M. McLean and Dr. De Wolf Smith were immediately summoned, and the poor fellow was carefully attended to and all that medical science could do was done to relieve him. The doctors entertain strong hopes for his recovery as he is a young man of fine physique. The crushed limbs were amputated later in the day. Montgomery is a brother-in-law of Conductor Trodden, and the accident he has met with is deeply regretted by his many friends, and the travelling public generally, with whom he was a great favorite.

LATER.

Montgomery died at noon to-day from the effects of his injuries, not having vitality enough to endure the operation. The sad event cast quite a gloom over to-day's proceedings.

An inquest will be held on the body to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the city hall.

Alice Downie.

The Victoria lady who gave premature birth to a baby-girl in the Pullman from the east, on Sunday, is doing very nicely, and all fears for her condition are over. To Senator McInnes and Mr. Wm. Downie, assistant superintendent C. P. R., she is indebted for very great kindness, which do credit alike to their heads and hearts. Mr. Downie was especially indefatigable, and in recognition of his goodness the child has been named Alice Downie. If she proves to be half as good a woman as he is a man, then the proud parents will have no reason to regret the inconvenience at present caused them.—*World.*

Probably Lost.

Four young men went to Nanaimo lake on a hunting expedition a few days ago. Friday they went out on the lake, when the boat, through some unexplained accident, capsized. Dixon, Sabiston and Marshall, after a hard struggle, reached the shore, but the other man, Hugh Sowden, sank. The men say that after the boat upset they neither saw or heard Sowden, and did not see him sink. They thought it possible he might have reached shore in another direction, but that evening and next morning not seeing anything of him they thought beyond doubt he was drowned. A search party have left Nanaimo for Nanaimo lake to find Sowden dead or alive. Sowden was an exceptionally fine young man of 26 years of age. He took an active part in athletic sports being a member of the Nanaimo athletic and cricket clubs. —*Times.*

(*From Daily Columbian, Oct. 3.*)

The orderly behavior of the blue jackets and soldiery has caused much satisfaction.

The ships of war were gaily bedizened with bunting to-day, and looked very pretty.

It is estimated that between six and seven thousand people were in the grounds and building this afternoon, at one time.

The lacrosse match this afternoon was watched by an immense concourse and was won by Westminster, 3 goals to Vancouver's 1.

Eight people were drowned at Port Burwell, Ont., yesterday, by the capsizing of the schooner Erie Wave in a gale on Lake Erie.

Sabbath quiet reigned supreme in the streets this afternoon, on account of the civic holiday and the crowds having all gone to the fair grounds.

On Sunday night a hotel robbery took place in Nanaimo which was exactly similar in its details to the one at the Dominion House, in Victoria, only the night before.

Constable Hawkins, of Hamilton, Ont., who shot the lunatic Douglas in a boarding house last week, is to be arraigned at the assizes now in progress, charged with murder.

The steamer Louise left this morning for Victoria, having on board 120 hogs, 2 horses, 140 bales of hay and a large quantity of farm produce. The passenger list was up to the average.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson, having concluded to give up the position of steward and matron, which they held at the Nanaimo hospital for nearly two years, sent in their resignation on Monday last.

One plain and unadorned drunk, who had been transferred from the busy streets to the sweet seclusion of the station, in a state of extreme fullness, was bailed out to-day. There was no police court this morning, as the day is a civic holiday.

Chief Pearce this afternoon, about 1:30, raided a tent inside the exhibition grounds and bagged 24 bottles of whiskey and other liquors. This is a pretty fair sample of the kind of "cheek" that flourishes inside the city limits. The liquorists will be summoned immediately.

The ratepayers of the "black diamond city" are death on loan by-laws for any amount whatever. The by-law to enable the corporation to borrow $12.000, for the purpose of filling in the Bastion street ravine and dispensing with an unsafe bridge, was defeated on Tuesday, the 1st inst., by 18 votes.

At the last meeting of the C. O. O. F., M. U., Pioneer Lodge No. 23, the following officers were elected: Bro. Levi, N. G.; Bro. Harling, V. G.; Bro. Donnelly, Secy.; Bro. W. Clinton, Nar.; Bro. Perkins, Con.; Bro. Huff, T. G.; R. Morey, R. S. N. G.; Bro. Wm. Vianen, L. S. N. G.; Bro. J. Buie, T. M.; Bro. J. K. Suter, Treas.

The bark J. B. Peters arrived at Port Townsend on Saturday from Oonalaska, having on board 7000 pounds of whalebone. The whalebone was brought from the Arctic regions, where it was taken from the whaling fleet, now ice-bound, by the revenue cutter Bear and subsequently to the J. D. Peters. It is said that the whaling fleet is in no danger.

Enquiries are rife as to why the bluejackets, marines and marine artillery were not invited to take part in the procession this morning. It was certainly an oversight on somebody's part. No doubt small detachments of the above arms of the service, in heavy marching order, would have been sent to join the parade had the request been made. Their presence would have immensely enhanced the occasion.

En Fete.

The morning special from Vancouver brought over a very heavy load of passengers, and the appearance of the streets, with the sidewalks crowded, horsemen dashing hither and thither, bands playing, bag pipes skirling, flags flying, decorations, mottoes and all kinds of carnival finery enlivening the buildings, was in the highest degree inspiriting to those who have the weal of Westminster at heart. Committeemen, with anxiety stamped upon their brows, and badges on their manly bosoms, ploughed their hurried way through the throng. Here and there the smart looking marines and marine artillerymen and blue jackets pleasingly diversified the mass of tweeds and broadcloth. Many people from the district were noted in the crowd and all seemed in high spirits and well pleased with everything.

The Weather.

It was worth while "turning out" this morning at 5 o'clock, just to see the sun rise. Not for many a long day has such a magnificent dawn been witnessed here; the sun rose with all the gorgeous golden tints he alone is capable of. The presence of long, fleecy banks of grey clouds, which gradually assumed the splendors of coloring, in tints deepening through all the shades to definite color, rose, purple, gold, crimson, green, enhanced the scene materially. Those who remembered the old adage: "A bright sun in the morning is the shepherd's warning," trembled for the on coming day, but fortunately those forebodings were dissipated along with the clouds and mist, long before noon; no more desirable day could have been wished for. The genial sunshine seemed to impart its cheerful influence to every thing and everybody, besides drying up the mud.

A dastardly attempt to wreck a New York slaughter house, by throwing a bomb through a window, was made this morning. No lives lost. Damage extensive. Strikers suspected.

THE CELEBRATION.

Wednesday's Events, Particularly, and also Thursday's, Marred by the Wet Weather.

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The Grand Procession Proves a Magnificent Success and Delights the Multitude.

FIRST DAY---WEDNESDAY.

The carpenters and other artisans were busily engaged on the last strokes of their work when the crowd began to struggle through the main entrance to the grounds, with apologetic glances at the half-finished money taker's office. The doors of the great building were kept locked, and even the distinguished representatives of the press had almost to truckle and fawn upon the stubborn door keeper for admittance. The press-badge, which is an "open sesame" in nearly all parts of the universe, appeared to have no terrors for those Jasons, and one of them had the awful temerity to laugh the said badge to scorn and slam the door in the august face of its wearer. Fortunately the man was not apoplected on the spot as all expected, but he eventually allowed the quill-drivers to enter. C Battery band, stationed on an elevated platform beneath the central dome, poured forth sweet strains of music in a finished and masterly manner. Many of the exhibitors were busy arranging their wares to the best advantage, and others who had completed that work were surveying with excusable pride the pretty appearance of their display.

INSIDE THE GROUNDS.

The display on the fruit counter was startling in many ways; in variety, quality and looks. Apples of many different kinds formed the principal part of the exhibit. Some of the fruit was of phenomenal size and beauty, several of the apples weighing two or three pounds each. Up in the front balcony the Westminster Rifles fife and drum band enlivened the morning with their harmonious numbers, taking turn about with the C Battery band downstairs. To the north of the main building a number of booths have been built; that of the W.C.T.U. being nearest the agricultural hall. The ladies of the W.C.T.U. have shown a great deal of enterprise in opening this lunch room, and they received at a later part of the day much deserved patronage. The meals served up are excellent in quality and ample in quantity; the room has a seating capacity of about 80. Next the dining room are a number of cafes, shooting galleries, 3 shies for a dime establishments, sandwich counters and other places for the sale of such wares. The quadrangle, around which are arranged the pens, stalls and enclosures for the animals exhibited, is vast in size. One side, the east, is devoted to cattle, the south to poultry and small stock, the north to sheep and swine and the west to horses. An informal peep into some of those pens showed that some splendid specimens of live stock are present. Many of the horses were being groomed and in most cases their skin shone like satin. Some of the stallions are magnificent and one especially, a grand, dark, dappled bay with black points attracted numerous visitors to view his beautiful proportions. Several of the bulls are first class animals, and all are in prime condition. The poultry exhibit is an especially good one; almost every style of chicken known to civilization being present. A pair of lop-eared black rabbits were examined with much curiosity by crowds, all day long. The machinery exhibit is small, but what there is is good. The animals are all comfortably housed and have plenty of room, while accommodation for watering them is complete and convenient. The race track opposite the building presented a sorry spectacle yesterday morning. Buggy, cart and waggon wheels had ripped it into ruts, and the "wild mob's million feet," aided by unnumbered hoofs, equine and bovine, had completed the job of transforming the level, smooth race track into a ridgy sea of mud that remained a thing of horror to pedestrian and equestrian all day. The rain several times forgot to come down, much to everybody's surprise and nobody's sorrow; but when it did come it was sharp and heavy.

STANDS, ARCHES, DECORATIONS, ETC.

The judges' stand, immediately opposite the grand stand, commands a view of the entire course, and was well chosen, as there is a fine straight stretch leading past it, in which every facility for noting the best action of trotter or racer may be had. The athletic grounds in the centre of the park are excellently laid out and nearly two hundred yards of level can be obtained even at the present time when the work is not completed. The lower end of the grounds is still encumbered by some trees, mounds, hollows and rocks, but when these are removed the grounds will be among the finest in the province for athletic purposes. The fence is not high enough on the Park lane side; people standing on the sidewalk can view the whole proceedings quite comfortably. To step outside the park for a moment, it may be noted that the arch now nearly finished at the entrance to Park Lane is a beautiful piece of work. The design is castellated and represents with surprising fidelity that style of architecture immortalized in Temple Bar, London. At the corners are bastions embrasured and crenellated, while the central arch gracefully spans the roadway, having on each side a smaller arch like the postern of a castle keep in the olden days. Various heraldic devices displayed on the face and sides of the arch, and many gay banners floating aloft, serve to give the whole a most happy and artistic effect. The structure, which is strongly built of wood, is being painted a stone color.

The first event on the day's programme, the cricket match between the junior teams of New Westminster and Vancouver, did not take place on account of the Vancouver team failing to come. Our little fellows were extremely disgusted at this state of affairs, as they had been making great preparations for the match and had determined to win, or lose in the attempt. About 10:30 the distant notes of the bag-pipes became audible and swelled upon the breeze, by degrees. Soon, a small band, with determination upon their faces, tartan scarfs on their shoulders, Scotch bonnets on their heads and mud upon their shoes, could be noted advancing with stately strides up the Park Lane sidewalk, which trembled in every nail at the march of the Caledonians. Headed by Colonel McGregor, who marshalled his small but undaunted band with a stout umbrella, the clansmen deployed into the grounds to the wild music of the Pibroch an Dounil Dhu, played in great style by Pipe-major Carmichael. A general break-up ensued upon the halt being called by the colonel. It was thought that the sports would be commenced at the prescribed hour, 11 o'clock, but there evidently was some misunderstanding about the matter, as nothing was done towards bringing them on for nearly an hour. At that period it was announced that everybody in the grounds would have to get out and pay at the gate if they wanted to come in again. The Caledonians had decided to march back to town, get lunch, assemble at the Colonial, and walk to the grounds at 12:30. All these arrangements were followed out, and as soon as the two hammers, putting the shots and other paraphernalia of Scotland's own peculiar pastimes, were tossed over the railing into the arena the entries were taken and a commencement made. There was a very poor turn out of athletes, and those who did contest had no occasion to strain themselves in the various competitions. The results of the different events are as follows: Putting the heavy shot (21 lbs), there were 3 entries: 1st, J. A. Murray, 35 feet 2½ inches; 2nd, A. Scott, 32 feet 8 in.; 3rd, D. H. Cameron, 32 feet 1 inch. Putting light shot, 3 entries: 1st, D. H. Cameron, 40 ft. 8 in.; 2nd, A. Scott, 40 ft. 3 in.; 3rd, J. A. Murray, 39 ft. 8½ in. Throwing light hammer, 4 entries: 1st, D. H. Cameron, 124 ft. 11½ in.; 2nd, A. Scott, 116 ft. 3 in. Throwing heavy hammer, 3 entries: 1st, D. H. Cameron, 100 ft. 9¾ in.; 2nd, A. Scott, 89 feet 7¾ in. The caber could not be found until the sports were nearly finished. There were 5 entries: 1st, A. Scott; 2nd, A. Matheson.

The light weight events were begun immediately after the conclusion of the heavy part of the programme. The weather, the condition of the ground, and the encroachment of the crowd, which would not keep back and give the athletes a chance to do their best, all combined to produce the very poor showing which follows. The jumping especially was very poor, and there was no fear of record smashing. Several well known athletes kept out of the games because medals instead of money were not offered.

The first event was the

Running Long Leap, 4 entries: 1st, A. Scott; 19 ft. 4½ in.; 2nd, W. Hayward, 18 ft. 7 in.

Running High Leap, 3 entries: 1st, A. Scott, 5 ft. Sergt. Brimstone, "C" Battery, and W. Hayward tied, but the former eventually won at 5 ft. 1 in.

Standing Long Leap, 3 entries: 1st, A. Scott, 10 ft. 2 in.; 2d, D. H. Cameron, 8 ft. 11½ in.

Standing High Leap, 3 entries: 1st, A. Scott jumped 5 feet with ease; 2nd, D. Gray, 4 ft. 6 in.

Vaulting with the pole. This event excited much interest and much was expected of the athletes, but as will be seen, the highest jump is a common starting point with even amateurs. Of course the ground was not what it ought to have been, but nevertheless the result was rather disappointing. There were 4 entries: 1st, A. Scott, 8 ft. 6 in.; 2nd, W. Hayward, 8 feet. Morrison and McLean, the other two competitors, made a gallant, but ineffectual struggle to get over the stick at its highest. Both these men have records of 10 feet in pole vaulting.

There were only two teams entered for the three-legged race, but it was decided to run it off for first money. Geo. Irving and A. Scott won the race against Bradbury and another. The time made by the winners in this race was good. The sack race caused a great deal of fun and was very well contested: 1st, A. McLean; 2nd, Geo. Irving.

In the 100 yards race there were 3 entries: 1st, A. Scott; Geo. Irving and W. Hayward tied and arranged to run the race to-day. Good average time was made in this race.

400 yards race, 3 entries: 1st, A. Scott: 2nd, G. Irving.

Hurdle race, 120 yards, 3 entries; 1st, G. Irving, 2nd, A. Scott. This was the prettiest race of the day and was hotly contested, Scott pressing the winner over all the hurdles and finishing a trifle behind.

The boys race for youths under 15 had plenty of entries, and ten times more noise and confusion in starting than all the others put together. The "kids" were wrought up to a fearful pitch of excitement, and every youngster had a grip of his neighbor so as to hold him down to the scratch and get a fair start for himself. The committee men were driven nearly crazy with the vociferous demands from the racers to "jest look at that feller, ten yards ahead, mister" and, "say, mister, this feller's got hold o' my vest an' won't leave go o' me," and so on. The race was a sharp and most exciting struggle.

The more tender juveniles under 12 years of age emulated the example of their elder brethren and made as much uproar as if they were about to run the Derby.

There was no girls' race as no competitors came forward.

The tug-of-war between teams representing Vancouver and New Westminster was won by the latter, but was disputed, and it was agreed to try it again to-day. The teams consisted of 12 stalwart citizens a side. Great interest was manifested by the spectators in this event and it was stubbornly contested. The Highland dancing and piping were postponed until to-day. The platform for this part of the entertainment is all prepared opposite the grand stand from which an excellent view of the proceedings can be obtained.

Everything considered, the sports went off very well, and had it not been for the rain, there can be no doubt that many of those who remained down in the city would have availed themselves of the opportunity of viewing the games. As it was those who did attend were quite well satisfied with what they had seen. Many expressions of surprise and admiration were heard concerning the park from those who had not seen it before yesterday. Some who had seen it before any work was done on it were exceedingly astonished and inclined to rub their eyes and ask if it were not a dream.

The games concluded about 5:30 p. m., and, their motions considerably accelerated by a heavy shower of rain, the crowd started for the city in a body.

During the afternoon all the exhibits being ready for inspection, the judges went their rounds and carefully examined and considered each specimen and made their awards accordingly.

THE CITIZENS' BALL.

A numerous assemblage, representing the fashion, wealth and beauty of New Westminster, met at 8:30 p. m. in Herring's Opera House, to while away a pleasant hour or two in the mazes of the festive dance. The set of honor consisted of Lieut.-Governor Nelson, Mrs. Dickinson, Mayor Townsend, Mrs. Nelson, Mayor Oppenheimer, Mrs. Homer, Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Oppenheimer. There were present the captains and officers of the Icarus and Acorn, several of the city aldermen and nearly every person of note in the city and district. Dancing began at 9:30 and was kept up with great spirit until 3 o'clock this morning. "C" battery band furnished the music, and, needless to remark, it was excellent. The programme comprised 21 dances, and they were very judiciously assorted. This pleasant event may be noted as one of the brightest and most successful ever held in New Westminster. One innovation was noted which may be called a great improvement, and that was the screen placed at the entrance to the ball room inside. This prevented the draught which has on former occasions been so much complained of, especially by the ladies. Refreshments were served on the platform and did credit to the caterer.

SECOND DAY---THURSDAY.

THE GRAND PROCESSION.

At about 10:30 this morning every window along Columbia street was crowded by eager spectators awaiting the approach of the grand procession from the Crescent, where it had formed up under the directions of Chief Marshal Ackerman and his subs.

As the head of the line descended the slope north of Blackwood street a murmur of applause and admiration ran from mouth to mouth throughout the great crowd. The appearance of the procession viewed from the post-office was splendid. Soon the martial music of "C" band rang out inspiringly, playing a lively quickstep. The parade was headed by Chief Ackerman, on horseback, and following him came Sergeant-Major Davison, of the garrison artillery. Next came "C" battery band, followed by the Westminster artillery corps, about forty strong, and under the command of Lieut. Glover, of the rifles. The gallant appearance of the militia provoked many an admiring comment, and the company never looked better or more soldier like than it did this morning; they stepped out with

THE MARTIAL AIR

of old campaigners, and as the orders rang out, obeyed with precision and despatch. The procession turned up Mary street and some tough pulling was done by the horses attached to the heavy wagons and drays. Following the artillery company came the carriages, the first containing His Honor Lieut.-Governor Nelson, Hon. John Robson, premier, and Mayors Townsend and Oppenheimer. The second carriage contained W. H. Ladner, M. P. P., Senator McInnes, and a number of distinguished persons who seemed to enjoy the fun to the utmost. Following the carriages was the Westminster rifles band discoursing lively airs on their fifes and drums. The allegorical car was an unqualified success, and attracted great attention and admiration from the onlookers. The pretty girls, representing the five cities of the province, had any amount of blushing to do, which made them look all the prettier. Some wild, misguided young men, whose jovial countenances filled up a big second story window seriously discomposed the pretty maidens by kissing their hands to them and waving their hats. Next came the Caledonian and St. Andrew's Society, about thirty strong, headed by two pipers and the Scottish standard, and they presented a very stalwart and handsome appearance as they marched along to the music of the pipers. Then came the Oddfellows and Foresters, forty-five strong (this is by no means the full strength of these societies, as the Oddfellows alone can turn out a hundred men).

THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

D. S. Curtis & Co.'s exhibit was unique, and consisted of a huge head, of a brown color, meant to represent the magnifying qualities of the Laurance spectacles, for which they are agents. The Royal City Planing Mills Co. had a fine exhibit on a large wagon, including salmon cases, samples of all kinds of dressed lumber and fancy woodwork. The New Westminster representative car, decked with agricultural produce of every conceivable sort and surmounted by a kind of throne on which sat a young lady, representing the goddess Ceres, met with a slight accident just after turning into Mary street. The throne began to betray a tendency to roll off, and at every jolt became more likely to topple over. When it had reached such a stage that the young lady was holding on for dear life several athletic young men gallantly rushed to the rescue and helped her down on to the lower part of the car. Some of the wagons which were built up pyramid shape caught the telephone wires at Clarkson street and took down half a dozen of them. Some flags were neatly sheared off by the wires. Cross & Poingdestre had a wagon full of young men, wearing false faces and most of them with clay pipes stuck in their mouths. J. H. Perkins and several of his assistants were busy painting a square frame. With a sense of humor in everything, Mr. Perkins would occasionally stop manipulating the brush and step to the telephone at the corner of the frame, and take down huge orders and contracts for work all over the country. Next came the Indian encampment with Siwashes and klootchmen busy doing nothing, after the engaging native fashion. Some were busy weaving mats and others were discussing various matters in the sweet Siwash tongue. The Siwash band, of about twenty-five pieces, followed the encampment, discoursing various airs with considerable skill and expression. A very pretty wagon was that of Marshall Sinclair. It consisted of all sorts and conditions of grocery boxes, artistically arranged to show the names and labels. Everything from Colman's mustard to Sapolio, found space in the show. Following this wagon came that of A. & E. W. McInnes, driven by a gentlemen with a negro false face; samples of the firm's wares were ranged in the wagon and various advertisements on the outside. W. B. Townsend's large grain wagon followed and next came Strickland & Co.'s fine exhibit of machinery. Ogle, Campbell & Co. had two men dressed as Indians sewing the "Skookum" overalls. H. M. Cunningham & Co. had a stove, and a black faced boy distributing bills. Reid & Currie's exhibit was perhaps the most elaborate in the procession, and showed all branches of their business in full swing. A real forge was kept going all the time and emitted volumes of smoke. Wintemute Bros. had a fine wagon showing the various stages of upholstery business. S. J. Thompson's exhibit caused roars of laughter all along the route. An old woman trying to make a large-sized baby sit and have its photograph taken; the antics of the infant made a very funny show. The Brunette Saw Mills had a very original exhibit in the form of a huge cube of solid timber 40 x 48 inches square and 9 feet long and weighing 4500 pounds. This splendid slab aptly showed what British Columbia's forests are capable of. The piece was covered over with all kinds of mouldings, scrolls and fancy timber, the product of the mills. McPhee & Sons had a very pretty exhibit in the form of a beautiful rowing boat, their own handiwork. The procession was loudly praised on all hands, and those who saw the Vancouver parade on Dominion Day say the Westminster one was far ahead of it. Through an unfortunate misunderstanding between the chief marshal and a committeeman, the turning was made up Mary street instead of Douglas as intended. No one was to blame and those who have made invidious reflections on several members have done so unjustly, as the mistake was the result of instructions wrongly conveyed. No very serious harm was done, however, and when it is remembered that the horses, which were nearly exhausted, even on this short route, were saved just so much hard labor, there ought to be no grumbling.

Personal.

Ald. Oppenheimer, of Vancouver, is in the city to-day.

James Orr, M.P.P., is in the city, and attending the exhibition.

S. T. Tilley, of Vancouver, came over to "do the exhibition" to-day.

Mayor Oppenheimer, of the terminal city, is in town, attending the exhibition, and is a guest at the Queen's.

Wm. Templeman, editor of the Victoria *Times*, is in the city and representing his paper at the exhibition.

Hon. John Robson, premier and provincial secretary, is still in the city, and will remain throughout the exhibition.

Lieut.-Governor Nelson arrived in the city yesterday, and presided at the formal opening of the exhibition to-day. He is staying at the Queen's.

W. H. Ladner, M.P.P., and president of the Agricultural Association is in town, and took part in the formal opening of the exhibition to-day.

H. Abbott, general superintendent Pacific division C.P.R., was in the city yesterday and attended the exhibition, with which he expressed himself as highly delighted.

Senator McInnes, who has lately returned from an eastern and European tour, was in the city today, and manifested great interest in the exhibition. The display, he thinks, is extremely creditable and the exhibits excel anything of the sort he saw in his travels.

Boston, Mass., holds about five millions of Manitoba stock.

Washington Territory has gone republican by 8,000 majority.

Montana and Dakota have gone republican by large majorities.

The Prince of Wales is suffering from kidney disease, which causes him much trouble.

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Wednesday Morning, Oct. 9, 1889.

(*From Daily Columbian, Oct. 4.*)

The police are not having such a rush as anticipated.

Mr. T. C. Atkinson received a telegram to-day stating his father and mother had been killed in a runaway accident in Ontario.

The steamship Michigan arrived this morning with a small load of freight. After discharging cargo she cleared for Portland.

It is almost impossible to keep spirituous liquors out of the fair grounds. Chief Pearce confiscated a lot of "firewater" put up in lemonade and ginger-beer bottles this morning at one of the refreshment booths.

William Montgomery who was run over and killed by engine No. 96, last Wednesday, was buried to-day. A very large number of friends and acquaintances accompanied the body to its last resting place.

Charley, a Siwash, was run in last night for breaking a window while drunk. Charley was discharged this morning on the window breaking charge, as no one appeared to prosecute. For being drunk he was fined $5.

In our report of the Surrey exhibition prize list, the following two prizes won by John Armstrong, of Mud Bay, were inadvertently omitted: 1st. prize for yearling colt, and 2nd prize for sugar beets. The poultry list for same show has been unobtainable up to date, but if we can secure it later it will be published.

Gone to His Reward.

Rev. Bro. Verney, O.M.I., died Wednesday morning in the Catholic bishop's palace, in this city, at the age of 76 years. Brother Verney was a native of France. He came to the Pacific coast in 1847, with the first Oblate missionaries, who located in Washington Territory; he afterwards came over to British Columbia in 1858. Brother Verney has always been a true and devoted auxiliary to the missionary priests. We may add also that his whole life, which has been a life of humility and sacrifice, has been spent in the practice of the most heroic Christian virtues. His funeral took place yesterday at St. Mary's mission, where his remains were conveyed.

A Rugby Union Formed.

A meeting of the delegates elected by the football clubs of the province for the purpose of forming a Provincial Rugby Union, was held in Mr. W. J. Walker's office last night. In the absence of the Victoria delegates Mr. Ransome was requested to represent the capital city club. The following resolutions were unanimously carried:

That a British Columbia Rugby Union be formed: That Mr. Hammersley be president: That the captain of each club be ex-officio a vice president: That W. J. Walker be secretary and treasurer of the union: That the president and secretary be ex-officio members of the committee: That a committee of nine members of the union be appointed, with similar powers for the province of British Columbia, as the committee of the English Rugby Union have for England: That the officers and committee be elected by two delegates from each club in the union, at a general meeting to be held alternately on the mainland and on the island, in the second week of September in each year: That Messrs. Drake, Fripp, Honeyman, Lister, Malcome, Ransome, Baird, Hawthornthwaite and the Rev. H. Irwin be members of the committee: That each club in the union pay an annual subscription of $10: That the rules of the game be those of the English Rugby Union of 1889: That the British Columbia Rugby Union be affiliated to to the Rugby Union of England: That a report of this meeting be forwarded to *Athletic News*, the *Field* and *Pastime*.

FROM VICTORIA.

Lost a Finger.--Ship Arrivals.--Fast Time --An Honest Eloper.

Special to the Columbian.

VICTORIA, Oct. 4.—Robert McDonald, a carpenter in Smith & McIntosh's planing mills, had a finger cut off this morning by the planer.

The steamship City of Puebla arrived at 1.30 this afternoon from San Francisco; time, 52 hours. The captain claims to have beaten the best record by ten minutes.

The young bluejacket, Paul, who so romantically eloped to the other side with a Victoria girl, did not put the owners of the boat in which he went to any loss. On reaching Port Angeles, he had the boat taken to Port Townsend, where it was shipped back to the owners here.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

Four railway officials were killed and many passengers injured in a railway collision at Lasowitz, Posen, Germany, to-day.

The Earl of Galloway was arraigned at Dumfries to-day, charged with indecent conduct toward a little girl. Trial set for Oct. 14th.

Rev. P. Cronin, of Buffalo, editor of *Catholic Union* of that city, who has been particularly severe in denouncing in his paper the foul-secret society conspiritors who murdered Dr. Cronin, of Chicago, in May last, has been the recipient lately of a number of threatening letters, and his friends say he is a marked man. In this week's issue of the paper, Father Cronin hurls defiance at his would-be murderers and says he will never cease to expose and denounce the villainy of the Irish secret murdering societies, who are doing so much to injure the Irish cause and corrupting America. His life is undoubtedly in imminent danger from his blood-thirsty and unscrupulous enemies.

THE CELEBRATION.

The Baseball and Lacrosse Matches Both Won by the Royal City Clubs.

Continuation of the Sports.---The Football Matches and the Boating Races.

Fine Weather Again Favors the Programme and the Celebration is a Success.

SECOND DAY---THURSDAY.

No sooner had the announcement gone round that the baseball match was to commence, than the great crowds thronging the building made a move for the railing around the grounds, and each secured a "coign of vantage" as best suited his or her taste. The grand stand was gay with the bright costumes of the ladies, and the scene, presided over by old Sol in person, was just as animated and bright as could be wished. The baseball match was between the Vancouver Juniors and the Mainland Club of New Westminster for a prize of $25. The teams were pretty evenly matched as to physique, and started play at 12:30 p. m., and from the start it could be seen that the Westminster team was going to have it all their own way. Many passages in the game would have done credit to older and more experienced players. Some of the Vancouver players exhibited surprising agility and great speed in making the bases. Grey, of Westminster, excited admiration by his fine pitching, while Greig, behind the bat, made great work with the ball. The game lasted until 2 o'clock and resulted in the defeat of the visiting team by a score of 18 to 9. It was pleasant to remark that very little quarreling took place over the decisions, and the Vancouver men took their defeat easily and with good grace.

THE LACROSSE MATCH.

Half an hour later the lacrosse athletes stepped forward to contend. The teams were the Vancouver Lacrosse Club and the New Westminster Club's picked team. The men on both sides looked in superb condition, and as far as the Westminster's were concerned, it was no wonder, for they have been practicing night and morning for some time past. The fruits of this hard work were easily apparent in every turn of the play. The greatest interest was manifested by the spectators in this match; nearly everybody on the grounds gathered around to view it, and many of the more enthusiastic rent the air with frenzied yells whenever a specially good stroke was made by either side. The teams were as follows:

Vancouver—Goal, J. Bigham; point, A. E. Suckling; cover point, H. Quigley; defence, J. Smith, D. Wade, A. Godfrey; centre field, W. Law; home field, D. Smith; second home field, H. Rankin; third home field, A. McGregor: outside home, J. B. Simpson; inside home, W. Woods; captain, A. Larwell.

Westminster—Goal, A. Thompson; point, J. C. Whyte; cover point, D. S. Campbell; defence, W. J. Corbett, T. Carrie, C. E. Stuart; centre, J. Gow; home field, R. B. Lister, L. A. Lewis, J. McMartin; outside home, Tom Hill; inside home, J. J. Cambridge; captain, J. R. Polley. Referee, Charles Rae; umpires, Wilson and March.

In the first game the Westminster goal was hotly besieged and some splendid work was done by both teams at that point. The Vancouver team displayed a vim and determination that only the steady, well disciplined and cool play of the Westminsters could check. After a short, fierce battle of seven minutes, the ball went through the Westminster goal. This victory for Vancouver induced the crowd to pin their faith to that club in their anticipations for the second game, but the result showed them wrong. During this game a lot of unseemly and unnecessary wrangling took place about the decisions of the umpire and a new one, E. Port, was appointed on the demand of the Vancouver team. After almost half an hour of fine play Westminster won the game, The third game was won in about 18 minutes by Westminster. The fourth game, like the others, was sharp and exciting, the Westminsters claiming a goal at the end of five minutes, but not being allowed it demanded and were given a new umpire, Anderson taking the place of March. In 20 minutes the home team sent the ball through the Vancouver goal. The fifth game was won by Vancouver, after a gallant struggle of about 10 minutes' duration, and the match was declared in favor of New Westminster.

A BRILLIANT EVENING.

The lacrosse match was the last item on the sports yesterday afternoon, after which there was a general rush for the city to fortify the inner man. In the evening, according to announcement, the illuminations were in order, and the streets arches etc., were lit, orally ablaze with brilliant and varihued Chinese lanterns. The public display was largely augmented by the praiseworthy and patriotic efforts of private individuals, and very gay the city looked, not only on Columbia st., but for long distances where the fantastic illuminations extended on many parallel and intersecting streets. In the vicinity of the grounds, on Park lane, and setting off the beautiful arch at the entrance to the park, the Chinese lanterns blazed forth again in all their glories, like great glow-worms, lighting the returning multitude to the exposition grounds and buildings. The main building itself, ablaze with light from all its windows, domes and turrets, loomed lofty and glittering through the night like a fairy castle, and the sweet strains of band music, wafted on the air from within the the evening until ten o'clock, gay crowds thronged through the building, examining the gorgeous display, which was lit up brilliantly by gas jets. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the presence of "C" Battery band on the band stand in the centre of the hall, and when the closing hour arrived everyone took their way towards the city, in carriages and on foot, delighted with the entertainment and the show. The favorable turn in the weather yesterday, after the rather gloomy inauguration of the festivities, gave a cheerful and exhilarating aspect to everything and made the second day of the royal city's carnival all that could be wished.

THIRD DAY---FRIDAY.

FIREMEN'S RACES.

The firemen's contests came off at 11 a.m., when the dry test race was run. Three teams entered, but only two, both Westminster, competed. No. 1 team was composed of G. F. Scoullar (captain), Hall, Hill, Mitchell, Hume, Pittendrigh, Anderson, Gray, Manson and Munday. No. 2 team: J. Stirsky (captain), Dallas, Oliver, McGuire, Ross, Murray, Albro, and Gentles. No. 1 team made the run in 1 min. 43 seconds, while No. 2 covered the ground in 1 min. 30 seconds, thus winning the race. The judges were Messrs. Ovens, Reid and Hoy; starter, Chief Ackerman; timekeepers, Messrs. Lemon and Ackerman.

THE REGATTA.

In the morning it was found advisable to postpone the aquatic sports until the afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Long before that hour the wharves and docks, landing slips, floating logs and every available place from which the race could be viewed were black with sightseers. The following is the list of the judges in the boat races: R. T. Drummond, J. Laidlaw, W, Johnson, A. Ewen, T. Ladner, Jas. Wise, H. Elliott, Capt. Grant, J. Harvey, and A. M Herring. The sailing races were waived entirely on account of there being no wind. Not a breath disturbed the glassy surface of the river and the sun beat down as on a summer's day. The Indian band discoursed sweet music from a corner of the C. P. N. dock. The first race was between 10-oared cutters, belonging to the Royal Navy, over a course three miles in length, for a purse of $30. A boat each from H. M. S. Acorn and Icarus, entered for the race, and without much delay a start was made. The Acorn kept edging away right through the race, and before the finish had distanced her opponent fully 500 yards. The Acorn's boat was in charge of Coxswain Tickell, the Icarus's was commanded by Coxswain Crossley. When the boats passed the ships the tars aboard cheered and shouted, and the clapping of their horny hands sounded like the crackling of musketry at a distance. The cockswains cheering on their men, and the jolly tars making the stout ashen oars bend again, while the foam curled from each rushing prow, made up a most exciting and pleasing spectacle. The Acorn won, and the Icarus men were given a consolation prize of a dollar each.

The four oared gig race was next contested and three fine looking crews entered; the Valdez Islanders, Capt. John Thomas, in their neat skiff were very powerful men, with enormously developed biceps and vast shoulders and chests. They seemed confident of victory. The Mayflower, Capt. Isaac, from Hope, and the Westminster, Capt. Bob Coutts, of Westminster, fell into line and all made a grand start, the Valdez boys falling to with a beautifully even stroke and faultless time. When near the lower buoy the rudder of the Westminster crew broke and they fell out of the race. The Valdez won by about four lengths.

Canoe race, 3 entries, 15 Indians, won by Hope canoe; 2nd, Chilliwack.

Gig race, double sculls, 2 entries: 1st, Murray and McLean; 2nd, Irwin and Cross.

Canoe race, 2 entries, 11 Indians: 1st, Musquim; 2nd, Chilliwack.

Shell race, one pair sculls, 3 entries: 1st, Bus; other two dropped out.

Five-oared whalers, 3 entries: 1st, 4-oared whaler H. M. S. Acorn; 2nd, 4-oared gig Acorn; 3rd, 5-oared whaler Icarus. Consolation prize given last boat.

VICTORIA NEWS.

Jack Tar Abducts His Sweetheart--It was not an Elopement---Telegraphic Rifle Match.

Special to THE COLUMBIAN.

VICTORIA, Oct. 5.—The young woman who was reported to have eloped in a sensational manner with her lover, a bluejacket from the Swiftsure, returned home from Port Townsend last night. Her story throws a different light on the matter. From her account she was forcibly abducted by the sailor bold. He invited her to take a sail with him on Tuesday night. She consented and he procured a boat. When they had sailed far out in the straits he told her he was going to Port Angeles. The girl protested, and the pair had a falling out then and there. When Port Angeles was reached she refused to marry him, notwithstanding his entreaties and vows of eternal devotion. They occupied separate hotels, and left for Port Townsend next morning, the girl returning home last evening. The family are delighted to see the young woman, who they had thought was lost to them. A warrant has been issued for Paul's arrest, and should he return the naval authorities will deal with him on the serious charge of desertion.

A telegraphic shooting match takes place at Clover Point rifle range this afternoon.

The Sardonyx arrived from the north this morning with a large consignment of canned salmon for various firms. No news of importance.

(*From Daily Columbian, Oct. 5.*)

Mathers and Milligan's new wharf will be finished next week.

The Delta took down a heavy load of rock for the sandheads, yesterday.

Workmen were busily engaged all day removing the decorations from the streets.

The Dunsmuir arrived from Nanaimo this afternoon with the usual passengers and freight.

The flag staff at the city hall was blown a foot or two out of plumb by the gale on Tuesday night.

One completely paralyzed drunk was accommodated with lodgings at the police station this morning.

Although every boat and train left the city to-day fairly packed the streets seemed as lively as ever.

The streets to-day in many places were littered with "busted" Chinese lanterns and scraps of all kinds of decorations.

The Knights of Pythias, not the Foresters, should have been credited with a place in the grand procession on Thursday.

Mr. W. L. Johnson & Co., of Gambier Island, Howe Sound, took the first prize for shingles at the provincial exhibition.

The "white wings that never grow weary" were given an airing to-day on the war-ships. Also a complement of shirts and flannels.

A rifle team from H. M. S. Icarus and another from the N. W. Rifle Association shot a friendly match on the Brownsville range this afternoon.

The steamers were all late in getting off this morning, being detained to receive the exhibits which could not be removed from the grounds last night.

Six men of H. M. S. Icarus have deserted since that ship arrived at Westminster. The chief of police has been officially notified by Captain Strokes to look out for them.

Mr. T. S. Higginson, crown timber agent, has seized a large number of logs on Scott creek, Pitt lake, for an infringement of the Dominion timber laws. They will be sold by public auction in a few weeks.

There was a free-for-all fight in the bar room of the Union Hotel last night. Some hard hitting was done by the officers; one of the marines present getting a terrible smash in the face from one of the policemen for attempting to interfere with the officer. The row was quickly quelled.

A large number of people visited the Icarus and Acorn this afternoon and were most handsomely treated by the officers on board. From captain to junior middy the officers of these vessels are spoken of as a most courteous and hospitable lot of gentlemen, and the impression of them carried away by every visitor was of the most favorable nature. The vessels will probably sail on Tuesday.

A prominent citizen and a well-known Scandinavian salmon canner met this morning opposite the Colonial and the latter called the former a vile man, which the former promptly countered with a blow on the latter's mouth. A police officer present warned the P. C. not to repeat the blow, and he managed to restrain himself from "sailing into" his traducer and giving him a terrible trouncing.

A Strange Accident.

A few days ago the little daughter of Mr. Joseph Patterson, of Mount Lehman, while playing with a sharp axe, by some chance struck the edge against her bare foot, completely severing the middle toe between the first and second joints. The strange part of the accident was that, although the axe was large and the foot small, no damage even to the extent of a scratch was done except to the one toe. Mr. Patterson dressed the injured foot himself and an hour later the little girl was running about again playing herself as unconcernedly as if nothing had happened.

Unwarrantable Conclusions.

It would appear that offence has been taken by some of our Victoria friends at what they considered to be unfair and uncivil treatment at the meeting in the city hall last night. The circumstances under which the meeting was held should, to any reasonable person, afford a sufficient excuse for any casual hastiness of expression or apparent discourtesy of manner manifested towards any of the speakers in the evening. We only have time to touch upon one point to-night, and that is the fact that nearly every individual of the large number present at the meeting was anxious to get through the business of the evening with as little delay as possible, in order to get out and witness the fireworks display; hence most of the impatient and hasty remarks, by irrepressible persons in the crowd, during the evening.

Our Athletes.

The athletes of Westminster have again succeeded in covering themselves with glory, and the people of the Royal City owe them some sort of a public recognition for sustaining not only their past reputation, but for adding additional honors to themselves and the city generally. During the celebration just closed our athletes came off victors in every contest entered into with outside clubs, and their ability to repeat these successes is unquestioned. What we now suggest is that the medals so gallantly won should be presented to the winners at a public meeting, specially called for that purpose. This will be a pretty way of showing the appreciation in which our athletes are held, and it will also encourage them and the rising generation to maintain the supremacy of the Royal City against all comers. Let action be taken on this suggestion.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Exhibition - Celebration.

Both Successfully Wound Up and Visitors Return Home More than Delighted.

The Horse Races, Foot Ball Match and Other Events of Great Interest.

Illuminations, Fireworks and a Grand Naval Display, and the Curtain Falls.

The final sports of the celebration drew the crowds away from the exhibition buildings, and towards evening they were almost deserted except by those who had taken vantage ground at the windows and on the balconies from which to view the outdoor proceedings. The members of the junior cricket club spent the most of the day lingering about the grounds waiting for the Vancouver juniors to turn up and settle the disputed juvenile championship, but they waited in vain till long after the arrival of the last afternoon train when they formally declared themselves champions and withdrew from the field.

THE HORSE RACES

drew an immense crowd as they never fail to do, for there is something inborn in man that makes him love a fine horse and an exciting horse race. The first race was for the "Royal City stakes," in which there were three entries, viz: James Lascelle's b. m. "Mayflower;" Geo. Black's b. g. "Coquitlam Jim," and J. A. McNeill's b. h. "Ito." The race was one mile, best two in three heats and was won by Ito with Mayflower second. Time 2.06. The "Mainland Stakes," half mile, best two in three heats. The entries were A. E. Pittendrigh's sorrel gelding, "Charlie B."; P. Jacob's g. m. "Jenny;" A. Cassels' b. g. "Royal;" Geo. Black's b. h. "Bryan O'Lynn;" and E. Gowdy's r. m. "Maude." Maude won two straight heats, Royal second. Time 1.04. The entries in the half mile dash were, A. Cassels' "Royal;" R. Stevenson's, "Rival;" J. Moore's "Golddust;" Jas. Lascelle's "Mayflower;" Geo. Black's "Bryan O'Lynn," and "Coquitlam Jim." Mayflower came in first with Coquitlam Jim second. Time 1 minute.

The cowboy's race for a special prize given by Mr. T. J. Trapp was probably the most interesting event on the list. Joseph Gordon and G. W. Rasure gave some fine exhibitions of horsemanship, which excited the crowd to cheers time and again. The race was won by Jos. Gordon, G. W. Rasure second.

THE FOOTBALL MATCH

followed immediately after the horse races, and to this was accorded the largest audience of the day. The opposing teams were very evenly matched, but the royal city men were the strongest at every point, although the preponderance was not great. The game was played for all it was worth from beginning to end, and although it was rough from start to finish the hard knocks were taken good naturedly and bad feeling was unnoticeable. Owing to the late hour at which the game was commenced it was decided that the play should be 30 minutes each way. The ball was generally kept over the Vancouver line, and the determined rushes made by the visitors' forwards failed to make the Westminster half the battleground for the leather. It was an offensive game with Vancouver from first to last, and twice they found it necessary to take a touch down for safety. The scrimmages were of momentary occurence, and were fought with the greatest obstinacy on both sides. The game resulted in victory for the Westminster team by one touchdown and three minor points to a duck's egg for the visitors.

THE ILLUMINATIONS

brought 10,000 people out of doors last night, and standing room at points of vantage all along the water front from the ship yard to Sapperton was at a premium. The night was beautiful, too much so in fact for the effectiveness of the display of fireworks; and the waters of the noble Fraser never were more placid or lovely under the beams of the new moon. About 8:30 o'clock the first rocket shot skywards from the fireworks scow, and an instant later the search lights on the war vessels were turned on the city front, darting rays of blinding light hither and thither and bringing most visibly to view the smallest object on which they fell. After a beautiful display of fire works, lasting half an hour, the torch light procession made its appearance from the direction of the North Arm, and a minute later the first flotilla, towed by a tug, had swung into view. Then the second flotilla made its appearance, both sailing directly across the river. The procession slowly circled round the war vessels and then passed down the city front to the North Arm. As the half mile of torch lighted craft swung round the Icarus the sight presented to the onlookers was beautiful beyond description and even the Vancouverites, who were present in large numbers, were forced to admit that it was the finest thing of the kind ever seen in the province. During all this time the fire works were being sent up and the search lights were being revolved, greatly to the pleasure of the multitude. As the procession passed the war ships, cheer after cheer was given by the blue jackets who lined the sides of the vessels; the cheers were returned from the procession with interest and the steamboat whistles joined in the general compliments.

It was freely admitted on all sides that this part of the programme was the most perfectly carried out of the whole, and the committee of management deserve the highest praise for the delight their exhibition gave to both citizens and visitors.

By the time the fireworks and procession were brought to an end it was nearly time for the Vancouver train to depart, and a thousand Westminsterites made their way to the depot to give their terminal city friends a hearty farewell. An hour was spent in pleasant intercourse, song singing and speech making, and when 11 o'clock arrived everyone was sorry that the great exhibition and celebration was over. As the train pulled out of the yard the entire crowd joined in singing "God save the Queen," the loyal strains of which floating upwards in the calm night air were heard in every part of the city.

The streets, business houses and private residences generally were even more finely illuminated than on the previous night, and Columbia street in particular was a sight never to be forgotten.

NOTES.

The dingy race was won by McLean; 2nd Bush; 3rd a bluejacket from the Acorn. The race was a species of walk-over for the winner, and he increased his distance or decreased it just as it suited him. The bluejacket took his defeat comically, and his ludicrous denunciation of the boat which he had borrowed, threw the crowd into roars of laughter. The regatta was eminently successful, and was accompanied by many humorous incidents that kept the large crowds of spectators in a continued ripple of merriment.

While waiting the arrival of the Acorn's whaling boat, the coxswain of the Icarus whaler gave a fine exhibition of distance signalling. He stood up in the sternsheets of the boat and proceeded to stretch out his arms, at the sides, above his head; one arm bent, the other straight, and in every conceivable direction. The Acorn, which he was signalling, sent off her boats evidently in reply to the message sent as described above.

The jolly jack tars were out in force last night, as per issue: The sound of their stentorian voices could be heard issuing from many a hostelry, in song and speech. When they elected to sing in chorus the effect was something astonishing.

The exodus of the Victoria contingent this morning on the Princess Louise was in many ways interesting. Before the steamer left, Mr. Dalby resumed the interrupted thread of his speech at last night's meeting and was listened to by a large and interested crowd. Mounted on a box the Victorian stated his case freely and his remarks were received with applause. A mainlander replied in a humorous speech that set everybody laughing. All over the dock small parties were eagerly discussing the great meeting of last evening.

As the vessel was about to start Oarsman Bush hoisted a large broom to the foremast head, to the great amusement of all present.

A party of Victorians stood on the forward upper deck and gave cheers unlimited for Westminster, the mayor, the exposition, the warships and everything and everybody they could think of. Mayor Townsend replied in person by standing on the edge of the dock and waving a parting salute with his hat.

All the visitors seemed in good spirits and evidently well pleased with their entertainment here. C Battery band was also aboard, some of the members being in the state known as "jolly." Disappointment was expressed that they did not play something as the boat dropped down stream.

Personal.

A. C. Wells left for Chilliwack today.

Judge Bole has returned from Ottawa.

Jas. Orr, M.P.P., returned to Vancouver today.

W. H. Ladner and wife left for home this morning.

Wm. Dalby left for Victoria this morning by the str. Princess Louise.

A. St. George Hammersley, of Vancouver, and wife, were in the city yesterday.

H. Kapp was a passenger by the steamer Irving this morning for Chilliwack.

Dr. Robertson, of Vancouver, took in the celebration and returned home last night.

G. A. McTavish, of Victoria, left for home to-day on the steamer Princess Louise.

G. W. Chadsey and wife, of Sumas, left for home after a pleasant visit to the royal city.

I. Kipp left for Chilliwack this morning greatly pleased with his visit to the royal city.

Rev. Mr. Small, of Lytton, arrived home yesterday from an extended visit to England.

Chas. E. Woods returned to the city yesterday after a protracted visit to the northern coast.

John Boultbee came over from the terminal city yesterday and witnessed the sports and races.

Capt. Worsnop and wife, of Vancouver, were the guests of Mrs. G. D. Brymner on Thursday.

J. R. Bowell, collector of customs, Vancouver, after enjoying the celebration left for home last night.

Bishop Sillitoe left for Vancouver this afternoon to conduct the opening services of Christ church to-morrow.

J. C. McLagan, of the Vancouver *World*, returned home last night after doing the exhibition from start to finish.

C. G. Johnson, the veteran footballer and cricketer, spent exhibition time with us and went home last evening more than pleased with his visit.

Hon. John Robson left for the capital yesterday, highly delighted with his visit to Westminster and the cordial reception he met with on all sides.

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In the current number of the *Fortnightly Review* M. B. Paul Neuman makes a strong statement of the case against capital punishment. He begins by asserting that the two ultimate objects of punishment are the protection of society and the reformation of the criminal, but that the latter especially has been rendered almost impossible in England by the persistence with which the law has clung to punishment by death. Mirabeau once said that the English nation was the most merciless of any that he had heard or read of, and the fact that so late as the time of George III. there were on the English statute book nearly two hundred crimes punishable with death seems to justify this opinion. Since then, it is true, a great change has been effected, and at present the capital penalty is inflicted only in cases of treason or murder, but, as the many relaxations of the penal code have not been accompanied by any increase of crime, many people have begun to believe that punishment by death should be abolished altogether. Their reasons for doing so are briefly summarized by M. Neuman. The first of these reasons is that there is no certainty in the application of capital punishment. Lawyers say that there is nothing more difficult than to obtain a verdict of guilty from a jury where the charge is murder. Unwillingness to accept responsibility for the death of a fellow-being influences jurymen far more frequently than most people are aware, and the result is that conviction for murder is most uncertain. In those of the neighboring states in which capital punishment has been abolished the reverse is the case, as M. Neuman shows by the testimony of those able to speak authoritatively on the subject. The conclusion is that of all punishments used by civilized nations that by death is the most erratic and uncertain in its application. Probably the strongest argument against the death penalty, however, is that its deterrent effect is greatly exaggerated. M. Neuman points out in the first place that deterrence is not the only thing to be considered in this connection, for, if so, it would be easy to justify punishment by torture, mutilation, or even vivisection. But, without going into the arguments as to the deterrent effect of the death penalty, the fact that numerous European countries and several states of the American union have either abolished it or practically dispensed with hanging for murder, with good results, is of itself the very best evidence that this supposed effect is generally over-estimated. Among other testimonies on this point is that of Governor Washburn, of Wisconsin, who wrote in 1873: "It is twenty years since the abolition of capital punishment. No state can show greater freedom from homicidal crime. With a population representing almost every nationality, statistics show that crime instead of increasing with the growth of the state has actually diminished." Similar evidence is furnished by the criminal statistics of other states and of numerous European countries. Finally, there is much in what John Bright in the days of public executions once said of capital punishment, as follows:—"Whenever you hang a man in the face of the public under the circumstances to which we are so accustomed in this country, if you do in the slightest degree deter from crime by the shocking nature of the punishment, I will undertake to say that by so much—nay, by much more—you weaken that other and greater security which arises from the reverence with which human life is regarded." Other arguments advanced by M. Neuman are that the death penalty is not susceptible of graduation, that it is not reformatory in character, that it shocks the moral sense of the community, and that it destroys sources of evidence. Although this question of capital punishment versus non capital punishment is a moot question of long standing and one which experience has shown to be extremely difficult of a final and satisfactory determination, it is becoming increasingly apparent that public sentiment is steadily growing in strength against the practice.

Olzewski, the Russian physicist, has succeeded in liquefying sufficient ozone to determine the boiling point, which is—159 Fahr. The liquid ozone is dark blue in color, and is nearly opaque in a layer a tenth of an inch thick.

A Corsican doctor, M. de Susini, has made a sulphuric ether engine of twenty horse-power, which is expected to realize a saving of sixty-five per cent. in fuel. Scientific men in Paris who have witnessed its working are said to have reserved their opinion as to its merits until further tests have been made.

There was one factor in the success of the exhibition to which our modesty makes us reluctant to refer, but which, we feel, should not be passed over in silence, as it has its lessons. That factor was the course pursued by this paper. We do not, of course, mean that the amount, handsome though it was, of THE COLUMBIAN'S Fund, materially affected the success of the show. New Westminster people are generally ready enough when a subscription list goes round; and probably our fund did little more than save the collectors so much trouble, as far as the available funds were concerned; but the presence of the list in the paper, and the frequent references to it throughout the year put and kept two facts before the public. The first was, that the exhibition was to be held in New Westminster this year; and the second was that New Westminster was going to make a success of it, if such a thing was possible. In former years, it was always late in the summer before people generally knew where the exhibition was to be held, and even then they did not generally know whether there was an energetic management behind it, or whether it would be left to "run itself." Now the lesson is this, that if we want a successful show, we must not leave our advertising to the last moment, and we must give people something which they will accept as a guarantee that the exhibition will be worth taking part in, and worth going to see. These objects can be accomplished best by making the show a fixture, and giving one community a permanent interest in it. A peripatetic show cannot be a great one.

An affair occurred at Hamilton, Ont., a couple of weeks ago, which should prove a warning to all peace officers, and to those who are responsible for their instructions and conduct. A stranger, who appears to have been eccentric to the verge of lunacy, but perfectly harmless, took a room in a lodging house, and kept himself to himself so thoroughly—living upon bread and cheese and raw tomatoes, and holding intercourse with no one, that his landlady got nervous about him; and when she discovered that he had a revolver in his room, she communicated with the police. It would have been quite correct to send one or two men to interview the "suspect" and find out what he meant and who he was; but instead of that, a squad was sent at daybreak, the room beseiged, and the door battered in. Result—the inmate fired his pistol—without hurting anybody—at the supposed burglars, and a constable, returning the fire, shot him dead. It will probably go very hard with the constable, who has been locked up; but the blame lies more at the door of the system. One cannot read the papers without discovering that, both in Canada and the United States, constables think themselves justified in using their revolvers on mere suspicion. Cases of such use are continually reported, and no notice appears to be taken of them, unless a fatal result follows the shooting. We will not presume to state the exact law of the matter, but it ought to be distinctly understood, and all officers ought to be carefully instructed, that shooting on mere suspicion is murder. A hundred circumstances may put a perfectly innocent person in the position of a "suspicious character" for the moment.

The annual meeting of the provincial agricultural association held Friday night decided unanimously that the next annual exhibition should be held at Queen's park, New Westminster. It was a foregone conclusion, we might say, before the meeting, that such would be the decision arrived at. Victoria's claims were ably urged at the meeting by Mr. Wm. Dalby and others from that city, on the ground of the hitherto tacitly understood agreement that the provincial exhibition should be held alternately on the mainland and the island. That agreement, however, it was shown, was nothing more than an easy mutual understanding, having nothing necessarily binding about it, and arrived at and adhered to under conditions altogether different from those now maintaining—an informal and obsolete compact in short which could not for a moment be allowed to stand in the way of the best interests of the institution itself, and of the great majority of those who contribute to its success and are benefitted by it. Those who spoke Friday night in favor of the show returning to this city next year—and there were many—founded their contention nearly to a man on the fact that Westminster, in the preparations for and throughout the entire exhibition just closed, had shown a spirit and an enterprise such as had never been manifested in the province before in these matters, and had held the first really successful provincial exhibition in British Columbia Some of the speakers also adverted to the fact of the unfavorable weather at the opening of the late exhibition as a reason why the royal city, after all its costly and enterprising preparations, should have an early opportunity of holding another grand show under more favorable meteorological conditions. All these arguments were good. When all is said, however, one fact stands out more prominently than any other—and ample testimony was contributed to this at the meeting Friday—that Westminster is the virtual centre of the great agricultural and industrial interests of the province, and as such must be the focal point for all the most important and successful exhibitions of the future in the province, whether they shall continue to be denominated "provincial" or not.

The British Association, says an exchange, is meeting this year at Newcastle-on-Tyne for the third time in a quarter of a century. The new president is Professor W. H. Flower, of the British museum, and the head of the geographical section is a man well known in Canada, Sir Francis de Winton. It is suggested that the scientists, meeting in the place they do, shall apply themselves to the tough old problem of when the British coal beds are likely to run out. The possibility of liquid fuel being adapted for replacing coal is already being discussed, and the Liverpool *Mercury* says on this point: "The English consul at St. Petersburg, in his last report, says that the residium of naphtha is being used in Russia as fuel to a constantly increasing extent. Taking the city of Moscow as an example, it is found that, although that city is 1,500 miles from Baku, the source of supply, yet the dregs of naphtha prove 35 per cent. cheaper for fuel than either wood or coal. The manufacturers and the railway companies are using liquid fuel, as well as the steamers on the Caspian Sea, and a stove is now being introduced which will utilize liquid fuel for domestic purposes. Efforts are also being made to introduce different kinds of petroleum into England as fuel, and it may come to pass that the apparently boundless stores of petroleum in Canada and other places will enter into competition with our own coal seams." In this comparatively new idea of "liquid fuel" the economist has the answer to his anxious question of what the world shall do when the wood and coal stores have become exhausted.

It is getting to be "dangerous to be safu" now for men in England, as well as in America, to entertain decided views and take any prominent action with respect to Irish affairs. Such organizations as the Clan-na-Gael and such characters as the Fenians and Irish dynamiters will stop at nothing in the nature of atrocious, foul and bloody deeds to gain imagined advantages, while these are the very things that are throwing discredit upon and seriously damaging and hindering the Irish cause. The black crime that was perpetrated in Chicago a few months ago in the "removing" of Dr. Cronin by hired assassins, at the instigation of an Irish murdering society, appears as though it was likely to have a parallel case in England, when all the facts shall have been developed. The mysterious disappearance of Rev. Mr. Barfield, the congregational minister, is causing remark at present in England, says a cotemporary, and may turn out to be something more than a nine days' wonder, so that the facts are worth bearing in mind. Mr. Barfield, who resided in Walsall, had been for some time publicly identifying himself with the government party and aiding the movement against the home rule cause. His activity in politics aroused hostility in some quarters, and as far back as July last he received threatening letters. Paying no attention to these, the following warning was addressed to him anonymously, the writing being in a female hand:

"REV. SIR.—Though personally unknown to you, I have often heard you and admired you, and would do you good if I could. The warnings you have had are real, and the rage of those who sent them is intense, because you are advertised to speak at Chasetown in July. Do let me beg of you not to go, evil will come of it if you do—the men who are engaged in this work swear they will stop the parsons if they can't any one else. Give up going—we may be ordered away in a few months—and then things may be well. I dare not tell you who I am—my life might pay the penalty—but I am sincere, and I know I want to save you, or the Dr. Cronin tragedy may be repeated in England."

Mr. Barfield disregarded this letter as he had the others, and went to London to begin a series of political lectures in and about the city. He remained in the metropolis for several weeks. The report is that while in London he received an invitation to deliver some of his lectures in Ireland. Of this invitation not much is known. The political managers were ignorant of it, and it was only surmised as to what part of Ireland he could have gone to, if he really departed on this mission at all. Light on these points, however, was subsequently furnished. The caretaker of the Waterford, Ireland, city hall declares that a gentleman corresponding in appearance to Mr. Barfield called there and asked to have a good seat reserved for him at the approaching home rule meeting. He never returned to claim it. Mr. Barfield has now been missing since about the end of August, and, although the detectives of Scotland Yard have been at work on the case, no trace of him has been discovered. A late cable despatch stated, on the authority of the London *Star*, the home rule paper conducted by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, that Mr. Barfield had sailed for Canada under an assumed name. It remains to be seen, however, what further developments will be forthcoming.

Dr. T. Billroth, of Vienna, states that insignificant injuries are frequently made serious by the uncalled-for application of carbolic acid, which skilful surgeons are using much less than formerly. It may cause not only inflamation but even fatal blood-poisoning.

Mr. George Muller, who is travelling and preaching among the Himalayas, has written the 50th annual report of his famous orphanage at Bristol, Eng. Since the institution was founded it has received and spent more than £550,000; more than 109,000 persons have been entirely supported and educated in it, and tens of thousands materially assisted; five large houses, capable of affording homes for 2,050 orphans, have been built at a cost of $575,000, and 66 schools are now maintained. Yet the institution has never been a penny in debt, and has never, directly or indirectly, asked for human aid.

Prince Bismarck's bill against strikes is a very sweeping measure. It sweeps away the liberties of workingmen. The bill defines a strike as a conspiracy, for which severe punishment is meted out to all taking part. Where an agreement has been entered into, express or implied, to work for a certain fixed period, and is violated by a combination among the workmen, the punishment is doubly severe. All who in public advise and counsel others to take part in a strike are declared public enemies, and may be either imprisoned or exiled. It looks as if the Prince was anxious to promote emigration.

At a dinner, not long ago, Wilkie Collins related instances proving how impossible it was to introduce into a novel descriptions of places and things wholly imaginary. In one of his works he describes a house which he had never seen and entirely the offspring of his imagination. A few days after the publication, a man called upon him to protest against the introduction of his house into the novel. Strange to say, the pages of the novel contained a perfect description of the man's property. At another time he used as one of his characters a man who so exact about his eating that he weighed every morsel which entered his stomach. Mr. Collins had in reality never heard of such a man. He was greatly surprised, one week after the appearance of his book, by the visit of an utter stranger, who wished to know by what right Mr. Collins made him ridiculous in print by mentioning one of his peculiarities.

Dr. Schliemann, says an Athens correspondent of the Cleveland *Leader*, is infatuated with old Greece, and he wants nothing but Grecian about him. "His servants have Greek names, and he never changes these though the men may be different. It is Pericles who always opens the door, and Lycurgus lugs up the coal from year to year. He has two pretty children, and I saw throughout the house the paintings of Andromache, his daughter, and I looked at the photographs of his little boy who has the name Agamemnon. His wife is a Greek. She is nearly a generation younger than her husband, and she was a girl studying at the great female school of Athens, known as the Arsakion, when Schliemann met her. She was the best student in her class, and when the learned doctor found that she knew the Iliad by heart, the gossips of Athens say that he straightway proposed. She was beautiful, however, as well as learned, and her potrait which I saw on the wall of the drawing-room represents a very fine looking lady. She is said to be as found of Greek as her husband, and at a children's fancy ball not long ago her daughter wore a dress like those shown in some of the figures discovered in the excavations of Troy.

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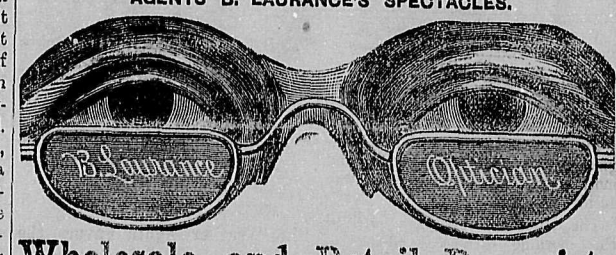

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Completion of the Prize List. Notes of Interest and the Doings of the Day.

THIRD DAY---FRIDAY.

After 6 o'clock last evening the exhibition buildings, which had been partially deserted for an hour, rapidly filled with people and by 7 o'clock the buildings were as packed as at any time during the afternoon. "C" Battery band and the Rifles' band, in turn, discoursed lively music which added much to the general spirit of the occasion. Every visitor was delighted with what there was to see, and even to those who had already inspected the buildings and exhibits several times previously, the grand success of the exhibition became more apparent. Until 10 o'clock the halls were thronged with an inspecting multitude and when the closing hour arrived it was with difficulty the building was cleared. The illuminations throughout the city were expected to draw the crowds away from the building, but they had no such effect.

THE LAST DAY

of the fair broke clear and bright, and long before "Old Sol" had kindled the peaks of the Pitt mountains the streets were fairly alive with people, and by 9 o'clock the entire populace seemed to be out doors. The broad sidewalks were too narrow to accommodate the crush and thousands were forced to use the streets. Fortunately the warm sun had dried up the mud and the walking even on the middle of the streets was not bad. The first train from Vancouver arrived sharp on time and brought several hundred visitors to swell the crowd and hundreds more arrived in carriages and other vehicles. By 10 o'clock

THE FAIR GROUNDS

and buildings were swarming with visitors and the interest seemed greater than ever. The same faces seen in the buildings yesterday were there again to-day examining the exhibits with undiminished interest. The ladies' exhibits came in for a close inspection, and the awards of the judges were scorchingly criticised. Two ladies who seemed to be thoroughly posted in the *technique* of fancy work, and spoke of stitches and styles in language unintelligible to the uninitiated, condemned fully 50 per cent of the awards made, and certainly with some reason, as could be easily understood when the perfections and defects in the various articles were pointed out. Two beautiful Turkish cushions, as fine as anything could be made, were completely ignored by the judges, while greatly inferior articles in the same class were given prizes. Similar decisions were reached in the majority of the awards. In consequence of this there is naturally considerable dissatisfaction among the exhibitors, but what seems strangest of all is that several prize winners are as much surprised at their success as are the exhibitors of the really superior articles. During the morning the building was enlivened by C Battery band and the Rifles' fife and drum band, and this fine music lent much animation to the scene. The behavior of the constable in charge of the fruit exhibits calls for severe censure. This individual was not only rude and bullying in his conduct generally, but actually insulting to both ladies and gentlemen. Yesterday afternoon while an invited guest of the city was being shown the exhibits by two of our most prominent citizens, a small sample was taken from a cut apple to allow the visitor to judge of its flavor. The over officious constable saw the sample removed and then stepped up and informed the party that they "were not gentlemen," and insulted them by further abuse. Had it not been for the presence of ladies near at hand the constable would have been heartily kicked. Last evening a lady took a single grape from a broken cluster and in an instant the bully was at her and used threats both cowardly and uncalled for. Many other instances of such behavior are told of this fellow, and the less the public gets of his services in future the more satisfaction it will give.

IN THE STOCK YARDS

hundreds of people gathered to inspect the horses and cattle, and very favorable were the general comments on them. The Jersey animals showed were all fine, Lewis Chadsey showing the best bull, and C. G. Major the best cow. These attracted more attention than any other of the exhibits. W. Grimmer shows some splendid Southdowns, Cotswold and Shropshire sheep, and in this division his exhibit is the largest and best. The heavy draught horses and general purpose horses were closely examined by several competent judges, and their decision was that the class of animals exhibited was superior throughout.

Continuation of Prize List.

HORSES AND CATTLE.

ROADSTERS.—Best stallion, R A Purver, 2nd, Jones & McNeil; best brood mare, R A Purver, 2nd Wm McArthur; best gelding 3 years old or over, R A Purver; best mare three years old or over, W Templeton, 2nd W Templeton; best 1-year-old filly, R A Purver; best sucking filly, W McArthur; best sucking colt, R A Purver; best 1-year-old colt, Isaac Kipp; best pair carriage horses over 15½ hands, H Webb; best pair carriage horses 15½ hands and under, Wm Templeton; best saddle horse, F Fergoose, 2nd R Stevenson; best buggy horse, R A Purver, 2nd L Williams; best walking horse under saddle, R Stevenson, 2nd Lewis Chadsey.

GENERAL PURPOSES.—Best stallion for general purposes, P Forrest, 2nd J Deroscher; best brood mare, E Gerard, 2nd Henry Vasey; best 2-year-old filly, A C Wells; best sucking filly, D Woodward, 2nd E Gerard; best 2-year-old colt, A C Wells; best 1-year-old colt, I Kipp; best pair carriage horses over 15½ hands, W Templeton, 2nd Geo Black; best saddle horse, D Carr, 2nd Lewis Chadsey; best buggy horse, R Stevenson, 2nd G A Perrin; best pulling team, T F Sinclair; best walking horse under saddle, Lewis Chadsey, 2nd R Stevenson.

DRAUGHT HORSES.—Best stallion, W Gowdy, 2nd H Simpson; best brood mare, McRae Campbell, 2nd W Nicholls; best sucking colt, D S Stewart, 2nd Wm Nicholls; best pair draught horses, P Forrest, 2nd Wm Nicholls; best dray horse, P Forrest.

JERSEYS.—Best bull 3 years and upwards, Lewis Chadsey, 2nd H Brealey; best bull 2 years old and upwards, T Cunningham; best bull calf, C G Major, 2nd T Cunningham; best cow in calf or milk, C G Major, 2nd J S Clute; best 2-year old heifer, T R Pearson; best 1-year-old heifer, T Cunningham, 2nd C G Major.

GRADED STOCK.—Best milch cow, 3 years old and over, T Cunningham, 2nd C J Robson; best heifer 1 year old and under 2, A C Wells, 2nd T Cunningham; best heifer calf, Geo McRae, 2nd H L DeBeck; best fat steer of any age, Philip Jackman; best two fat cattle, Philip Jackman.

EQUESTRIANSHIP.—Most graceful and accomplished lady rider, Miss McKeever, 2nd Miss Kipp, 3rd Mrs H G Ross; most graceful and accomplished gentleman rider, R A Turner, 2nd Geo Black, 3rd R Stevenson.

DIVISION F.

FOR MISSES UNDER 14 YEARS.—Best bread, Miss Austin, 2nd Fannie Hughes, 3rd Miss Latham; best potato yeast, Miss Austin, 2nd Miss Latham; best soda biscuit, Miss Latham.

DIVISION J.

BUGGIES, ETC.—Best single open buggy, Reid & Currie; best single top buggy, Reid & Currie, 2nd Reid & Currie; best single phæton, Reid & Currie; best double top buggy, Reid & Currie; best dump cart, Reid & Currie; best flower pots and drain pipes, Thomas Hembrough; best assortment of wagons, ploughs, buggies, etc., made in the province by one maker, Reid & Currie; best display of agricultural implements, wagons, etc., exhibited by one firm, other than made in the province, F G Strickland & Co.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

By Reid & Currie.—Plough valued at $10—F G Strickland & Co.

By Ogle, Campbell & Freeman.—For the finest child over 6 and under 12 months, one child's robe valued at $10—Mrs E M Wiltshire.

By W E Fales.—For the best mechanical drawing, one rocking chair, valued at $2.50—J K Webster.

Best collection of felt work, $5—Miss Peebles.

By Grant & Maclure.—For the best collection of linen work, one pair lady's fancy slippers, valued at $5 — Miss Peebles.

By C McDonough.—For the best 20 pounds of fresh butter, $5—T E Kitchen.

By M Sinclair.—For the best 50 pounds of butter in rolls, $10—Mrs J Evans.

By H T Read & Co.—For the best collection of ladies fancy work, $10—Miss Nettie Woodward.

By C J Robson.—For the best display of fancy work done on the White sewing machine, $10—Mrs Baker.

By T R Pearson.—For the best collection of pigeons, one pair of thoroughbred L brahmas, valued at $10—Mrs G A Perrin.

By Z S Hall—For the best collection of flowers in pots by amateurs, 5 volumes of juvenile books, valued at $7.50—Mrs Annie M Jaques.

By Wm McColl.—For the best 25 lbs. of provincial made cheese, $5—A C Wells.

By J E Phillips.—For the best breeding pen (1 cock and 4 hens) of light brahmas, one silk hat, valued at $5—T R Pearson.

By A M Herring.—For the best pair of rabbits exhibited by boy under 15, an accordeon valued at $3—Master John Calbick.

By Wintemute Bros.—For the best assortment of provincial made furniture, $10—Wintemute Bros.

By S J Thompson.—For the best bromide portrait, $10—A. Mountain.

By P. Latham.—For the best collection of plants grown in windows, $10—Mrs Cunningham.

By G W Henry, Port Hammond Nursery.—For the 6 best varieties shipping apples (3 each) named, 12 winter apple trees, 3 years old, valued at $6—Mrs Forsythe.

By G W Henry.—For the 6 largest apples, any varieties, named, 6 King Tompkins, 3 years old, valued at $3—A C Wells.

By G W Henry—For the best 6 summer pears, named, 2 Lawson, 3 years old, valued at $3—Mrs S Forsythe.

By Miss Peebles—For the best embroidered felt tea cosie, lady's leather hand bag—Mrs P Peebles.

By Miss Peebles—For the best essay on "True Manliness," by boys under 16 years of age, silver mounted agate penholder—W Whiteside.

By Mathers & Milligan—For the best bunch of oats, any variety, $2.50—Jas Faulkner.

By G D Brymner—For the best collection of bottled fruits and jellies—1st prize $7, Mrs E Hutcherson, 2nd, $3, Mrs T Cunningham.

By Kennedy Bros.—For the best collection of grain grown in the province by exhibitor, $10 cash and DAILY COLUMBIAN for one year—E Greyell.

By P Peebles—For the best bread, by lady not competing for other prize, one Dominion wire mattress, valued at $7—Miss E Insley.

By John Meston—For the best sample 50 pounds salt butter, 1 set iron harrows, valued at $35—Mrs C Chadsey.

SWEEPSTAKES.—LIVE STOCK.

Best stallion of any kind, H Simpson; best mare of any kind, McRae & Campbell; best exhibition of stallions, geldings, mares and fillies made by one exhibitor, raised and owned in the province, R A Purver; best bull of any kind, Tolmie estate; best cow of any kind, C G Major; best sow of any kind, H Webb; best boar of any kind, J D Benson; best ewe of any kind, John Kirkland; best ram of any kind, John Kirkland.

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A GREAT MEETING.

The Provincial Exhibition will be Held at New Westminster Again Next Year.

The fears of those who had anticipated a small and unenthusiastic gathering to decide this deeply important question, were quickly dissipated even before the hour appointed, 7 o'clock. Alderman Curtis was seated at a desk within the railing and was doing a rushing business in the sale of tickets. Nearly every seat in the spacious auditorium was filled by an interested citizen. The turn out was fully expressive of Westminster's warm interest in the subject about to be discussed, and her strong desire to have the exhibition held here. At 7:30 the president, Mr. W. H. Ladner, M. P. P., accompanied by the vice-president, Mr. Thos. Cunningham, and Mayor Townsend, ascended the rostrum. The president rose and said that, according to the constitution, they would now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year. He was sorry he could not give a full report at that time as the secretary was not present, but between 1700 and 1800 entries had been made, a greater number by far than ever entered before. (Applause). But for the unfortunate weather there would undoubtedly have been 3000. He could not give a detailed financial statement, but they hoped to be able to pay all the prizes in full without trouble, and show what has been done with the money. The city had gone to enormous expense in getting up the exhibition and preparing the grounds, but that expense would be in great measure returned. The reason why such a temporary fence had been erected around the grounds was because the ground had to be enclosed in some way, and there was no time to put up the strong and finished fence which will eventually be erected. The lumber in the present fence will be sold at auction, and little will be lost in that way. The city has gone to thousands of dollars of expense on the park, and he could not see what had been done to account for the sinking of all that money. Had the same been expended on a farm, there would, without doubt, have been a much better showing.

Vice-President Cunningham arose and said he thought the meeting a little ahead of time; the minutes of the last annual meeting ought to be read, but as the secretary was up at the fair grounds, settling with farmers from a distance, pending his arrival he would make a few remarks. They had reason to be thankful and proud for the grand success which had attended this exhibition. (Applause). At Chilliwhack show, two years ago, people had sneeringly remarked, "Where is Westminster now? she can't get up a show!" Gentlemen, that reproach has been rolled away and it is our turn to laugh. But, gentlemen, we did not attain that proud position without the expenditure of thought, money, labor and planning. Yes, some of us have sat up night after night to plan and bring about what we see finished and admirable to-day. Had it not been for the late heavy storm the exhibition would have been double what it was. Only one-half of the stock intended to be entered, was entered; and the fact of the matter is we could not have accommodated all had they come. Some blame had been thrown upon the management on the first day. Had the person who made those harsh and cutting criticisms known all the circumstantes, the care, the worry, the incessant anxiety and the hard work and sleepless nights the committee had gone through, he might have modified the acrimonious rigor of his pen and not been so unwilling to accept things as they were, cheerfully, like other people just as good. Everybody was inside the gates that day by courtesy, and there seemed to be two conflicting interests present, the sports and the committee, but only seemingly. The sports' committee had kindly agreed to hold their sports in the grounds and allow the society the gate receipts. Had the sports gone elsewhere the society would have lost a great deal of money. The clearing of the grounds on the first morning was unavoidable; there was no other way to enable the society to collect what was theirs by right. Some had complained that their tickets did not admit their wives and children and all their relations and acquaintances. But this of course was ridiculous; he would merely state as a case in point that the Oregon State Fair charged a dollar a day per head. And here we had given a noble show for the paltry sum of twenty-five cents. (Applause and laughter). He would merely say this to prevent damaging rumors going about that the management was arbitrary and unreasonable. And he would just ask them to remember that on the morning of the first day all the committeemen present were wet to the skin, cold, tired, some of them had been up all night, and he would ask if it were reasonable to expect that they could meet every man with a smile and a bow. (Laughter). As to the fence around the grounds, that was the best thing the society ever did. They had saved just $1,500 by that fence. It was for our own protection, and after all, the fence would be sold at what the lumber cost them, so there was no cause to complain. He had been talking so much to-day that he was nearly exhausted, but he would merely remark in concluding that he was confident the secretary would report a large increase in memberships, perhaps double. The prize list will have to be gone over item by item and carefully revised and we will have to increase the prizes. The next book will be in divisions or separate books, which will facilitate the work. And there will be plenty of assistants. There would be no more of such work as the secretary had gone through night after night. (Applause).

The president read a telegram from Capt. Irving, directing his agent here to hold the steamer Irving until 10 a. m. next morning.

Mr. Orr moved that the next provincial agricultural exhibition be held next year in Queen's park; the motion was enthusiastically seconded, and nearly a score of people in the body of the hall spoke in favor of it.

Mr. Dalby, of Victoria, spoke at some length and asked that the original contract to have one exhibition on the mainland and the next on the island be adhered to. He wanted the matter discussed, however, and asked Mr. Orr to withdraw his motion. This was hailed with a storm of howls and hootings and stamping on the floor.

His worship rose and had to speak at the pitch of his voice to make himself heard through the uproar. He said there was a great deal of feeling in the matter and not enough quiet reasoning; he thought the time had come when the mainland could paddle her own canoe as far as the agricultural exhibition went. (Applause). His worship several times reminded the audience that he had the floor. He further said that Westminster did not want to monopolize the show business, but Victoria could run one of her own if she wanted to, we could get along first rate ourselves.

Mr. McLagan, who was present for the Vancouver *World*, and as a member of the society, rose and strongly appealed to the audience for what he termed justice to Mr. Dalby and other Victorians present. The audience seemed quieted for a moment, but soon recovered and Mr. McLagan's voice was soon drowned in a hurricane of roars and whoops.

Mr Dalby rose to withdraw his motion and at the conclusion of his remarks some person in the audience yelled "Go home." A large number of other persons laughed at this witticism.

At this point Ald. Curtis stepped to the rostrum and facing the uproarious crowd made a splendid speech which held the audience spell bound while it lasted. He asked them to be calm and reasonable and not wantonly insult strangers who were in the minority. He concluded by saying that he would vote for the exhibition being held here next year. Thunders of applause greeted the worthy alderman as he resumed his seat. His speech was the most stirring and effective of the evening.

A great number of other speakers followed, some suggesting one thing and some another. The election of officers was finally proceeded with and resulted as follows: President, Thos. Cunningham; 1st vice-president, Mayor Oppenheimer, of Vancouver; 2nd vice-president, Geo. W. Chadsey; secretary, T. R. Pearson; treasurer, G. D. Brymner. Directors' committee, Messrs. Wells, Kennedy, Black, Ladner, Calhoun, Shannon, Ashwell, Thrift, Sinclair, Ewen, Tolmie, Townsend, McDonald, Henry, Johnson, Brealy, McGillivray, Maxwell, Kirkland, Winch, Wells, Latham and Agassiz.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 10 o'clock.

The Revelstoke Smelter.

Mr. Litster, foreman of the works, says that very good progress is being made at the Revelstoke smelter. The sampling works are nearly completed and ready for ore. There is storage for 300 tons and the capacity will be enlarged as needed. In about ten days everything will be ready for operations. The water pipes exceed half a mile in length and can be finished in a week. A large force of bricklayers is now employed. The foundations of the smoke stack, the dust flue and the smelter are laid. The roaster is finished except the arches, and its smoke stack is up about ten feet. The framing will be erected in the course of next week. Considerable delay has been caused by saw mills not being able to furnish lumber promptly.—*Kootenay Star.*

A Sailor's Sweetheart.

Several months ago, so the story goes, John Paul, a handsome and popular seaman of H.M.S. Swiftsure, became acquainted with one of the many good looking young ladies of Victoria, with whom he straightway proceeded to fall in love. The tender passion was fully reciprocated, and the jolly Jack Tar made application for a discharge from the service. As he was a good mechanic, he naturally concluded that as a married man he could do better ashore, and was willing to forsake the pomp and circumstance of naval grandeur for a neat little home on the less treacherous element, mother earth. His application for a discharge was duly forwarded to England, and not expecting that any difficulty would be experienced in securing his release, Paul made ready for the wedding day. When news did come from England, it was disheartening. The application was refused. Nothing daunted, the sailor and his sweetheart put their heads together and resolved to outwit the authorities of old England hand in hand. They said nothing of their plans to anyone, and consequently surprise was expressed by everyone when it became known yesterday morning that the loving pair had placed the straits between them and all that would interfere with their union and were already man and wife. The plan of their elopement was unusual, and as decidedly romantic as any chapter from one of Clarke Russell's novels. The prospective groom visited the James Bay boat house on Tuesday night and wished to rent a boat, ostensibly to go to Esquimalt. "Capt. Dan" did not, however, wish to let his boat go out, and the blue jacket thereupon applied to Capt. Cox, of the schooner Sapphire, who loaned him one of his boats in which to go, as he said, "down to Esquimalt." Instead of sailing to the headquarters of the fleet, the sturdy tar and the girl of his choice together set sail for Port Angeles, which they reached safely, and where they were duly united in marriage.—*Colonist.*

FOOLISH CONYBEARE

Deliberately Breaks a Prison Rule on Being Released and is Locked up Again.

Immense Damage Done by the Late Floods in Japan---Chinese Pirates at Work.

Snell's Mysterious Murderer Said to Have Killed the Only Witness of the Crime.

FOOLISH CONYBEARRE.

DUBLIN, Oct. 4.—While the authorities of Londonderry jail were going through the formality of releasing Charles A. Conybearre, member of parliament for Camborn division, Cornwall, from confinement to-day, that gentleman deliberately violated one of the rules of the prison and was immediately taken back to his cell. As Conybearre served but little more than two months of a six months' term for offenses against the crimes act in participating in the "plan of campaign" it is possible his defiant conduct will subject him to the necessity of serving out the remainder of his term, notwithstanding the bad condition of his health which was the reason of his intended release.

A ROUGH TRIP.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4—The sealing schooner Lily L. arrived from the north last night with 900 seal skins. She had a rough trip down and nearly foundered at one time, being struck by a heavy cross sea, which stove in three of her boats and set everything movable on deck afloat.

A HIGH AUTHORITY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—A prominent arrival last night was H. L. W. Lawson, editor of the *Telegraph*. In an interview Mr. Lawson said he thought the outlook promising for Irish home rule, and the Behring sea matter would be settled amicably and in a judicial manner.

ROTTEN STAGING.

ROCKVLLE, Oct. 4.—The staging on the Union church broke to-day, and Geo. Johnson, John Hanson, of Worcester, Mass., stage builders, fell 75 feet. Hanson had his skull broken and received internal injuries; he was picked up dead. Johnson's back was broken and his ribs driven into his lungs. He cannot live.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

OTTAWA, Oct. 4.—The British government has drawn the attention of the Dominion government to the danger which threatens the friendly treaty relations between Great Britain and China unless the Chinese restriction act, which was passed by the Dominion parliament in 1885 be modified; and desires that such steps may be taken at next session of parliament as will remove all cause of alarm. In Victoria, B. C., Mr. Dewdney, minister of the interior, recently stated that Chinese labor was an advantage to the development of that province. His speech was meant, it is now believed, to prepare the way for such modification as the government may make.

THE HAWAIIAN RIOTERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—George W. Merrill, whose term of office as U. S. minister to Hawaii has just expired, arrived here on the Australia last night. He says that the excitement over the riots has abated. The trial of the leaders commences on Monday next, but it is the general impression that they will not be severely dealt with. When the Australia left, the U.S. steamer Nipsic was still on the marine railway. The repairs on her had been completed and she was to be launched two hours after the departure of the steamer.

FLOODED CITIES.

BERLIN, Oct. 5.—The rivers Bober and Sprotta, in Prussian Silesia, have overflown their banks, causing much damage for many miles. The cities of Sprottan and Hirschberg are flooded.

RATHER DOUBTFUL.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—The *Globe* to-day publishes a two-column article in which it is claimed sufficient evidence has been discovered to show that Fred Schuneman, who was mysteriously shot about 1 o'clock on the morning of August 30th, 1888, was murdered by the same person who murdered millionaire Snell, and that the murder was committed because Schuneman had discovered who Snell's murderer was.

SUICIDE AT SEA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—George Putman, a passenger on the steamer Australia which arrived from Honolulu last night, killed himself with a carving knife on September 30th, in a fit of temporary insanity, and was buried at sea. He has a family in Honolulu, and was coming here on a vacation.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5. — Chin Lung, a Chinaman, was arrested here last night charged with the murder of a countryman named Lee Bock, on a ranch near San Jose about a month ago.

THE JAPANESE FLOOD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—By the steamer Belgic, which arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama late last night, it is learned that much suffering exists in the districts of Japan recently devastated by floods. The following report gives some idea of the terrible extent of the calamity: The commainder of a Portuguese gunboat stated that for a distance of not less than ninety miles along the coast, he passed through floating debris of houses and wreckage of furniture so thickly scattered over the surface of the sea that at times it almost became necessary to stop the vessel.

PIRATICAL WORK.

On the 7th of August Chinese pirates attacked an opium boat near Tonquin, murdered the six men on board and took everything in sight and then sunk the boat.

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HERE AND THERE.

Random Jottings of Our Carnival by an Uncritical Critic.

Picking his way, Wednesday afternoon, across an amalgam of anything but *aqua pura* and mother earth, the wanderer of the quill arrived within sight of the triumphal arch leading to the exhibition grounds. Crossing the street, he found that one of his overshoes had preferred remaining in the mire to completing the cruise across the roadway. The exhibition grounds were scarcely an improvement upon the slush previously so successfully piloted, and some incentive to perseverance was vouchsafed by his meeting with a brother in distress, the genial manager of the *World*, from whose limp and mud stained garments the rain trickled in an endless number of little rivulets. There was quite a crowd of interested spectators at the Scottish sports which were proceeding, and, although it rained as hard as ever, not a few ladies stood fearlessly, almost ankle deep in the mud, to see the fun.

The peripatetic critic had, however, known the comforts of a good home, and so, to get out of the downpour, produced his credentials and was at once admitted to the exhibition building, where the judges were hard at work. It is a matter of pride with the writer that he takes an intelligent interest in affairs bucolic, for, having passed eight solid months upon a ranch, and lived upon pork and potatoes, with an occasional slapjack to vary the *menu* during all that time, he considers that his apprenticeship has been served. It was, therefore, with much interest that he beheld pumpkins, turnips, potatoes, bread, eggs, butter, honey, and cheese set out in endless variety and only awaiting judicious arrangement at the hands of an experienced *chef*.

The exhibits were marvellous in size and appearance. From one of the walls was suspended a gigantic case of stuffed sea-birds, capitally arranged, whilst at the other side of the building an exhibit of soaps attracted attention. To the morbidly inclined a first-class variety of tombstones was ready to hand. Here, there, and everywhere were beautifully arranged stands, which have been fully described by another pen in these columns. Here it is sufficient to mention that a model watch stand, exhibited by Mr. Bradbury, of Vancouver, though small, is worth a brief survey, being elegant in design and artistic in execution. The Mainland cigar factory's show case is original.

Mounting the stairs, Miss Peeble's stand, laden with many pretty things, faced the man who came to admire. Prominent thereon is a jewel case, a priceless treasure, being the handiwork of Josef Maire, the Christus of the Ober-Ammergau Passion play. A very handsome tea case, the work of Miss Williams, is close by, whilst all around are quilts, shawls, embroidery and needlework of every description; some of it worthy of a pupil of Helbronner. The art section is remarkable for a perfect crayon portrait of Cardinal Newman, the work of Miss Withrow, true to the very line. The show cases are comparatively few here, McPherson & Thompson being, however, represented by a tastefully arranged selection of articles and a sword of very bloodthirsty appearance. Near at hand an embroidered plush screen, with pink roses, is very noticeable, and a large number of plaques, mounted in plush, are also attractive.

If art is but nature better understood, it must be admitted that the general display of pictures is somewhat disappointing. When we say this we do not intend it to be inferred that merit is altogether lacking; on the contrary, there are quite a number of works on the walls, some of them of considerable merit. Among them the crayon portrait of Miss Nellie Withrow is really by far the very best thing in the show. The features are lifelike, and although evidently a copy of a photograph, we cannot but think that the artist must at some time have seen and caught the expression so full of character of the greatest living master of the English language. In the crayon department Miss Lewis has a most admirable display, and her show though small has succeeded in carrying off not a few first prizes. The display in oils is generally speaking below par. A very fine sunset, however, deserves a passing word of praise for its tone, and the portrait of a man smoking and in a brown study has a very natural expression about the lower part of the face, somewhat marred however by the ghastliness of the face. Near at hand is a little gem representing a study from still life. The coloring is effective and the general appearance most natural. The same remark may be made regarding the portrait of a dog near at hand. Almost hidden by a number of sewing machines is a painted photograph exquisite in pose and natural in tint. Thompson's display in photography is also worthy a more than passory survey. Between Miss Lewis' collection and the near wall of the building are a large number of water colors and oils, among them being a good black and white waterfall sketch. There are a large number of really excellent works displayed by Mrs. E. J. Miller's pupils, merely placed on the walls to make a good show and not necessarily for competition. The general tone of these is very high. Farther along is a copy of "The Challenge," a very long way after Landseer, and all around are a really excellent number of plaques. A painting on tapistry, of a water carrier is worthy of remark too, but lack of space forbids us to enter into any detailed criticism of the works exhibited. It would be well to appoint, in future years, a committee of selection before the pictures are hung.

As to the flower and fruit displays, no mean praise. There have seldom been seen such apples as are here displayed to the tempted appetite, and if Eden was one-half so fruitful as British Columbia, the mystery of our first mother's fall needs no explanation. The outside show is interesting to those who understand cattle, pigs and poultry: as the writer's knowledge of live stock is confined to the good effects ascertainable by the palate, after the animals have left the kitchen, he naturally considered that the chickens required boiling, and the pigs roasting, that the sheep should have been served with caper sauce and turnips, whilst the pigeons would not have been out of place beneath a good puff crust.

Having dissipated to the extent of a cup of coffee and a plate of ham at the W. C. T. U. restaurant, and the rain still falling, the writer struck a beeline for "Home, Sweet Home, there's no place like lodgings." The evening in town was entertaining. Jack ashore was in full blast, the saloons ringing with his jolly choruses, and crowds of landsmen vieing with each other in endeavoring to make him as helplessly "full" as they could; not always succeeding, however, until they themselves had arrived at a stage of maudlin benevolence.

About 8 o'clock Thursday morning the Acorn and Icarus opened the proceedings by a liberal display of bunting. The morning, though better than most we have had lately, was not ideally correct. The glorious dawn was not in "russet clad," but gradually and sullenly made its appearance through a veil of murky cloud; the air was raw and chill, and inky folds of heavy moisture enveloped the city. This did not prevent chanticleer from hailing the anything but bright and smiling morn, however, and every chicken roost in the city was aloud with music long before the majority of the Royal burghers had slept off the effects of the ball.

As the day advanced the sun, thinking better of its early intentions, shone with summer heat; for, like a coy maid anxious to say "yes," but with with a strong coquetry upon her, old Sol played hide and seek behind the lowering clouds, until curiosity being too much for the old boy, he suddenly made a big break and beamed benignly over all the gay and festive scene.

A drive around the streets whilst the procession was under way was an eye-opener. Never had the Royal city been so full of people, and never was there a better tempered crowd. Grand Marshal Ackerman was like Sir Boyle Roche's bird, everywhere at once, whilst Wintemute's buffalo rampant came up smiling after the rain, and his glowing eyeballs emitted an unwonted fire as he pawed his standing place impatiently.

Suddenly upon the ear fell the ominous tones of the passing bell, denoting that the unfortunate victim of Wednesday's accident was on his way to his long home. For a moment a shade of sadness passed over the multitude, for the warning note, like the sword of Damocles, told again the old, old story, that in the midst of life we are in death.

Here they come, and the procession is *en route*, brave with music and bunting. Where all is so good it would be uncivil to make comparisons. The people on the sidewalks and thronging windows and balconies are evidently more than abundantly satisfied, if their cheering, hand clapping and exclamations of admiration are any testimony whatever. The roads are ankle deep in mud, but what of that; love laughs at locks, and the Royal burghers do not intend to allow an inch or so, more or less, of filth to mar their enjoyment. As the procession starts, the Irving hurries up all steam to land her passengers from up river in time for the show.

The crowd at the exhibition and sports in the afternoon was simply immense. The writer has had a considerable experience of large gatherings of people, and he thinks that at any one time there could not have been fewer than 5,000 people within the grounds, and that probably 7,000 would be nearer the estimate. Bright weather attracted brighter costumes and the ladies were resplendent, whilst many an old timer donned some distinctive and attractive article of apparel in honor of Westminster's colossal festival. Was there ever so good-natured a concourse! Everybody was enthusiastic, everybody genial and in high spirits. Happy-go-lucky Jimmy O'Halloran was the very personification of satisfied humanity. Driving a hack, he positively beamed with smiles, making everyone he came into contact with vote him the heartiest fellow on the field. Baby buggies, *ad libitum* and endless, proved that the royal city was well to the front with a sturdy rising generation.

After supper the crowds thronged the sidewalks until they became almost impassable. Everyone who had a quarter displayed a choice lantern, and the length and breadth of the city was ablaze with light. Dashwood Jones made a first-class illumination and the same may be said of nearly all. The upper streets, too, were in no way behind. Upon Agnes st. Mr. Johnston and Ald. Curtis had a brave display and the City Hall glowed again with tastefully arranged lanterns. Mr. Chas. Warwick's house was a picture of light, and much pains must have been spent over the doing of it, the back as well as the front of the house showing a capital display. The residences of ex-Mayor Dickinson, H. V. Edmonds and J. A. Webster were also illuminated as was also Mrs. Stirsky's lodging house, and from Columbia street and the river looked very nice.

It was late when the streets assumed their air of wonted quiet. Never before had the royal city seen such a crowd and never before had she shown her hospitality with such lavish grace. All passed off well and orderly, and not a man misbehaved himself. The sailors proved themselves to be gentlemen out on a holiday, and they thoroughly enjoyed it, too. As the streets got things [illegible] than this memorable day had afforded.

DIRECTORS' DINNER.

Annual Dinner of the Directors of the Agricultural Association.

The annual dinner of the directors of the British Columbia agricultural association took place Thursday evening at the Queen's hotel. The "spread" itself was one of the daintiest ever dished up by the Queen's. The tables were most tastefully laid out with flowers and cut glass, and plates for 100 persons were set on. At 8:30, the schedule hour to begin operations, scarcely anybody had arrived and not until 10 o'clock did the party sit down. There were only 23 present and 5 of those were journalists. At the top of the table sat the president, W. H. Ladner, M, P. P.; at his right were Mayor Townsend and Ald. Curtis; at his left, Senator McInnes, Mr. Stramberg, A. E. Beck, Vancouver, and G. D. Brymner.

After the menu had been disposed of, the toast of "The Queen" was drunk with all honors. The mayor then favored the company with a fine song entitled, "the Queen and the navy forever." This received thunders of applause. "The Prince and Princess of Wales" was the next toast and was enthusiastically honored. The toast of the "governor-general" brought the president to his feet; he said he was sorry Lord Stanley was not present, also Lieut.-Governor Nelson; but Lord Stanley was coming and they would give him a royal reception. Senator McInnes responded to the toast of "the Dominion parliament." The senator said he would not inflict a political speech or a sermon upon his hearers, but would rather choose to remark upon the exhibition and draw a few comparisons between its exhibits and what he had seen abroad. We had here an exhibit open and to the inspection of the world. He had lately seen the great Paris exposition and he had gone through it with ears and eyes open, partly from habit of so doing but especially for the sake of New Westminster and the province. He had paid particular attention to the natural products shown in that great exhibition and after having seen the products exhibited at Westminster he was proud to think that he was a British Columbian, and right here he would take the liberty of saying, even in the presence of Professor Saunders of Ottawa, that the government never made a better appointment than that of Professor Saunders to the British Columbia experimental farm. That gentleman had generously waived several important business transactions to be present with them to-day, and this magnanimous conduct, he was sure, was deeply appreciated. The speaker, continuing, said that he had seen in the markets of Rome, Naples, Genoa, Berne, Frankfort, and even old London itself, specimens of their fruits, vegetables and natural productions, but not in one of those great fruit and vegetable producing countries had he ever seen anything to equal the products of our own province, (applause). No, nothing to compare with the magnificent fruits of our soil; and in that great exhibition lately held in Toronto no single exhibit stood out more prominently than that of British Columbia. The eloquent speaker gave a very interesting account of how farming operations were conducted in Switzerland, a country very like our own. He prophesied that this province will be able to support a population of thirty or forty millions a few generations hence, and also called attention to the market offered by the Northwest Territory.

The mayor proposed the healths of the president and vice-president of the agricultural association of British Columbia, and Professor Saunders. Mr. Ladner responded briefly to the toast, as did also Ald. T. Cunningham, who said he was proud to-night to see the agricultural society in the flourishing condition that it was.

Prof. Saunders said it afforded him great pleasure to respond to this toast and he was more than gratified to see evidences of success in every department of agriculture, and especially horticulture, at the exhibition buildings, to-day. He was often asked, "what do you think of British Columbia," but that was a many sided question. You could talk to a man for a whole hour about the resources of British Columbia and then merely be able to touch a few. The showing of cattle at the buildings had pleased him very much, there were excellent short horns, Jerseys, Herefords, Durhams and Holsteins. Best for milking strain and also for flesh forming qualities was the short horn. The salient point of progress in British Columbia is the raising of blooded stock horses, cattle and poultry. To these great attention should be paid. He noted that in the poultry exhibit were absent many useful strains known in the east as good layers, but the farmers here would no doubt soon adopt them. Professor Saunders gave a most interesting account of the rise and growth of experimental farms and said their object was to save the farmer the time and trouble of finding out new things. Canada was not behind any other country in the world in adopting the experimental farm. He also congratulated the association on the fact that British Columbia was entirely free from the pests which annoy the eastern farmer such as bugs, slugs and destructive insects that prey upon vegetation. He advised the farmers of the province to turn more attention to fruit culture.

The mayor respounded to "The Mayors and Reeves." Mr. Kirkland also made a few remarks. Ald. Curtis in replying to this toast asked Prof. Saunders to remind the Hon. E. Blake that his remark about British Columbia being a "sea of mountains," made years ago, was now all wrong.

Mr. Cunningham in proposing the toast of the "Provincial Press" said to further the best interests of the society. True, there had been in one case a harsh, rough criticism and he thought it too bad that after working night and day they should have these hard things said about them; however, there were bound to be some imperfections and all he could say was they had all done their best and the best can do no more.

Messrs. McLagan, Vancouver *World*; Bourne, *News-Advertiser*; Col. McGregor, *Truth*, and Graham, of THE COLUMBIAN, responded at various lengths to the toast.

Mr. Stramberg responded to the toast of "The Ladies."

After the singing of "God save the Queen" by the whole company standing, the pleasant gathering broke up about 1 a. m.

Late Despatches.

MARTIAL LAW ENFORCED.

VIENNA, Oct. 2.—The Austrian consul at Cameo telegraphs that rioting in Crete has been subdued and martial law has been enforced, but only against murderers and rioters.

HOLDS THE WHIPHAND.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Special dispatches from Belgrade say that Ex-Queen Natalie is mistress of the situation. She has the sympathy of the population, and the government of the regency dare not expel her. What the regents feared has come about. The ex-queen has re-established her control over the mind of her son although she disavows making any political use of her influence in that direction. The officials of the court, acting under the instructions of the regency and the angry orders of the ex-king, still keep Alexander under restraint. Natalie protests and insists upon her right as a mother to have access to her son whenever he or she desires to see each other. She also refuses to surrender her civil rights as a citizen of Servia, and will remain in Belgrade, unless forcibly expelled.

OUR NEXT GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

LONDON, Oct. 3. — It is hinted that Lord Stanley is not going to remain his full term of office as governor-general of Canada, but that he will return to England to take part in the next general elections for the British parliament as a supporter of Lord Salisbury, and a prospective member of his cabinet. It is said Queen Victoria is anxious that the Earl of Fife, her new grandson, shall be assigned to the post of governor-general of Canada.

HARDLY CORRECT.

OTTAWA, Oct. 3.—The Dominion having failed to induce the British government to take some action towards protecting British Columbia sealers from seizure by the United States cruisers in Behring Sea, and to secure indemnity for the owners of vessels which have been confiscated, Col. Baker, a prominent conservative and follower of Sir John A. MacDonald, has resigned his seat as a representative of British Columbia in the Dominion parliament. Mr. Baker, who was at one time an officer in the British navy, for some time has been endeavoring to induce the Dominion government to secure some redress for his constituents, who have lost their vessels through seizure in Behring Sea, but to no avail.

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EDITOR COLUMBIAN—*Sir*:—I wish to express through your valuable paper the feeling of wonder and amazement which I experienced in connection with my visit to the provincial agricultural exhibition held here this week. I have during the last fifteen years visited a large number of agricultural shows in England, including the royal, but nowhere have I seen such a marvelous display of fruit and vegetables as that which met my gaze on Thursday. I confess that I could not help feeling that British Columbia may challenge the world in the variety and size and quality of its fruits and vegetables. The whole exhibition, including the procession, decorations, illuminations, etc., has impressed me greatly as being a marvelous display of public spirit, combined with agricultural and commercial enterprise, reflecting great credit on the province in general and New Westminster in particular. I regard it as being strikingly prophetic of the grand future awaiting this glorious province. Yours,

C. C. FISHER.

New Westminster, Oct. 5, 1889.

The Park Lane Arch.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN—*Sir*:—Editors of papers being supposed to know everything, I take the liberty of asking you to kindly inform me and the other residents of New Westminster if the castle-crowned arch on Park Lane street was built at the expense of the city, or by a private individual or individuals. If the former, I would ask why it was put where it is, and why it was not put where it should have been, i.e., at the entrance to the exhibition grounds. The subject has been a matter of enquiry from hundreds or perhaps thousands during the exhibition, but so far as I can learn, no one has been able to answer the question, therefore I have been induced to apply to THE COLUMBIAN for enlightenment on the subject. If the building is intended to be a permanent structure, I trust the building committee will remove it to where it should be, and where, with some improvement, it would be an adornment to the exhibition grounds. F.

[(1) The arch was built at the order of the decoration committee, and will be paid for out of the celebration fund. (2) It was placed there, we understand, as the view it commanded was excellent; it also acted as a guide to strangers. Another arch should have been placed at the entrance to the grounds, but funds were limited. (3) As to the permanency and removal of the structure, the decoration committee and the agricultural as-

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Review of the Exhibits in the Main Building, and General Notes.

FIRST DAY---WEDNESDAY.

The first day of the provincial exhibition and royal city celebration did not open auspiciously. A pelting rain driven by a southwesterly gale accompanied the break of day, and the many hundred burghers of the royal city who tumbled out of bed to view the prospect tumbled in again a moment later, disheartened and annoyed at the continued persistency of the weather to balk the many well laid plans arranged for the pleasure of those who had come as visitors. Still, every cloud has a silver lining, and remnants of the lining of several huge masses of vapour showed themselves distinctly before the hour of noon arrived. From early morning the streets were black with people, mostly visitors, who were taking in the sights so far as they had been prepared. Owing to the wet weather of day before, decorations were not as far advanced as they should have been, but a large force of men were at work bright and early and the streets soon assumed a *bright and more animated appearance*, which was still further augmented when every flag staff in the city was decorated with bunting. About 10 o'clock "C" Battery band made its appearance and enlivened the streets with a number of fine airs. Then came the smart fife and drum band of the New Westminst .r rifles, and most inspiriting music it played; lastly came the Indian band from the Burrard Inlet mission whose playing was generally admired. The St. Andrews and Caledonian society formed at 11 o'clock and headed by Piper Fraser marched to the exhibition grounds, where the Caledonian games and sports were not fairly commenced until about 2 p. m.

In the exhibition buildings all was bustle and activity the whole morning, a small army being at work arranging and classing the exhibits and displays. Entries were received by the secretary till 1 o'clock, which extension of time was found to be necessary owing to the difficulty many exhibitors encountered in getting their goods to the grounds. At 1 o'clock entries closed, and the buildings and grounds were cleared of the people who came in with exhibits. A walk through the main building reveals the fact that the present will be the most successful exhibition ever held under the provincial association. It is impossible to give more than a partial description to-day of the principal exhibits. One of the very finest displays on the first floor is that of

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The display consists of silver and plated ware, silver sets, lamps, hand and hanging, fancy cutlery, etc. These are arranged on a pyramid shaped frame with the lamps suspended overhead. Over 100 articles in all are exhibited, and on the whole the display is one of the most attractive in the building.

D. LYAL & CO.

have a fine display of pianos and organs of famous makes, one instrument, in particular, from the Mendelssohn *Piano Co., Toronto*, being very fine in tone and finish.

WM. TIETJEN,

proprietor of the Mainland cigar factory, has a handsome case of cigars and tobaccos. His popular brands, Mainland and British Lion, along with half a dozen other brands are neatly displayed. The leaf tobacco shows the quality used in manufacturing the different brands, which is revealed on inspection to be the finest and most expensive imported grades.

THE VANCOUVER SOAP CO.

makes a really beautiful, though small, exhibit of soaps. It is small in variety only, for some of the samples weigh 100 pounds each. The grades are red and blue, mottled, white and brown, plain and scented. The large blocks forming the foundation give a good effect to the rest of the display.

WINTEMUTE BROS.

show a furnished bedroom and sitting room, very handsome indeed, and all the articles are of their own manufacture. The bed, bureau and accompanying furniture are made from hardwood of handsome grain and finish. The sitting room furniture is handsomely upholstered in rich plush, and the whole is most creditable to the manufacturers.

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make a fine exhibit of Chown and Cunningham's make of stoves, parlor and cooking, of many designs; also a large display of tools and general hardware.

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of Vancouver, show a beautiful assortment of chairs, settees and ottomans, carved and plain, of their own manufacture, upholstered in rich and bright colored plushes. They also show a handsome assortment of window curtains. Their whole exhibit is very creditable.

THE ROYAL CITY PLANING MILLS CO.

have a large and interesting exhibit of their manufactures. It includes, doors, sashes, lattice window blinds, carved fire places, in beautiful grained birdseye maple, *door frames, lighted* with cathedral glass, carved pillars, carvings, turning, etc. The exhibit also includes a model of the company's new tug Active, and many other articles too numerous to mention here. An inspection of this handsome collection will prove very interesting.

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has a large display of grave stones, monuments, foot stones, etc., of various designs and handsome finish, disclosing *high class workmanship* throughout.

THE CITY BREWERY

has a large exhibit of pale ale, porter and lager beer, bottled, and Carter Bros., *of Victoria, show* bottled ale and porter.

CANNED SALMON.

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show a large and handsome display of tools, hardware, etc., all handsomely arranged on a velvet ground which shows off the articles to perfection. This exhibit is the most complete of its kind in the building, and is also one of the most attractive.

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have a large and varied assortment of machinery, farming implements, etc., displayed in the machinery annex. It embraces, mowers, reapers, ploughs, harrows, seeders, loaders, separators, corn-shellers, hay presses, rakes, threshing machines and in fact everything that is used in connection with *farming operations. They also show* saw mill machinery, engines and many new devices in labor saving machinery. The display was inspected to-day by hundreds of farmers, who pronounced it complete and perfect. The firm deserves great credit for the enterprise it has shown in this exhibit.

The floral display is very beautiful and takes up a large corner on the second floor. The exhibits are: P. Latham, 300; W. H Holden, 200; G. A. McTavish, 150; Chas. Wilson, 100; Thos. Cunningham, 20 and Dr. Bentley, 20.

The fine arts are largely represented and some of the pictures are very creditable indeed. Mrs. E. J. Miller and her pupils make an exhibit of great merit, more extended notice of which will be made in to-morrow's issue. Ladies' plain and fancy work *covers about a third of the second* floor. This is the largest display of the kind ever made in the province.

The fruit and field produce exhibits are greater in number than ever before, and also better in quality. The unsettled state of the weather had the effect of reducing the exhibits in these divisions by at least a third.

Cattle, sheep and horses are well represented, as are also swine and poultry. Most of the animals are thoroughbreds.

SECOND DAY---THURSDAY.

The opening ceremonies were carried out this morning without the slightest hitch and everything came off according to programme.

On reaching the fair grounds shortly after 11 o'clock the procession, escort*ing Lieut.-Governor Nelson, made the* circuit of the race course and the military opened ranks and presented arms to the governmental carriage as it reached the main entrance. The lieut.-governor, accompanied by Hon. John Robson, Mayors Townsend and Oppenheimer, Mr. W. H. Ladner, M. P. P., and other gentlemen, stepped onto the balcony over the main entrance, preparatory to the speaking. Mr. Ladner formally introduced Lieut.-Governor Nelson, who stepped forward and said that the present occasion reminded him of his old days, and called to his mind an expression which was common years ago on great occasions like this, and that was "this is a great day for Ireland," and this was *indeed a great day for New Westmin*ster and for British Columbia. The clouds and the rain had passed away and the sunshine was upon us like a good augury of the future. He hoped the sun would shine upon all present, young and old, and he had great pleasure in declaring the agricultural society's exhibition open to the public. At the conclusion of these remarks three hearty cheers were given for his honor and Mrs. Nelson and the crowds who had been waiting poured into the halls.

When the doors opened a handsome sight was presented to the view of the visitors. The interior decorations on the first floor were found to be complete and so nicely arranged that the rough finishing of the building was not observable except on close scrutiny. Directly facing the main entrance are the piano and organ exhibits, open and free to the general public who profess to musical accomplishments. Arranged along the left wall *are some of the exhibits of manufac*tures, all carefully put together so as to show the best and most attractive side to the public. Farther back in the hall are still more displays of manufactures and merchandise, the most of which were mentioned yesterday. The displays were all closely inspected by the multitude of visitors and many were the favorable comments passed on them. To the right of the *main entrance* the field and garden produce is arranged along the wall and on long tables. They give a handsome appearance, and to anyone but a British Columbian the sight of so many mammoth vegetables seems marvellous. Not a few Eastern men viewed the exhibits with genuine surprise, some of the more cautious taking the measurements of the largest vegetables in order that they might be able to verify their statements on their return home.

THE PRIZE WINNERS

were naturally the most closely scrutinized. Among these were the kidney potatoes shown by H. King, weighing a pound each and as fine and clean looking as anyone could desire. Close at hand is T. E. Kitchen's exhibit of the round variety and P. Jackman's sample of a fine variety which have never before been exhibited in the province. Next comes G. W. Henry's mammoth garden cabbage, weighing more than 40 pounds each. The exhibits *of carrots and onions* made by Geo. Mead both took first prizes, and these honors were richly deserved, for finer looking vegetables cannot be grown in this or any other country. The squash shown by J. Reece looked more like gigantic pumpkins than what they really are but a vegetable of the latter variety weighing 150 pounds, which won first prize for D. W. Miller, proved the contrary. The beautiful heads of cauliflower displayed by W. Arthur of Delta are larger than nature produces in other countries, *but, fine as they are, other vegetables* of the same variety almost equal to them lie on the same table. On the tables across the aisle the field produce is displayed. Here may be seen the prize fall and spring wheat grown by H. Simpson and Henry Kipp, both samples of which are hard, large and plump in kernel, free of blemish and as clean and bright looking as No. 1 hard, Manitoba grade. The white oats shown by Wm. Faulkner are not equalled on the continent. They weigh 55 pounds to the bushel, and *the whole crop averaged over a* hundred bushels to the acre. The black oats exhibited by the Jubilee Ranch weigh 45 pounds to the bushel, something heretofore unheard of in that variety. Swede turnips, 30 pounds each, won first prize for J. Reece, and a hybrid, a variety of the same family, immense in size and peculiar in appearance, won a first prize for H. King. D. McGillivray's 20-pounder globe mangolds are very fine and large, but the long red mangolds, 30lbs each, shown by Thos. McNeeley, bear off the palm. W. Arthur shows the best sugar beets, and proves by his experience of this year that these vegetables can be grown with the greatest degree of success and ease in Westminster district. Although only introduced of late years in the province, the sugar beet is being widely raised and in a few years more the farmers of this district will be ready to talk sugar to the first enterprising *refiner that offers.* Thos. McNeeley's 60-lb. field cabbage attracted considerable attention. The early and late varieties of potatoes shown by H. Kipp and James Faulkner are so large that one potato would make a fair meal for a family of three persons.

THE HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTIONS

are displayed on the second floor to the left of the stair case, and these exhibits are certainly among the most *interesting in the building.* In the number of entries there is a large increase over last year and in the number of varieties displayed there is a still larger gain. The exhibition of this year certainly proves that horticulturists generally are sparing no expense to improve their orchards. The exhibits of Robert Wintemute and E. Greyell both attract the attention of all visitors, and well they may for they *are the largest and finest displays made* in this division. Mrs. Brighouse shows some luscious dessert pears that fairly melt in one's mouth, and Thos. Cunningham exhibits as fine a dish of grapes as are to be seen in the country. Some of the winter pears on exhibition weigh 2 lbs. each—so large that a person has to see them in order to believe. Melons, peaches, quinces, citrons and prunes are shown in great variety and all are good, not one exhibit in the lot but is worthy of a prize. Passing over from the fruit tables

THE LADIES' SECTION

is encountered, and here the visitor is soon lost in the labyrinth of laces, banners, nets, rugs, quilts, and the thousand and one fancy articles that are suspended on every side. This department is acknowledged by all to be finer in every way than at any *previous exhibition.* Very many of the articles on exhibition are works of wondrous beauty, which tell the tale of many weeks, if not months, of arduous labor. The dainty fingers that formed the beauteous articles out of the raw materials must have been supported throughout by a mind of more than ordinary culture or flaws would have been painfully observable where now there are none. In judging the many articles that came within their scope, the judges seem to have labored with the honest intention of giving *everything its just due, and those to* whom the prizes were finally awarded may flatter themselves that they were indisputably entitled to them. But in omitting prizes in some instances and only granting second in others the judges were inclined to be over exact. They might have been a trifle more liberal. At least a hundred articles are worthy of special mention, but our space will only admit of a few *of the best being singled out.* Miss Alice Webster shows moss pictures of rare beauty, and Mrs. G. W. Chadsey a moss wreath strikingly handsome in design. The assortment of crochet work and tatting shown by Mrs. John Barber is varied in style and of excellent workmanship, and the crochet wool mats exhibited by Mrs. R. W. Hodgson are particularly well finished. Mrs. Beecher shows an embroidered skirt very handsomely worked, Miss Peebles a lovely table cover, and Miss McKee an embroidered cushion of *great merit. In hand sewing,* the exhibits of Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Poingdestre, Miss Armstrong, Miss Brander and Mrs. Chadsey are the best. In knitting Mrs. Chadsey shows the largest number of exhibits, but she is closely followed by Miss Lynn, who has also a fine lot of samples on view. M. R. Williams makes a beautiful display of millinery, which was probably the most observed of all in the ladies' section. Miss Woodward exhibits a beautiful sample of Honiton lace, Miss Hayden the best crochet lace, Miss Webster the finest chenille work, and Miss McKee the most lovely specimen of arasine work on exhibition. Suspended against the walls on every side are the

SPECIMENS OF ART

produced by the skilful hands of our own artists. Unfortunately the light *is not equally favorable to all the pic*tures and some no doubt suffered in consequence. The sketches from nature are particularly good in some instances, *displaying a touch* at once free and delicate, an entire avoidance of extravagant effects and a harmony *of colors that does not come but from* the soul of the true artist. Miss Linnie Lewis won the greatest number of prizes, both in oil and water colors, and Miss I. A. McQuarrie took second honors. One has only to look at the pictures to immediately understand how close the competition must have been; and to the amateur reviewing the judges' decisions there does seem to be one or two instances where the ruling might have been *different* without doing any exhibitor an injustice.

PLANTS AND FLOWERS

to the number of about 1000 decorate the entire westerly wing of the second story, and lovely neighbors they make to the beautiful articles in the ladies' department. Fully three quarters of the whole number of prizes allotted have fallen to P. Latham and G. A. McTavish, who between them make more than one half of the total number of entries. In a quiet corner almost shrouded from view by the glories of the surrounding fancy work, is the fine exhibit of the

WESTMINSTER WOOLEN MILLS

which might be overlooked in the rush if special attention was not directed to it. The manufactures displayed by these mills, the only woolen mills in the province, are of superior grades in blankets and flannels, and medium grades in tweeds. The exhibit also *includes a large assortment of fine* knitting yarns in many colors, and which appear to be equal to the best foreign manufactures. This is undoubtedly one of the most interesting exhibits and should receive the attention of all interested in the industries of our country.

THE DAIRY EXHIBIT

was barely as complete as usual, but the veteran prize-winners were to the front as in former years and won the best prizes with apparent ease. Although Chilliwack people usually carry away the lion's share of the prize money when dairy products are concerned, yet never has such a sweep been made as this year. Every prize goes to Chilliwack and proud the "Whackers" should be of their success. Of the nine prizes offered, Mrs. Evans took four, Sheldon Knight two and Mrs. Forsythe, E. Greyell and Lewis Chadsey one each.

REID & CURRIE

proprietors of the Pacific carriage works and machine shops have an exhibit in the machinery annex that deserves more than passing notice. Huge castings, steamboat and saw mill machinery, specimens of steel shaftings and samples of general ma*chinery go to make up a portion of* their display, but the carriage and wagon exhibits are the most interesting to the casual observer and to the farmer in particular. This exhibit contains no less than 10 styles of vehicles, ranging from a pony chaise to a family carriage, and from a light expresswagon to the strongest made for heavy draught purposess. A striking feature in connection with Reid & Currie's make of carriages is their combined strength and lightness, and the handsome finish observable on *each vehicle tells plainer than words* the perfect workmanship.

From the moment the exhibition was open until late this afternoon the main building and the stockyards were fairly packed with people, and it is estimated that at one time there must have been 3,000 people on the grounds. Everybody visited and admired the exhibits and all pronounced it the greatest success in the history of the association.

NOTES.

One thousand and sixty people were admitted by ticket to the exhibition grounds yesterday, an exceedingly large number considering the wet weather and the disagreeable condition of the ground under foot.

Mr. J. Sims *is the latest addition to* the roll of the agricultural society life members. He paid the $25 fee and is now entitled to all the rights and privileges of the association from now till doomsday, should he be able to survive till that date. Mr. Sims is the proprietor of the Maple Grove Dairy Farm and was formerly a planter in Ceylon.

The total receipts of the British Columbia Agricultural Society yesterday were $2,450—not by any means discouraging for the opening day. This *amount includes membership fees,* entries and gate receipts.

PRIZE LIST.

Official Prize List of the Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition.

Following is the first and larger portion of the official prize list of the provincial exhibition. The remainder will be found on another page.

DIVISION A.

DURHAMS.—Best bull 3 years old, Tolmie Estate, 2nd W H Ladner; best bull 1 year old, John Kirkland; best bull calf, D Woodward; best bred cow, D Woodward, 2nd W H Landner; best bred 2-year-old heifer, H D Benson, 2nd John Kirkland; best yearling heifer, Thomas Mackie; best heifer calf, W H Ladner.

HOLSTEINS.—Best bull 3 years old, J Reece, 2nd Geo McRae; best bull 2 years old, A C Wells; best bull 1 year old, G W Chadsey; best bred cow, Geo McRae, 2nd J Reece; best yearling heifer, J Reece; best heifer calf, J Reece.

HEREFORDS.—Best bull 3 years old, John Kirkland; best 2-year-old heifer, J Kirkland.

SHEEP.

LEICESTERS.—Best ram *one year old* and upwards, Tolmie Estate, 2nd Tolmie Estate; best pen of 3 ewes 1 year old and upwards, Henry King.

SOUTHDOWNS.—Best ram 1 year old and upwards, ———, 2nd W Grimmer; best *pen of 3 ewes 1 year old and* upwards, Henry King; best pen of 3 ewe lambs, Henry King, 2nd W Grimmer.

COTSWOLDS.—Best ram 1 year old and upwards, H King; best pen of 3 ewes 1 year old and upwards, H King, 2nd W Grimmer; best pen of 3 ewe lambs, H King.

SHROPSHIRE OR HAMPSHIRE DOWNS.—Best pen of 3 ewes 1 year old and upwards, W Grimmer.

DIVISION D.

PIGS—BERKSHIRE.—Best boar 1 year old and upwards, H D Benson, 2nd H Webb; best breeding sow, H D Benson, 2nd Thos Shannon; best pen of 2 sows of the same litter under 12 months, H L DeBeck.

DIVISION E.

POULTRY.—Best Toulouse geese, John Cox, 2nd D McPhaden; best Pekin ducks, John Wise, 2nd J S Smith; best Rouen ducks, Mrs Hutcherson, 2nd John Cox; best drake or duck, John Cox, 2nd John Wise; best Spanish, John Cox; best light Brahmas, John Lynn, 2nd John Cox; best Polish, John Cox, 2nd J McDougall; best buff cochin, Mrs G A Perrin; best partridge cochin, John Cox; best langshangs, John Cox, 2nd G W Henry; best white leghorns, John Cox; best brown leghorns, J S Smith; best Plymouth Rock, W D Purdy, 2nd J S Smith; best Hamburgs, John Cox; best Wyandottes, A McDougall; best Japanese bants, Mrs G A Perrin; best game bants, Mrs G A Perrin; best any other variety of bants, J S Smith, 2nd Mrs G A Perrin; best black red game, Mrs G A Perrin, 2nd Mrs G A Perrin; best brown red game, ———, 2nd Mrs G A Perrin; best duckwing game, Mrs G A Perrin, 2nd Mrs G A Perrin; best any other kind, T W Carter, 2nd Mrs G A Perrin; best pit game, T W Carter; best Guinea fowl, Robt Wintemute; best rabbits, Jno Cox, 2nd J J Mahoney.

SINGLE COCKS.—Best Spanish cock, J Cox; best Brahma, T R Pearson; best Polish, John Armstrong; best black red game, T W Carter, 2nd T W Carter; best Dorking game, Mrs G A Perrin, 2nd Mrs G A Perrin; best any other kind, John Cox; best pit game, T W Carter.

PIGEONS.—Best pair of pouters, Mrs G A Perrin; best nuns, Mrs G A Perrin, 2nd Mrs G A Perrin; best white fantails, Mrs G A Perrin, 2nd Mrs G A Perrin; best homing Antwerps, Mrs G A Perrin, 2nd Mrs G A Perrin; best turbits, Mrs G A Perrin, 2nd Mrs G A Perrin; best barbs, Mrs Perrin; best Jacobins, Mrs Perrin; best magpies, Mrs Perrin; best helmets, Mrs Perrin; best owls, Mrs Perrin, 2nd Mrs Perrin; best dragoons, Mrs Perrin; best tumblers, Mrs Perrin; best archangels, Mrs Perrin; best trumpeters, Mrs Perrin; best Quakers, Mrs Perrin; best carriers, Mrs Perrin; best runts, Mrs Perrin, 2nd Mrs Perrin; best any other variety, Mrs Perrin.

DIVISION F.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Best 5 pounds butter in rolls or pats, S Knight, 2nd Mrs J Evans, 3rd Mrs J Evans; best firkin butter, Mrs Forsythe, 2nd Mrs J Evans, 3rd Lewis Chadsey; best crock butter, S Knight, 2nd E Greyell, 3rd Mrs J Evans; best cheese made in the province exhibited by manufacturer, A C Wells, 2nd A C Wells, 3rd Mrs F Green; heaviest 12 fresh hen's eggs, Miss McMartin; heaviest 12 duck's eggs, J S Smith.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Best honey in comb, Lewis Chadsey; best currant wine, Mrs E Hutcherson; best beer from provincial hops and malt, John Andrezejewski; best porter, T W Carter, 2nd John Andrezejewski; best ale, John Andrezejewski, 2nd T W Carter; best flour, Brackman & Ker; best provincial oatmeal, Brackman & Ker, 2nd Brackman & Ker; best split peas, Brackman & Ker, 2nd Brackman & Ker; best cranberries, T Herring; best pickled salmon, T Herring; best salmon preserved in tins, E A Wadhams, 2nd Richmond Canning Co; best smoked salmon, D W Miller; best cigars, white labor make, Wm Tietjen; best 10 pounds leaf tobacco grown in the province, Jas Burr, 2nd H Burr.

DIVISION G.

VEGETABLES.—*Best kidney potatoes*, H King, 2nd H Webb; best round variety of potatoes, T E Kitchen, 2nd H Kipp; best 3 varieties, H King; *best new variety not before exhibited* in the province, P Jackman, 2nd H King; best largest *potatoes of any kind*, H King, 2nd Wm Arthur; largest cabbages other than cattle, G W Henry, 2nd T McNeeley; turnips, H King; *best carrots*, Geo Mead, 2nd A J Bovill; best parsnips, S Knight, 2nd W McKee; best onions, Geo Mead, 2nd Alex Ewen; best *scarlet runner* beans, T McNeeley; best corn, J Reece; best table corn, W Arthur; best beets, S Knight; *best celery*, G A McTavish; best squash, J Reece; best pumpkins, D W Miller; best vegetable marrow, J Burr; *best tomatoes*, A Ewen; best cucumbers, R T Power; best cauliflower, W Arthur.

DIVISION H.

FIELD PRODUCE.—Best 50 pounds autumn wheat, H Simpson, 2nd Wm White, 3rd H King; best 50 pounds spring wheat, H Kipp, 2nd J Faulkner, 3rd T E Kitchen; best 50 pounds Chevalier barley, H King, 2nd Wm White; best 50 pounds rough barley, Jubilee Ranche, 2nd John Kirkland; best white oats, Wm Faulkner, 2nd Jubilee Ranche; best black oats, Jubilee Ranche, 2nd E Greyell; best white peas, H Kipp, 2nd J Reece; best grey peas, H Kipp, 2nd H Webb; best rye, Jas Faulkner, 2nd E Greyell; best buckwheat, E Greyell; best tares, H King; best hops, John Kirkland, 2nd Barber Bros; best Swede turnips, J Reece; best hybrid variety turnips, H King; best white turnips, H King; best globe mangold wurzel, D McGillivray, 2nd E Greyell; best long red mangold wurzel, T McNeeley, 2nd J Reece; best sugar beets, W Arthur, 2nd T McNeeley; best white or yellow carrots, G W Henry, 2nd W McKee; best red or orange variety of carrots, T McNeeley, 2nd E Greyell; best cabbages for cattle, T McNeeley, best early potatoes, H Kipp, 2nd G W Henry; best late potatoes, James Faulkner, 2nd John Kirkland; best bale of hay, E Greyell; best timothy seed, E Greyell, 2nd Barber Bros; best collection of seeds, H Kipp.

DIVISION I.

HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTIONS.—Best early autumn apples, E Greyell, 2nd S Robertson; best winter eating apples, S Robertson, 2nd John Armstrong; best cooking apples, I Kipp, 2nd Geo Bellrose; best 12 largest and heaviest apples, E Greyell; best early autumn dessert pears, Mrs Brighouse, 2nd I Kipp; best winter pears, Mrs J Evans, 2nd T Cunningham; best cooking pears, Wm Teague; best preserving plums, J Kirkland; best grapes, T Cunningham, 2nd J W Wells; best quinces, S Knight; best watermelons, J W Wells; best muskmelons, J W Wells; best 12 peaches, A C Wells; best collectionof fruits, Robt Wintemute, 2nd E Greyell; best citrons, H D Chantrell; best prunes, John Kirkland, 2nd E Greyell.

DIVISION K.

PROVINCIAL MANUFACTURE.—Best assortment of soap, Vancouver Soap Co; best assortment of furniture made in the province, Wintemute Bros, 2nd F W Hart & Co; *best marble work*, Alex Hamilton; best assortment of tweeds, Westminster Woolen Mills Co; best assortment of flannels, Westminster Woolen Mills Co; best assortment of blankets, Westminster Woolen Mills Co; best assortment of woolen yarn, Westminster Woolen Mills Co.

DIVISION L.

FLORAL. — *Best collection of evergreen* plants, P Latham; ornamental grasses, collection, Mrs R W Hodgson; begonias, Mrs T Cunningham; heliotrope, W H Holden; *plants in flower*, best collection grown in pots or boxes, 1st P Latham, 2nd S E Wilson; fuchsias, 1st P Latham, 2nd G A McTavish; fuchsias, best specimen, 1st P Latham, 2nd *Jas Rousseau*; fernery, P Latham; table bouquet, 1st A C Wells, 2nd P Latham; hand bouquet, 1st G A McTavish, 2nd P Latham; dahlias, 1st G A McTavish, 2nd P Latham; best floral design, Mrs Hucherson; medicinal plants, best named collection, 1st Tolmie estate, 2nd Mrs Hodgson; collection of pansies, 1st G A McTavish, 2nd Mrs Hutcherson; best collection roses, 1st G A McTavish, 2nd G W Henry; gladiolus, 1st Mrs R W Hodgson, 2nd Mrs Hutcherson; best collection picotee or carnation, G A McTavish; best collection stocks, Mrs Hutcherson; asters, G A McTavish; zinnias, G A McTavish; lobellas, G A McTavish; hanging baskets, P Latham; annuals, P Latham; perennials, G A McTavish; everlasting flowers, G A McTavish; Verbena, G A McTavish; sweet pea, Miss Eva Insley; best pencil drawing, W Williams; best water color drawing, Mrs R W Hodgson; best oil painting, 1st A J Hill, 2nd Mrs T R Pearson; best drawing of any other kind, Mrs Weir; drawing, the production of child under 12 years, 1st E Nash, 2nd E Nash; penmanship, best ornamental, by boys and girls under 15, E F Barker; best specimen penmanship, F C King; marine shell, John Wise; best collection native insects, John Barber; best collection of stuffed native birds, Wm Hall; best collection of photographs, 1st A Mountain, 2nd S J Thompson; green canary, cock, Mrs G A Perrin; yellow canary, cock, Mrs G A Perrin; crested canary, cock, Mrs G A Perrin; splashed canary, cock, Mrs G A Perrin.

DIVISION M.

CLASS IV — FANCY WORK. — Hanging shelves, 1st Miss Woodward, 2nd Mrs Beecher; moss wreath, Mrs G W Chadsey; moss pictures, Miss A Webster; flowers, feathers, 1st Mrs Deacon, 2nd Mrs R W Hodgson.

DIVISION N.

CROCHET.—Assortment crochet, cotton, Mrs John Barber; crochet tidy, cotton, 1st Mrs Thos Deasy, 2nd Miss R A Armstrong; crochet bedquilt, 1st Mrs Geo Lyal, 2nd Mrs T Deasy; crochet skirt, Miss Peebles; child's buggy rug, 1st Mrs R W Hodgson, 2nd Miss Peebles; mats, crochet, wool, 1st Mrs R. W. Hodgson, 2nd Mrs Peck.

DIVISION O.

TATTING. — Assortment tatting, Mrs John Barber.

DIVISION P.

EMBROIDERY.—Skirt, flannel, embroidered, 1st Mrs Beecher, 2nd Mrs John Barker; *table cover*, 1st Miss Peebles, 2nd Miss Peebles.

DIVISION Q.

CUSHIONS. — Embroidered cushion, 1st Miss McKee, 2nd Miss Peebles; wool raised and plain work, 1st Miss Erskine, 2nd Miss A Webster.

DIVISION R.

HAND SEWING.—Button holes, 1st Mrs John Barber, 2nd Mrs John Barber; calico dress, Mrs G W Chadsey; fancy apron, 1st Miss R S Armstrong; 2nd Mrs George Lyal; shirt, cotton or linen, Mrs G W Chadsey; set underclothing, trimmed, 1st Mrs A C Wells, 2nd Mrs G W Chadsey; lady's night dress, Mrs John Barber; pillow slips, 1st Mrs Brander, 2nd Mrs A C Wells; child's dress, 1st Mrs Poingdestre, 2nd Mrs G W Chadsey.

DIVISION S.

BED QUILTS.—White, Mrs Peck; silk patchwork, 1st Mrs John Barber, 2nd Miss M M Williams; patchwork quilt, 1st Mrs D Rowan, 2nd D W Miller; quilt, worsted work, 1st D. W Miller, 2nd Mrs A C Wells.

DIVISION T.

KNITTING.—Stockings, wool, 1st Miss A Webster, 2nd Miss Peebles; knitted cotton, 1st Mrs G W Chadsey, 2nd Mrs R W Hodgson; fancy knitting, 1st Miss Lynn, 2nd Miss R A Armstrong; collection knitting, 1st Mrs G W Chadsey, 2nd Miss Lynn; gent's socks, cotton or woolen, Miss Peebles; gloves, Mrs A C Wells.

DIVISION U.

WOOL WORK.—Best footstool, 1st Mrs Peck, 2nd Mrs Geo Raymond; piano stool, Miss Peebles; slippers, Miss R A Armstrong; raised worsted flowers, Mrs J Evans.

DIVISION X.

MILLINERY.—Velvet bonnet, M R Williams; fancy bonnet, M R Williams; trimmed bonnet, Mrs R W Hodgson; lady's hat, M R Williams; *infant's cap*, 1st M R Williams, 2nd Mrs R W Hodgson.

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST.

DIVISION C.

OXFORD DOWNS.—Ram one year, John Kirkland.

DIVISION L.

CUT FLOWERS.—Six roses, P Latham; collection of dahlias, P Latham; bridal bouquet, P Latham; wreath or cross, P Latham; *six rex begonias*, P Latham; water color, floral, 1st Miss L Lewis, 2nd E Nash; water color, landscape or marine, 1st Miss J E McQuarrie, 2nd Miss L Lewis; *water color, still life*, Miss L Lewis; water color portrait, Miss L Lewis; oil color, floral, 1st Miss L Lewis, 2nd Miss A Webster; oil color, landscape or marine, 1st A J Hill, *2nd Miss J E McQuarrie; oil col*or, still life, 1st Mrs T R Pearson, 2nd Miss J E McQuarrie; oil color portrait, 1st Mrs J E McQuarrie, 2nd Mrs Weir; water color *collection*, 1st Miss J E McQuarrie, 2nd Mrs T R Pearson; decorative painting, 1st Mrs Weir, 2nd Miss A E Webster; hand painted China, 1st E Nash, 2nd A J Hill; repousee or hammered brass work, Miss R S Armstrong; oil painting, children under 15 years, Miss Hodgson; crayon portrait, 1st Miss Nellie Withrow, 2nd Miss Linnie Lewis; cabinet photos, plain, 1st S J Thompson, 2nd S J Thompson; cabinet photos, colored, 2nd A Mountain.

DIVISION N.

Rick rack crochet, 1st Miss Rosa Armstrong, 2nd Mrs G W Gilley; crochet lace, Miss Hayden; honiton lace, Miss Woodward; point lace, Mrs R W Hodgson; collection lace, 1st Miss Hayden, 2nd Miss Ladner; darned net, 1st Miss Woodward, 2nd Mrs Peck; applique work, Miss Alice Frye; crewel work, Miss Woodward; outline work, 1st Miss Woodward, 2nd Miss McKee; rick rack, sewn, 1st Miss Woodward, 2nd Miss A Webster; crazy work, 1st Miss McKee, 2nd Mrs F M Scott; braiding on wool, Miss Ladner; historic picture, raised wool work, Mrs T Cunningham.

DIVISION Q.

Arasine work, Miss McKee; chenile work, 1st Miss A R Webster, 2nd Mrs W Fadden.

DIVISION T.

Carriage, Afghan, 1st Miss Woodward, 2nd Miss Peebles.

DIPLOMAS.

The judges awarded diplomas to the following: G W Henry, for 3 year old fruit *trees; H G Ross, for patent nut lock* and patent fire extinguisher; [illegible], land pump; C J Robson, *for* White sewing machine and White manufacturing machine; *Mrs T Deasy, cardboard work; Mrs Peck*, hanging shelf drapery; Mrs Peck, floor-rug; Mrs. Thos Mowat, floor rug; Miss Alice Fry, basket paper flowers; Mrs E J Miller, banner paper flower; *Thos Cunningham*, grapes; H P Bales, seedling apples; W H Ladner, walnuts; W H Falding, walnuts.

Victoria is to have a brand new and improved fire alarm system, to be completed and in working order by the 31st of this month, and which will take the place of the old and unreliable telepone calls. The system is known as the Gamewell system, and the California Electric Light Co. of San Francisco, has the contract for putting in the alarm apparatus. There will be 28 fire alarm boxes, and the striking of the gong unhitches the horses in their stalls and by the time the firemen appear they will be in their places under the harness.

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Not long since we referred to the fact that Jos. Chamberlain, although unwilling to admit it, was evidently paving the way for a retreat from his mock heroic position of patriot. We said then that we doubted whether the Radicals would ever again listen to the soft tongue of their would-be betrayer, the Judas who endeavored to sell the honor of the Liberal party and their leader for a pseudo popularity. In the same article we referred to Lord Hartington, a man of very different character, and we predicted that it only required time to open his eyes to the inevitable necessity of home rule for Ireland. Almost whilst we wrote, "the late leader of the Liberal party," as Chamberlain once sarcastically called his fellow Unionist, was making a speech at Ilkley in which he advocated a plan of retreat for the Unionists, although he still proclaimed his firm faith in the ultimate success of the party he leads. We are not surprised that Lord Hartington sees the necessity for preparing for the evil day coming, when the remnant of those who follow him will be tried in the scorching fires of a general election. A comparison of the figures of the elections of 1885 and 1886 together with those of recent by-elections proves beyond controversy that the Liberals who were too timid to support the G. O. M. at first, have in nearly every instance returned to their allegiance, and that once more there is a solid Liberal party in the country. In fact, it is not too much to say that all indications point to the fact that the so-called Liberal-Unionists have existence only in the house of commons. Mr. Balfour, too, is perhaps aware of this, or at least his abortive effort to capture the Parnellite vote on a side issue points in this direction. With the single exception of Mr. Sexton, however, no Irish member of any weight in the councils of the National party has inclined his ear to the persuasive nothings of the Irish secretary. On the contrary, both Mr. T. D. Sullivan, the sweet singer of the Irish cause, and Michael Davitt, whose life has been a living martyrdom in that country's behalf, have declared themselves in no measured terms relative to accepting anything from the Salisbury government. Timothy Healy, too, is not a whit behind in his outspoken scorn of the Irish University proposals, and it may, therefore, be inferred that the effort to sever the Liberal-Parnell alliance has miserably failed, as it deserved. Before Mr. Gladstone went to Paris he had an interview with Mr. Parnell. What passed at that historic meeting of the two great statesmen is not known, but enough has been made public to tell the world that all is well and that the cordial relations hitherto existing are still in force and that the Irish cause is still the one platform of the English Liberal leader. Ireland has waited, and Ireland can yet wait, but if she is only patient but for a very brief time now, all will be well. The past has been a long and weary night, but

"The day must dawn,"

and already the first faint streaks are breaking and widening; the clouds of oppression, of hatred, and of coercive legislation are making their last effort to hide the sun of Freedom; but it is all of no avail; for the hour is nearly ripe, and in a very brief time Erin shall arise, free and untrammeled, to prove her worthiness of the justice which has so long been denied her, the inalienable right of a free people to govern themselves.

The selection of officers made at the meeting of the agricultural association, on Friday night, to serve for the ensuing year as president, vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer of the association, must meet with all but universal approval. For president we do not see that a better man could have been chosen than Mr. Thos. Cunningham, the meeting's unanimous choice. An enthusiastic and successful horticulturist and raiser of thoroughbred stock, and one who has taken the liveliest and most devoted interest in furthering the success of the provincial exhibition just closed, as well as contributing the queen exhibit to the late Toronto exhibition, thereby giving British Columbia, and Westminster district, a prestige in the east that cannot but redound to the lasting benefit of both, Mr. Cunningham's election to the presidency of the provincial agricultural association was not only a proper recognition of his eminent suitableness and merits for the position, but may be taken in a large measure as a guarantee that next year's exhibition will be an unqualified success, so far as devoted and efficient looking after can promote such a desirable end. The election of Mayor Oppenheimer, of Vancouver, as first vice-president of the association was also a most fitting and graceful action. Mayor Oppenheimer's interest in exhibition matters and the effective work he has done in making known abroad the resources and advantages of this province are too well known to require any recapitulation here. Mayor Oppenheimer, it might be stated, is president of the lately organized provincial fruit growers' association and has been the leading promoter during the last two years in getting up the British Columbia contribution to the Toronto exhibition. Apart, too, from Mayor Oppenheimer's personal and public fitness for the position, his election by acclamation as first vice-president of the provincial agricultural association may be accepted as a slight recognition by the people of the royal city of the good fellowship and hearty interest displayed by our sister city Vancouver in contributing not a little to the success of our fair and celebration last week. Mr. Geo. W. Chadsey, of Chilliwack, as second vice-president, is well qualified to fulfill the duties of that important position, having had much experience in exhibition work, having been for some years secretary of the flourishing Chilliwack association. All who have come into contact with Mr. T. R. Pearson, the untiringly indefatigable and uniformly courteous secretary of the provincial agricultural association during the year just closed, must be convinced that his re-election, by acclamation, to what is, perhaps, the most important, and unmistakably, the most arduous, office within the gift of the association, was not only a fitting recognition of valuable services rendered, but may be taken as a warrant that the next exhibition will be well and efficiently looked after. Mr. G. D. Brymner, manager of the Bank of Montreal in this city, the new treasurer of the association, also elected by acclamation for the ensuing year, had not been long in that position last year—taking the place of Mr. Clute who resigned a few months ago—but during the short time he held the office Mr. Brymner displayed an energy and an enthusiasm in the work that warrants us in concluding that the association has secured the best man for treasurer and one of its leading officers that it has ever possessed, which, we predict, will be amply demonstrated during the coming year and in the unparalleled success of the next exhibition. The action of the associatian in increasing the number of directors to twenty-five was, also, well advised, we think, and the selections of the various directors were good. Altogether, we may conclude that the exhibition which will be held in this city in the fall of 1890 will excel the exhibition just closed, in every respect, by as far as it excelled the best of its predecessors.

The industrial exhibition, says the *Mail*, meaning the Toronto exhibition, has been criticised for its "circus" attractions, but it has not got down to the level of a Western Ontario fair, which advertises thus: "Prizes are offered for the fattest baby, the prettiest baby, the handsomest boy under three years, the prettiest girl under three years, and for the handsomest set of twins not over three years of age." This is really carrying the craze for novelty too far. We should think so, and trust that our provincial exhibition may be kept as free in the future as it has been in the past from such "attractions."

The wife of Gen. Boulanger lives in the deepest seclusion in Versailles. Her acquaintances are usually careful not to mention her husband's name in her presence. Recently one of her friends made a slip of the tongue and passed a slighting remark concerning Boulanger's relations with the government. Mme. Boulanger answered: "When the general asked for a separation I refused to have anything to do with it, for I wished to be able to shelter him in his old age. That is my feeling still. It is not for me to judge him." It is such women as this, loyal to the objects of a once great love, even when the last vestige of that love has been slain by its object, who make sublime an otherwise almost irredeemably unregenerate world.

PARLOR ELECTRICITY.—A very simple apparatus for obtaining an electric spark is made by a German physicist. Round the centre of a common lamp-chimney is pasted a strip of tin-foil and another strip is pasted from one end of the chimney to within a quarter of an inch of this ring. Then a piece of silk is wrapped around a brush, and the interior of the chimney is rubbed briskly. In the dark a bright electric spark may be seen to pass from one piece of tin-foil to other each time the brush is withdrawn from the chimney. Many other experiments can be tried with this apparatus.

HOME AGAIN.

Edison Returns Home from France Enthusiastic Over all He Has Seen There.

Dan Carroll, an Important Witness for the Prosecution in the Cronin Case, Disappears.

The New York Baseball Club Takes Home the National League Championship.

EDISON RETURNS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—The French line steamer La Champagne, from Havre, arrived this morning. Thomas E. Edison and wife were among the passengers, both in the best of health. The Wizard is enthusiastic over the success of the Paris exposition, and the prospect of New York for the world's fair in 1892. He sailed for Europe two months ago under the assumed name of "James" to avoid publicity and to be able to quietly recuperate his health.

The widow of General Grant also arrived on the La Champagne from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Sartoris, in England.

MONUMENT DEDICATED.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Oct. 7.—The monument of the 57th New York regiment, located in the wheatfield where some of the severest fighting occurred in the battle of Gettysburg, was dedicated here to-day by a small party of survivors.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Special trains have been arriving on all railroads centering here, all day, bringing the Knights Templars to the conclave. Pennsylvania avenue has been alive with marching commanderies and their escorts, and bands. The following officers of the grand commandery of the United States have arrived: Grand Deputy Grand Master Godin, Grand Recorder Isaacs, Grand Generalissimo Hugh McCurdy, Grand Treasurer Licons, Grand Senior Warden Lloyd, and Grand Commander General Roome.

SERIOUS RESULTS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Julia O'Connor died here to-day and the postmortem examination showed an abscess of the brain. Eleven weeks ago she was beaten with clubs by Maggie Miller, Nellie and Kate Reagan, employees in the same shop in which she worked. These girls were arrested to-night charged with murder.

SHERIDAN'S BOOK.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—Mrs. Sheridan has, up to date, received $20,000 royalty from the sale of Gen. Sheridan's book.

ADMIRAL PORTER ILL.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Information has been received here to the effect that Admiral Porter is lying very ill at his summer home at Johnstown. His family regard his illness as most serious and are quite apprehensive as to the results.

RATTLING THE BONES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—The recent shaking up of the bureau officials in the navy department has caused quite a stir in that office. The policy of Secretary Tracy as just outlined by him is gradually being developed. The secretary is determined to have the bureau chiefs in harmony. Several chiefs are diametrically opposed to him, and the decision of the navy department to build two 3,000 ton cruisers in the navy yards is not unconnected with this feeling. It is considered highly probable that a couple of resignations may be handed in the coming week.

GERMAN-AMERICAN CELEBRATION.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 7.—To-day was celebrated here as the German-American memorial day. These celebrations originated in 1883 when the bi-centennial jubilee of the arrival of German pioneers in America was held. Addresses were made on the important part Germans have taken in the settlement and development of this country. Efforts are being made to have this day celebrated generally throughout the country by German-American citizens in the future.

EARLY SNOW FALL.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Oct. 7.—Snow fell here this morning two a depth of two inches. It destroyed a large amount of vegetable matter and apples still outstanding. Trees were broken as also were telegraph and telephone wires, cutting off communication for twelve hours.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—Dan Carroll, an important witness for the prosecution in the Cronin case, is missing. His testimony has, however, been preserved, and in the event of his failure to appear at the trial, his statement will probably be used. His evidence is that two weeks after the murder two men, whom he afterwards recognized as Coughlin and O'Sullivan, came to a farmer's house 20 miles from Chicago, where he was employed. He overheard a conversation as to the possibility of Cronin's body being discovered, and the advisability of their leaving the States. He reported what he had heard to the state's attorney. He was taken in charge and cared for, but by some means disappeared. Every policeman in Chicago is looking for the fugitive.

THE CHAMPION'S RECEPTION

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—The New York base ball club arrived home from Cleveland at 7:30 this evening, via the Erie road. An immense crowd of boys and men had gathered on both the New York and Jersey City sides of the Erie ferry and tendered the victorious "Giants," a most boisterious and popular reception. The cheering and wild exclamations of admiration were suggestive of bedlam for fully 15 minutes after Manager Mutrie and his men emerged from the enclosure of the Erie depot in Jersey City, and the ferry boat whistles added to the din. Manager Mutrie announced in stentorian tones on alighting, "We are the people," and the crowd all voted aye in the same language emphatically enough to be heard at Harlem and Staten Island. All the players were there except Richardson, who got left at Cleveland and is to arrive to-morrow on the New York side. It appeared as if every ragged urchin in town had assembled to greet the champions. No one seemed to mind the cold, drizzling rain which was falling, and all seemed in duty bound to test their lungs in cheering for Ewing and the giants as they passed on their way to their homes or hotels.

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

PARIS, Oct. 7.—The second elections were held yesterday in the city and provinces for members of the chamber of deputies in all the districts which failed a fortnight ago to cast a majority for any one candidate. They passed off quietly here, and so far as heard from there has been no disorder in the country. The result of the balloting in the department of the Seine is the return of 22 republicans and 14 Boulangists. Ministers Flouquet and Constans have been re-elected. Henri Rochefort is defeated in the Belleville district. Indications are that the republicans have carried the majority of the provincial districts.

CERTAIN DEFEAT.

PARIS, Oct. 7.—The latest returns from yesterday's election serve to still further emphasize the bitter defeat of General Boulanger. Of 183 constituencies which voted, 126 are now known to have elected republicans and 48 Boulangist confederates. The next chamber, according to the best estimates, will stand 362 to 366 republicans, 100 royalists, 58 Bonapartists and 57 Boulangists.

LOSING GROUND.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—Queen Natalie appears to be losing something of her popularity in Belgrade owing to her absolute refusal to listen to any proposals of the Regent looking towards an amicable settlement of the vexed questions raised by her arrival at the Servian capital.

IN A DILEMMA.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—The Lord Mayor-elect, Mr. Isaacs, is brought face to face with what seems an insurmountable difficulty. November 9th is the date fixed for the Lord Mayor's show, and this year it falls on Saturday. Mr. Isaacs, who is a devout Jew, cannot lawfully either ride or walk in a procession, and as the Lord Mayor's show without the Lord Mayor would be something of an innovation, the outcome is watched with considerable interest. A compromise of some sort, in which religion and custom will each be called upon to yield something, is probable.

FISHED OUT SAFELY.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—The fair American, Miss Beaumont, while descending in her parachute at the exhibition yesterday, fell into the river Tyne, but was fished out without serious injury.

SARDINIA DEVASTATED.

ROME, Oct. 7.—A terrible hurricane swept the entire length of the island of Sardinia yesterday, leveling many villages and doing incalculable damage to property. Hundreds of persons were buried in the ruins of their own homes, and thirty are known to have lost their lives.

MORE RETURNS.

PARIS, Oct. 7.—Returns received from 61 parliamentary districts outside of the department of the Seine, show the election of 25 radicals, 13 oppositionists, 27 Bonapartists and 2 conservatives.

STEAMSHIP COLLISION.

GLASGOW, Oct. 5.—The steamship State of Georgia, from Glasgow for New York, came into collision with another steamer and returned to the Clyde with her prow stove in and one of her crew killed.

THE LANCASHIRE MILL STARTED.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The Lancashire Cotton Mills are to run on half time. The operators' secretary has expended $100,000, for the relief of those who are suffering through partial stoppage of the mills.

SIGNOR CRISPI'S BIRTHDAY.

ROME, Oct. 5.—Signor Crispi celebrated the 70th anniversary of his birthday on Saturday. He received congratulations from the king and members of the royal family, the diplomatic corps, senators, deputies and commissioners.

STRANGE RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

CORRY, Pa., Oct. 5.—The rear end of a south-bound freight on the Western New York and Pennsylvania railway broke loose as the train was climbing the summit, three miles south of here this morning, and rushing down hill, crashed into the morning train which was following, with terrific force. All the passengers were bruised and some injured severely. None were fatally injured.

MRS. HAMILTON IN JAIL.

MAY'S LANDING, N. J., Oct. 5.—Mrs. Eva Hamilton left here between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning for the Trenton penitentiary in charge of Sheriff Johnson.

WESTINGHOUSE AND EDISON.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 5.—Justice Brady, of the U. S. Supreme Court, in the case of Westinghouse vs. Edison, recently tried in this city, rendered his decision dismissing the case.

THE CRONIN TRIAL.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—The attorney for Woodruff, the Cronin suspect, has withdrawn his petition in *habeas corpus* which was proceeding before Judge Baker this morning and the prisoner was returned to jail. Afterwards Woodruff's attorney went back for Judge McConnell and made a motion for an immediate trial. The court overruled the motion in the case, and it went over to the next term. The attorney took objections.

YANKEES CAN'T MAKE BIG GUNS.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 5.—An unofficial test of the guns of the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius was made yesterday by President Schuyler and officers of the Pneumatic Gun Company. The test of the guns was kept up over three hours. The exact size and weight of the actual dynamite cartridges to be used in warfare, which were made of cast and wrought iron, are seven feet long and fifteen inches in diameter, and they weigh 500 pounds each. Trial after trial was made and the last one was apparently a success, almost every shot striking the water at the same speed.

A STRIKE PANNED.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Oct. 5.—The dock laborers, at a meeting last night formed a union for mutual protection. When the organization is on a strong financial basis and in good working order, a strike will be commenced.

EPISCOPALIAN CHURCH CONVENTION.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The house of deputies to the Episcopalian Convention, reconvened this morning. Among other matters discussed the Rev. Dr. Hankell, of the committee for the admission of new dioceses, reported upon the action of the committee on the request of Oregon to be admitted as a diocese of the Episcopal Church of America. The committee reported in favor of allowing Oregon to be admitted, to be known as the Diocese of Oregon, and allowing the election of missionary Bishop Morris as bishop of the new diocese. The matters giving rise to discussion were laid over till Monday. The convention had a similar report concerning the admission of Colorado as a diocese of the church, and the election of a bishop was referred to the committee on elections. The discussion concerning the twelfth change in the prayer book, where it was deciphered on Thursday, began, a few favoring the omission of the Nicene Creed, while a large majority favored its retention. The result of the vote fixing the Nicene Creed as a part of the prayer book, and also part of the service on feast days, was, yeas 83, nays 7. The convention afterwards adjourned.

THE CHURCH CONVENTION.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—In the house of deputies of the General Episcopal Convention this morning a committee was appointed to examine the proposed system of dividing the Church of the United States into provinces. The committee will report to the general convention of 1895. A resolution looking to the admission of a new diocese in California, within the present limits, was passed. The committee on the consecration of new bishops reporting favorably, it was resolved to consecrate Dr. William A. Leonard, Bishop of South Ohio, and Thomas F. Davies, Bishop of Michigan. Resolutions permitting the re-establishment of the primitive order of dioceses were referred. A sensation was caused by the resolution offered by Mr. Stotsenberg, of Indiana, asking for the creation of a new house of American archbishops, with five men from five archdioceses, namely: Northern, Eastern, Central, Northwest, and Pacific Southern and Southwestern. In reference to the committee on canons, Dr. Gibson, of New York, moved that the Athanasian Creed be inserted and printed in the American prayer book.

A DANGEROUS DAM.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 7.—The dam at Cuba, N. Y., which threatened to break immediately after the Johnstown disaster is again in a dangerous condition. The reservoir is one of the largest in the State, and the result of a serious break would be something terrible.

ON THE SHOALS.

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 7.—A large barkentine-rigged steamship, cotton laden, is stranded on the Watchapreque shoals near Parramore's life saving station. Assistance has been sent.

THE NEW DIOCESE OF OREGON.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—In the house of deputies of the General Episcopal Convention, the chairman of the committee of admission of new dioceses, reported that the State of Oregon desired to be admitted under the title of the "Diocese of Oregon;" that it had chosen a bishop and acceded to the canons recognizing the new bishops and dioceses. The question of the admission of Oregon was put and the vote was overwhelmingly in the affirmative.

EUROPEAN POLITICS.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—A great deal of interest and comment have been excited by the publication in the *Contemporary Review* of a long article, the authorship of which is ascribed to Mr. Gladstone, though no very convincing reasons are given for supposing that it was written by the ex-premier aside from the doubtful one that the author expresses the opinion, which it is presumed that Mr. Gladstone entertains upon the subject of the article. The article strikes out boldly in powerful condemnation of Italy's course in joining the triple alliance, which places her in a position she has no right to occupy. Italy, he declares, owes her independence, which means everything of value she possesses, to France, and it would be the gravest scandal in the history of Italy if she should become involved in a fight against France. The government of King Humbert was not menaced and there existed no state of affairs upon which it could base an excuse for entering into a warlike combination whose aims were palpably directed toward an armed conflict contemplating the conquest and degradation of France. Moreover, Italy has nothing to gain by such an alliance or by a victory it might achieve in the warfare its instigators are seeking, and may ere long rue the day that she permitted herself to be used as a cats-paw on the strength of promises that will never be fulfilled. In conclusion the article demands to know whether or not England is bound by any agreement to aid in the objects of this alliance or to give countenance to its acts. If she has been committed the people of the British empire are entitled to know by whom and with what prospects of advantage to this country. The article is certain to bring a semi-official denial or avowal of England's participation in the triple compact, and some interesting revelations are among the possibilities.

THE HAUNTED CZAR

Will Not Appear Publicly in England, Evidently Fearing the Unrelenting Nihilists.

Duke of Edinburgh is Quite Upset Over the Fife Marriage into his Family.

A New Crusade is to be Commenced Against the Dance House in London.

THE CZAR'S VISIT.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—Preparations are completed here for the reception of the Czar. The public will have little to do with it, the Czar desiring no open display. It will be a court affair.

C. P. R. SHARES BOOMING.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—It is intimated on the London Exchange that the Canadian Pacific Railway will shortly appeal for increased capital to purchase steamships for the Atlantic and Pacific mail lines. Shares opened this morning at 70⅞, and went up to 71⅛, the exception in the American market, where everything was down.

YATES' CABLE.

DONDON, Oct. 8.—The relations between the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh are being commented upon freely, and the duke's studied neglect of the Duke and Duchess of Fife, while he was at Balmoral, no doubt led the public to believe there has been a disagreement on the question of the Duke of Fife's marriage. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh disliked the connection on the ground that they objected to the daughter of the heir apparent marrying a subject, and no doubt the refusal of the Duchess of Fife to listen to the addresses of the Grand Duke Michael intensified this feeling. The greatest secrecy is observed on the question among those about the court, but there is no doubt, the above are the facts apart from the princess' refusal to mary the Grand Duke Michael. It seems a little ridiculous to make a fuss over the Duke of Fife's connection, and to tolerate the Battenburg alliance. It seems to be pretty well admitted that for the future, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh will live only a small part of their time in England. Recent rules made by the Czar as to the necessity of those members of the royal family of Russia who enjoy incomes from the crown living a certain time of the year in Russia, will oblige the duchess to live in that country more than she has hitherto done. The loss of the Sultan has annoyed and worrried the Duke of Edinburgh, and the criticisms of the press have annoyed him greatly, and the Fife marriage has been the last strain to the load of grievances. The Duke of Edinburg never has been very popular in England, and his departure will be taken with equanimity. The duchess will come over from time to time to see the queen, and they will still retain Clarence house, but will not take another place in this country. I have reason to believe that if the Prince of Wales ever entertained the idea of going into Suakim in the course of his impending visit to Egypt, he has been dissuaded from the project, a result which will relieve from serious anxiety, those who are conversant with the insalubrity of Suakim

A DYING KING.

Notwithstanding the late more reassuring reports about the King of Portugal's health, it is well known that he is paralyzed from the waist downward, and the mysterious bulletins daily issued in no way deceive his people, who give him not months, but weeks only to live.

UNEXPECTED RESULT.

With regret I see that by the court-martial at Halifax Commander Gerald Russell and Navigating Lieut. L. W. Sharp are to blame for the loss of the "Lily." The result was totally unexpected in naval circles at home.

WILLIAM AT KIEL.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The Emperor William arrived at Kiel to-day and was received with a salute from the forts and men-of-war in the harbor.

A NEW CRUSADE.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The bishop of London has consented to preside at a meeting which is to begin a regular crusade against the evil influences of the music hall. Cardinal Manning cannot attend this meeting, or at all events has caused it to be understood he will not be present. His health is far from robust just now and he is forbidden to leave his house in the evening.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The triennial conclave of Knights Templars began to-day, the principal feature being the parade. It is estimated 15,000 knights were in line. The parade was reviewed by the president and eminent grand master. Enormous crowds were on the streets. There was much handsome decorations of buildings, and commanderies were present from all parts of the country and Canada.

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

PARIS, Oct. 7.—The returns of yesterday's ballotages are yet uncomplete. A number of Boulangists have been successful in Paris; among them being Naquit, Louis Lasante and Mermeix. The Boulangists, however, are in the minority among the deputies of the Seine, and have obtained only 18 out of 42 seats. Taken altogether the ballotages in the departments have confirmed the victory obtained by the Republicans a fortnight ago and completes the route of the allied Conservatives and Boulangists.

In the Morrison trial at Sherbrooke, Que., the case for the defence was closed on Saturday. It was expected the address of the judge would occupy the whole of yesterday.

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The merchants all report having done a "roaring" business during exhibition week.

A. Whiteside, not W. Whiteside, should have been credited with winning the special prize offered by Miss Peebles for the best essay by boys on "true manliness."

The Rainbow arrived from Victoria last night with 25 passengers and a heavy freight. She went out again this morning with a full cargo and a number of passengers.

Some of the evergreens and other material used for the decoration of Columbia and Front streets were removed to day. They should all be cleared away this week.

The time for receiving tenders for the contract to build Messrs. Mathers & Milligan's freight shed has been extended to Wednesday. All the contractors have been too busy at the park to attend to city work.

Christ church, Vancouver, was opened for public service yesterday by His Lordship Bishop Sillitoe. This is the latest addition to the houses of worship in Vancouver, and it is a very handsome building and a credit to the congregation.

The Irving arrived last night from up river, having on board 129 head of Semilkameen beef cattle for Van Volkenburgh Bros., a large quantity of general merchandise and a number of passengers. She left for Chilliwack this morning.

In compliance with a numerously signed requisition Mayor Townsend has called a public meeting for Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the city hall, for the purpose of selecting, if possible, a candidate to succeed Judge Bole as representative for Westminster in the provincial parliament.

The best snipe shooting record so far for this season has been made by Capt. Annesley of H. M. S. Icarus. On Pitt river flats he killed 14½ brace one day and 13 brace the day following during his shooting trip last week. Captain Hammet, of the Swiftsure, who accompanied Captain Annesley, also secured a good bag.

The New Vancouver coal company have recently purchased in the Cedar district contiguous to Nanaimo 3,200 acres of coal lands, the purchase price being $432,000. The payments are to cover a period of two years, with an annual rental of 25 cents per acre per annum. The transfer was effected by L. Rosenfeld, manager of the company.

THE COLUMBIAN'S suggestion that the medals won by members of our athletic clubs in the various matches last week, be publicly presented, has met with general favor, and it is now almost a certainty that the idea will be carried out. The presentations might be made by the lady mayoress and the wives of the presidents of the different clubs.

It is reported that a large force of men will be put to work to-morrow strengthing the piers erected in connection with the C. P. R. bridge at the Mission. No actual construction work will be inaugurated, but several hundred tons of rock will be quarried and deposited around the piers already constructed. Active operations on the bridge seem to have been indefinitely postponed.

The members of the legal profession are not particularly noted for their punctuality at court. This morning the presiding magistrate at the district court waited ten minutes for the presence of a lawyer, and on the latter's arrival quietly intimated that it was not the custom in other countries to make the bench wait for the bar, and in future the counsel must be present when their cases are called.

Chief Pearce received notice from the chief of police at Vancouver to-day that a negro with a full beard was a passenger by the 2:20 train for Westminster. A warrant was issued for larceny against the "culled pusson," and the chief went down to the depot to welcome him. The train brought the party wanted, who was accompanied by a large quantity of baggage, and he was promptly arrested and locked up.

The steamer Princess Louise left for Victoria this afternoon. The following is the passenger list: Dr. and Mrs Bell-Irving, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Kirkland, Mrs. T. E. Ladner, Mr. and Mrs Hicks, Mrs. Byron, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. W. J. McColl, Mr. and Mrs. Steves, R. Hogan, C. Cates, W. Bank, W .C. Loye, Mr. and Mrs. Currie, W. Tasker, and about sixteen others. The Louise also took 130 head of cattle and about 20 tons general merchandise.

There is another man who has become a firm believer in THE COLUMBIAN as the best advertising medium in the province. The gentleman in question is Mr. C. F. Green, of Ladners. THE COLUMBIAN published the analysis of a fish offal fertilizer made by Mr. Green, and two days later he received an order from a Victoria party, who had seen the article, for the whole stock of fertilizer he had on hand, and also an offer to purchase all that could be manufactured during the remainder of the season.

During the late celebration the bands giving the most general satisfaction were the Rifles' fife and drum corps and the Mission Indians' brass band. The willingness of these bands to furnish music at all times was in decided contrast with the more high priced C Battery organization, the Indian bandsmen actually leaving their bed late on the last night of the celebration to serenade the Vancouverites before their departure. The music committee have nothing but best praise to bestow on the Indian and Rifles' bands.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Purely Accidental.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the inquest into the death of William Montgomery, who was run over and killed by engine 96 last Wednesday morning, is to the effect that his death was purely accidental, and no fault of the company or those in charge of the engine that morning. The jury strongly recommended the company to use a regular and well-appointed engine for the purposes of shunting and making up trains, with all the necessary railings, which course, if followed, would in their opinion tend greatly to decrease the number of accidents and be another safeguard to the lives of the men.

Surveying the Channel.

The visit of H. M. ships Acorn and Icarus to Westminster was not altogether on pleasure. Capt. Annesley had orders given him by Admiral Heneage to take soundings of the new sandhead channel, which is not shown on the admiralty chart. Soundings were taken on the trip up, and these will be verified on the homeward voyage. The object of the survey is to have on record a correct chart, which will be forwarded to the admiralty office for the guidance of that department. An officer of the Icarus informed a representative of THE COLUMBIAN that it was intended to send a couple of vessels to the Fraser river to make a complete survey of the river and channel from the sandheads to the limit of navigation for deep draught vessels. This survey will take sometime, and when completed the results will be published in an entirely new chart of the Fraser, and issued by the admiralty office.

The Park Enclosure.

The president of the agricultural society, at the annual meeting on Friday night, stated that the fence enclosing the race track and buildings would be pulled down and sold. It is the general opinion that this should not be done, or if it is, a better fence should be immediately erected so that the race course and athletic grounds may not be cut up and destroyed by roving cattle. If the present fence is allowed to remain and the grounds seeded this fall, by next spring they will be in capital condition for all sorts of athletic games and sports, but if the fence is removed and cattle given free sweep of the park, a large sum of money will be required to put it in order again. The attention of the city council and the agricultural society is directed to this, and it is hoped some arrangement may be arrived at between these bodies so that the present fence or a better one may afford the desired protection of the grounds.

The Warships Sail.

After a stay of six days the Icarus and Acorn sailed for Esquimalt yesterday afternoon, this departure being witnessed by several thousand people. During their stay at Westminster both officers and men made themselves general favorites with the people, and all the civilities that were shown them on shore were returned with interest when the jolly sailors got their friends aboard the ship. The ships were thrown open to the public early each day and the hospitalities on board lasted from the evening they arrived until the last hour before sailing.

At 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the signal to sail was given, and 15 minutes later the anchors were hoisted and, the Icarus leading, the vessels proceeded up stream a short distance, swung gracefully round opposite the city, and steamed slowly out of sight. Flags were dipped and handkerchiefs waved from the shore, which graceful compliments were acknowledged by the ships. Everyone hopes the Icarus and Acorn will soon visit Westminster again.

Elevated Fireworks.

On Saturday evening about 8 o'clock Mr. Moresby and his assistants commenced work on the fire balloons. The first one sent up had a little trouble with the telephone wires, but in the end disentangled itself and mounted into upper air like a rocket. The fireworks hanging from the balloon went off very successfully. After ascending to an altitude of about a mile the light form of the floating globe was caught by another current of wind and watted away southward at a prodigious rate of speed. It gradually dwindled on the view until it appeared like one diminutive star in the whole black sky; then it twinkled and vanished into the darkness, and passed on, probably to puzzle and alarm the hoosiers of Washington and make them think it was a comet. The second balloon went up like an orderly and sensible balloon, and soared away into what the poets would call the infinite. The fireworks attached to this balloon were a genuine success. There was a fizzle and a sputter and suddenly a bright red star, that shone like a chip of the sun, floated gracefully down, shedding a lurid brilliancy over the whole landscape. Then followed a pale-blue star, that also had a brief, but glorious resistance of two minutes or so. A large crowd watched the ascent of the balloons with great interest. Mr. Moresby is to be congratulated on his success as a pyrotechnist.

The last of Roycraft's, effects was disposed of to-day in the sale of the yacht Ada, at auction by Deputy Sheriff Langley. The bidding commenced at $100 and went up to $330, at which figure the sloop was knocked down to E. Fleming Hewitt, a wealthy gentleman recently arrived from Norfolk, England, who proposes locating on the island if he can find a suitable farm. —*Friday's Times.*

Personal.

John Boultbee, barrister, of Vancouver, was in the city to-day.

H. J. Keary, of Lillooet, is in the city visiting friends and will remain a few days.

R. L. Cawston, of Keremeos, arrived in the city yesterday and left for Victoria this afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Haddon conducted the services in the penitentiary Protestant chapel yesterday morning.

Rev. Mr. Jamieson returned this forenoon from Vancouver where he had been officiating in the 1st Presbyterian church yesterday.

W. C. Loye and F. H. Meier went to Victoria to-day as delegates from Westminster, to attend the session of the grand lodge, I. O. G. T.

W. McColl has returned home from attending the annual meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., lately held at Columbus, Ohio.

Guests at the Queens: C. M. Kinsman, Harry K. Jones, John Dawson, Vancouver; J. Stuart Yates, Victoria; W. Augustus, Portland; B. W. Prince, H. A. Elliott, Los Angelos; J. B. Rone, John Carson, Toronto.

Guests at the Colonial: Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Lulu Island; S. H. Romans, R. Logan, Capt. Cates, G. H. Dawson, John Boultbee, Walter Taylor and wife, Vancouver; S. H. Travers, Victoria; A. A. Sandeman, Montreal.

Police Court.

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

The legal and other gentlemen present in court this morning were enjoying the grim joke implied in the word "welcome" at the back of the magisterial bench.

The first case was that of John Donald, charged with having been drunk and incapable, but who forfeited his bail by non-appearance.

James Miller and J. Cambridge did not appear in answer to a charge of infraction of the liquor license by-law, but Mr. Russell, of Vancouver, appeared in behalf of Miller, pleading not guilty. Chief Pearce took the stand and testified that he had found four bottles of rye whiskey under a pile of apples and two others on a shelf behind the lunch counter. Miller was running a booth on the fair grounds. The liquor was put up in Morley's soda water bottles. Cambridge, who was behind the counter, said he was selling for Miller, but the policemen seized the liquor. The case was remanded until Wednesday morning at o'clock. The same remand was granted Cambridge, both for the purpose of securing witnesses.

Ling Quang vs. Alfred Cassells, assault. Mr. Jenns appeared for defendant; Mr. Eckstein for plaintiff. Mr. Eckstein showed that complainant, accompanied by two friends, had been stopped by defendant on Front street yesterday, and defendant attempted to take a basket from the Chinaman, which the latter tried to prevent; defendant had then struck complainant two severe blows on the face. James Scott, called, said he saw the fracas, and thought prisoner intoxicated; the Chinaman hit prisoner on the head with a board. During the evidence of one of the witnesses, Mr. Jenns said his client pleaded guilty, as the case of assault had been made out. Mr. Eckstein said there was too much of this intertering with and assaulting Chinamen, and asked his worship to deal with the case in a manner to deter others. Fined $10 and costs, $4; in default, 20 days' imprisonment with hard labor.

C. F. Bruce, charged with supplying liquor to an Indian named John Swan, a Hydah, pleaded not guilty. Swan said Bruce had come to his house with four other men and demanded admission; prisoner had two bottles of whiskey. Another Indian named Jumbo let the men in; they were drunk. Swan, who is a jeweller by trade and makes silver bracelets, did not want them there, so he went and informed the police, who came and arrested Bruce, finding the whiskey in his possession. The case being fully proved, the prisoner was fined $50 and costs and two months' imprisonment with hard labor.

Land vs. Sea.

The rifle match at Brownsville on Saturday afternoon between teams from H. M. ships Acorn and Icarus and from the N. W. Rifle Association, resulted in an easy victory for the landsmen. It is only fair to state, however, that the naval teams have had no practice for six months or more, and that several of the best shots were unable to take part in the match. The result of the match was as follows:

New Westminster, Team No. 1	415 pts.
" " " 2	348 "
H. M. S. Acorn	228 "
H. M. S. Icarus	199 "

Money prizes to the value of $75 were offered by the celebration committee, which went to the highest individual scores of the naval teams, the members of the association generously declining to compete for the prizes. The scores made by Westminster No. 1 team were all excellent, the lowest being 77 out of a possible of 105. The weather was just the thing for good shooting and the range was free from smoke.

ITS EXCELLENT QUALITIES

Commend to public approval the California liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs. It is pleasing to the eye, and to the taste, and by gently acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, it cleanses the system effectually, thereby promoting the health and comfort of all who use it.

Hyacinth Rehuchomin, of Sorel, Que., a well-known iron-founder, has been selected as a candidate for Richelieu in the Liberal interest in the contest for the Commons.

(*From Daily Columbian, Oct. 8.*)

The operations of the scavengers on the Columbia street crosswalks are awaited with impatience.

The str. Irving left for Chilliwack this morning with a large load of general merchandise and a number of passengers.

Wagon loads of decorations were in transit from Columbia street this morning, and before evening every vestige of last week's jollification was gone.

There is still a quantity of grain unharvested in Langley prairie section, and unless fine weather favors the farmers for a week at least, the grain will be lost.

Canadian Pacific earnings for the fourth week in September were $443,000, an increase of $114,000. For the month of September, $1,183,000; increase, $373,000.

An important general meeting of the lacrosse club will be held to-morrow evening at the usual place, at which every member is particularly requested to be present at 8 o clock sharp.

The following item has been omitted to be published: Reid & Currie have been awarded the special prize of $15, given by Bell-Irving & Patterson for the best wagon and display in the procession.

Jno. Pringle, of Grand Prairie, who attended the provincial exhibition at Westminster, was in town to-day on his way home. He gives a glowing account of the success of the exhibition. —*Sentinel.*

The public meeting called for to-morrow night to nominate a candidate to represent the city in the provincial parliament will probably be one of the largest ever held in the city for a similar purpose.

Mr. G. W. Rasure's band of cayuses in the paddock on Lorne street, are being examined by a number of horse-flesh sports. The animals look in fine condition and occasionally make things lively around that locality.

The mayor and aldermen have been invited to attend the reception to be given the governor-general at Vancouver during his visit there this month. The city clerk has been instructed to accept the invitation on behalf of the mayor and aldermen.

The final lacrosse match of the season will be played on Saturday week between the Vancouver and Westminster clubs. On the result of this match the championship cup hangs, and it is confidently expected that the trophy will come to Westminster.

Several parties have tried to get their names on the voters' list by making a false statement as to their place of residence. There is a penalty of $50 attached to this offence, and it is not unlikely that these cases will be brought before the courts.

It comes rather hard on the average citizen to settle down into ordinary, every day harness after the glorious kick over the traces last week. Everybody now looks hopefully forward to next year's exhibition, and from all accounts it will be a grand one.

H.M.S. Icarus ran ashore yesterday on Mayne Island, Plumpers Pass, on her way to Esquimalt. The Acorn was unable to haul her off and the Champion was despatched to her assistance. It is expected no trouble will be experienced in getting her off safely.

As illustrating the necessity for care in entering exhibits under their proper classification, Mr. G. Bellrose, of Chilliwack, lost a first prize in apples at the provincial exhibition by putting his exhibit, by mistake, under class 1 in division I., instead of under class 4 in the same division.

The Louise had to leave 30 head of cattle, all the canvas cots hired by the Colonial hotel for the celebration, and a large quantity of other goods on her trip down yesterday. The shipping people are kept very busy just now; it was 10 o'clock p.m. when work was finished for the day at the C. P. N. wharf.

Pedestrians complain of the condition of the crossing at the corner of Mary and Agnes streets on the west side. The foot crossing was taken up while the street improvements were in progress and has not been relaid since. The street is in a very muddy condition at present and the numerous complaints are very reasonable, considering the time that has elapsed since the street grading was finished.

The lawyer accused of keeping the presiding magistrate at the district court waiting 10 minutes yesterday morning, wishes it stated through these columns that by the court house clock he was only one minute and a half late, and that was caused by illness. The court house clock is the time that governs the opening of the court, and he was as punctual under the circumstances as he possibly could be.

The C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Sardonyx, Capt. Meyer, arrived at Victoria Saturday morning from the north with a large passenger and freight list. Part of her cargo was 5,553 cases of salmon from the following canneries: Windsor Packing Co., 2,000; McLellan's Cannery, 1,553; Cunningham's, 2,000. Sixty barrels of salt fish from the Naas, and 278 casks of Skidegate oil were also brought down.

The Alaska *Free Press* says: The U. S. revenue cruiser Rush dropped anchor at Sitka on September 12th. The commander of the vessel was not much surprised to find that not one of the dozen seized sealers had reported there, but he did his duty in the matter, and leaves Uncle Sam to say whether or not he will throw his castor into the ring also and fight John Bull to a finish, or call the whole thing a draw.

It is not the first time that attention has been drawn to the dangerous condition of the sidewalk behind the Queen's hotel on Clement street. Beside the sidewalk yawns a pit about twenty or twenty-five feet in depth plentifully littered at the bottom with kegs, casks, boxes, cases, cordwood and other hotel bric-a-brac. At night the place is enshrouded in the deepest darkness, the nearest lamp being about one hundred yards off. It would be the simplest thing in the world for a stranger coming up the street to imagine he had come to a cross street and turning the corner be dashed to death at the bottom of the abyss. A railing used to protect this spot but its mortal remains lie around disconnected and moss-covered; and no attempt has been made to erect one.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The regular meeting of the Y.M.C.A. will be held in their rooms to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. A paper on association work will be read by Mr. F. W. Winn. The educational classes in connection with the association begin the first of next month, and all who intend joining the drawing class are invited to meet the instructor on Friday evening next at the Y.M.C.A. rooms.

Pumpkin Pie Social.

On Monday evening next the ladies of the Methodist church will give a pumpkin pie harvest home social, which is expected to prove the success of the season. A fine programme is being prepared, and on it will be found the names of Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster favorites. The harvest home church festival will be held on Sunday next, when services will be conducted in the morning, afternoon and evening by visiting clergymen. The singing of harvest songs by the children will be one of the features at the afternoon service.

The Rifle Association.

A general meeting of the N. W. rifle association will be held in Mr. A. F. Cotton's office this evening at 8 o'clock, to take into consideration the challenge of the Vancouver association to shoot a return match some day next week. It is certain the challenge will be accepted, and it is hoped the royal city team will reverse the results of the last inter-city competition. The Vancouver association will hold its annual dinner on the day of the proposed match and an invitation will be extended to the members of the Westminster team to be present at the banquet.

The Gorrie Flags.

Gorrie, the flag dealer, of Victoria, feels hurt at the insinuation of the city council that he made an overcharge for the use of the flags which the city proposed leasing from him to assist in decorating the streets and arches during celebration week. It will be remembered that he sent over 200 flags, which were promptly shipped back to him without opening the package when it was discovered he intended charging $150 for their use. Through his legal advisers he has demanded from the city council payment in full of his little bill, and the item of the freight as well. The council decided to pay the freight charges on the package, but not another cent, and in this course it will be supported by every ratepayer of the royal city.

Westminster's Record.

When the people of the Royal City subscribe their names to a subscription list they mean to pay the amount. There is no beating about the bush or deferring payment in Westminster as in other cities not a thousand miles away, but the amounts subscribed are promptly handed in, and no collector is necessary. The total amount subscribed towards the celebration, so successfully carried out last week, was $4,295 85, and only $65 remains unpaid, and this balance will be wiped off to-morrow. Every dollar of indebtedness incurred by the committees will be paid this week, and the celebration will not only have been a pleasure to those who participated in it, but it will redound to the honor of the city in general and particularly to those who were associated with its inception and conduct.

To Merchants in General.

The early closing agreement entered into between the dry goods merchants came into force last night, and punctual to the hour, 7 o'clock, the shutters were put up. Let the merchants in other lines adopt the same system and give their assistants a chance to enjoy a few hours recreation after business hours. As a rule, both merchant and clerk are hard worked from 7 a. m. till the hour of closing, 9 p. m., fourteen long hours of the most tedious labor, leaving no time for social or family circle enjoyments, only sleep and work, the latter predominating largely. Let the merchants be generous to their employees and to themselves; give the clerks a chance to recuperate after a hard day's work and the results will be found much more satisfactory in the long run, while their business will not suffer one cent's diminishment. Who will be the next to adopt the new system.

A Novel Case.

Another hog case is likely to appear before the courts at an early date, but not such a one as disgraced even the criminal records at the last assizes. The facts of the new case are as follows: A farmer of Maple Grove, having a very limited knowledge of the law was annoyed by a neighbor's pig, which delighted to poach on his vegetable garden. Becoming desperate he impounded the animal and applied to a local justice of the peace as to how he should dispose of it. The justice of the peace gave it as his opinion that the farmer should sell the pig, and further backed this advice by committing it to paper. Acting under this advice the farmer sold the animal and kept the proceeds for damages incurred. Now the original owner of the pig has entered an action against the farmer to recover the value of the animal, and the legality of the sale will be ventilated through the courts.

A Curious Circumstance.

Since the first day of January, 1889, only 29 inches of rain have fallen at Westminster. This has been sufficient to satisfy the citizens in general, for there is such a thing as having too much of dampness, to say nothing of the expense and trouble entailed generating heat during the cold and rainy weather. But our experienced clerk of the weather, Capt. Peele, is by no means satisfied with the rainfall, and with good reason. The mean rainfall at Westminster is 59 inches annually, therefore if the average is to be maintained more rain will have to fall in less than three months than has fallen in a trifle over nine months, a wet and uncheerful prospect should it happen to be realized. It is the fear of 10 inches of rain per month for three months that annoys Capt. Peele, and he along with everyone else sincerely hopes that the mean rainfall for 1889 will be unprecedentedly small.

Criminal Carlessness in Blasting.

The recklessness and criminal carlessness displayed by contractors in general in removing rocks and stumps by blasting with dynamite or other powerful explosives, has frequently been exposed in these columns, but but it seems as if nothing will be done to mitigate the danger until some one is killed, as was the case in Vancouver two or three years ago. Shortly after 6 o'clock last night a heavy blast was set off near the corner of Pelham and Mary streets, and which fell little short of being attended with fatal results. Mr. R. W. Armstrong was walking down Pelham street when the charge was exploded, and one of the fragments of rock, larger than a man's head, fell with tremendous force only a few feet from him, sinking deep into the hard earth. The escape was providential; and had this missile struck the roof of one of the many houses in the neighborhood it must have passed completely through the building, so great was its weight and force. All the buildings within a radius of several hundred yards of where the blast was discharged were roughly shaken by the force of the explosion, and passers-by were greeted with a shower of earth and gravel which accompanied it. Surely it is time this recklessness was curbed. The authorities are supposed to afford citizens protection in these as in other matters, and they must see to it that reckless blasting is stopped.

Personal.

J. W. Bengough, the noted cartoonist, of Toronto, arrived in the city to-day.

F. J. Coulthard left for Harrison Lake this afternoon, where he will spend a few days tracking mountain goat and sheep.

Guests at the Colonial: G. Robertson, J. E. Cotton, W. C. Archer, F. J. Painter, Vancouver; W. Gill, Victoria; F. Samuel, J. W. Bengough, Toronto.

Guests at the Queen's: J. J. Shinabarger, and wife, John Weiss, W. Gesner Allen, James Wright, J. Earon, Vancouver; W. G. McKay, R. Roy, Victoria.

Police Court.

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

Michael Connolly, charged with having been drunk and incapable, was fined $2:50; in default ten days imprisonment with hard labor. Micheal was allowed one month to pay the fine, and if not the commitment will issue.

Angus McLean admitted having been drunk and incapable and was dismissed with a caution.

District Court.

Before T. C. Atkinson and Capt. Pittendrigh.

The case of Murdering Dick, charged with house-breaking and theft, came up this morning and there being no evidence to prove the charge the prisoner was discharged at the request of Mr. Jenns.

Wm. Howard (colored), who stole a barber's chair all by himself and sold it for $40; and afterwards stole away from the scene of the operation, Vancouver, and was neatly nabbed here by the police, was ordered sent back to Vancouver to-day for trial.

Meteorological Observations at New Westminster for September, 1889.

Mean temperature	56.7
Above Sept. mean	0.5
Highest max	79.0
Lowest min	44.0
Mean of max	64.8
Mean of min	48.6
Rainfall in inches	3.69
Above Sept. mean	0.49
Days rain fell	7
Greatest days fall	1.25
Cloudy days	8
Partially cloudy	12
Clear	10
Windiest day in miles,	160
Calmest, " "	27
Total miles of wind	1995
Highest Barometer,	30.37
Lowest "	29.58

Fogs, 8; first snow on mountains, 9th; white frost on sidewalks, 11th; snow gone from mountains, 15th; small tidal wave, 12th; S. E. gale, 29th; very dry until last two days.

A. PEELE, Capt'n.

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.*

OUR OWN BIG TIME.

(Written for THE COLUMBIAN.)

(With profuse apologies to the shade of Macauley.)

Ho! burghers of the Royal Burgh
Fling wide your flags to-day!
Let business hug the wall a space,
Don festive garb;—let festive grace
And genial words have way!
Let house and heart be open wide!
Let self and profit stand aside,
And smiles abound to-day!
The smile of kindly welcome,
The smile of honest pride,
As east and west and south and north,
From town and hamlet pouring forth,
Rolls in the human tide!
Of ranchers stout from Chilliwack,
I ween a goodly train;
From far Sumas and Delta wide,
And Langley, by the Fraser side,
Famed for their golden grain.
From Semiahmoo's sounding shore,
Where wintry nights are wild;
From Matsqui's broad and fertile farms,
And Lulu, in the River's arms
Cradled like fav'rite child;
From Richmond and from Katzie,
Hammond and Boundary Bay,
From Kensington and Elgin,
They come in long array;
From where the headlong Harrison
Flashes in rifles bright;
From Agassiz, with orchards
Of golden fruit bedight;
From Surrey's sunny nooks they come,
They come from far Cheam—
For he who stays at home to-day
Is counted as a clam!
And hardy fishermen are here,
Of divers tongue and race;
Right glad are we such men to see,
Right glad to give them place!
And Yale's far-stretching prairies
Send out their riders bold,
With miners from the rugged hills
Where lurks the yellow gold.
Mark—as they hereward press along—
Mark how the concourse swells
With axemen from the lumber woods,
With boomers from Port Kells!
Till here they meet Vancouver's men,
Victoria's sons they meet,
From train and steamer thronging fast
Far up the shouting street!
For to-day the Royal City old her portals
wide has flung!
And to-day a welcome full and free she
gives to old and young,

For, you bet your sweet existence,
We've got a bully show,
And—if pluck and push can do it—
We're bound to make it go!

BRIEF GLIMPSES

Caught Between Showers by a Weary Rambler of the Quill.

On Tuesday afternoon the rain was falling as probably it never fell since the day that Noah passed down the Fraser on his way to Mount Ararat. Three or four citizens, more or less prominent, stood outside the Colonial, and a countryman or two wandered aimlessly, near at hand, endeavoring to look hopeful of the rain letting up. The weather was the one and only absorbing topic of conversation. One individual surmised that the reason of the continued moisture was to be found in the fact that the celebration committee had forgotten to send Capt. Peele an invite, whilst an amateur theologian expressed a firm conviction that, faith being able to move the Rockies and plant them in the gulf, before long the flood gates would be closed. He based this pleasant hope upon the fact that New Westminster had certainly shown a wonderful amount of faith in the ultimate success of the exhibition.

Indeed, there was no doubt about that, for wherever one turned, great preparations were being made in the decorative art. Wandering along Columbia and Front streets, numerous busy hands were fixing fir branches to the verandahs, and already Thompson & McPherson had a lavish display of red, white and blue curtained over their store window. Around the drill shed were congregated a number of interested spectators, cheerfully watching the carpenters at their work, oblivious of the fact that the rain drops were trickling from the eaves of the building down their necks the while. For a brief space the sky cleared, and the rain ceased alike to saturate the just and unjust, and at that auspicious moment the new flagstaff at the City Hall was raised into position and the Dominion flag set a-flying.

It is a notorious fact that nine men out of ten, if they have two bits in their pockets, will spend it in getting shaved, and this may account in part for the wealth of tonsorial artists as a rule. Remembering this fact, a weary wanderer drew near a well known hairdresser's stand, being convinced that, if the great rush of visitors had commenced to arrive, their attention would in the first place be devoted to beautifying their persons. There could be no mistake about the matter. Two cut-throats were busy manipulating the chins of an equal number of victims of vanity with lathered phizes, whilst at least a dozen candidates for martyrdom awaited the magic call—"Next."

Returning to Front street the wandering one's gaze became fixed upon the war ships, hung with dirty linen, and at first he imagined that the Chinese of the city had rented the vessels for a floating laundry, until the dream of this "consummation devoutly to be wished" was rudely dispelled by the advent on the scene of his own particular "John," demanding with much earnestness the sum of "three bittee" for last week's account.

Having disposed of the Chinaman by means not of interest to the general public, he then decided that a patriotic spirit demanded that he should purchase some decorations of his own. This he procured in the shape of a variety of colored material and, proceeding up the hill, festooned his window to the great admiration of an old cow on her way home from picking up a living in the woods. Then he went down town, the rain starting in again as though it never had a good show all summer. But the decorations were more effective than could have been wished, for the rain washing the color out, many charming streaks of harmonious color ran down the front of the house, making it look like a patent wall paper, a barber's pole rolled flat, or an enlarged edition of the flag which waves over "the land of the free lunch and the home of the bravado." Then it was that, damp, miserable, and with a sense of disquietude, he remembered that every room in his house had been given up to strangers, and that arrangements had been entered into for him to find a comfortable lodging upon the stairs.

The royal city by daylight looked damp. The alternate heavy rains and drizzle had settled down to a steady persistent downpour, evidently with the intention that, having once started in, it would continue for all it was worth. The decorations looked tired and the people on the streets miserable. The few bluejackets who were visible overnight were no longer to be seen, evidently thinking there is too much water in Westminster for their allowance of grog. There were two, however, who bravely defied the elements Wm. H. Ladner and his white plug hat. Both were mounted on the same "gee-gee," and the very evident desire of the honorable member to take things as they were and look happy over them was most commendable. Breakfast time at the hotels proved that the visitors were in strong force, and determined to make the best of a very bad job and enjoy themselves as well as they were able. With this intention mackintoshes and gum boots were donned and everyone surpassed the daring of Ajax, who defied the lightning, by snapping their fingers in the face of the clerk of the weather.

It was a pity that the committee did not arrange for music of some kind all through the celebration time, for when the strains of the band floated down Columbia street, about 10 o'clock, old Sol took a most deliberate look around the edge of a peculiarly virulent looking cloud with a face expressive of sore surprise that anybody could be cheerful under such damping conditions.

The City Hall was in great form by this time, where the reception of visitors was held. Behind the mayor's chair hung drapery of red, white and blue cambric, mounted by the flags of Great Britain and the United States at each side, with an evergreen capital and a shield in the centre. Above this, in tasteful design, stood out the word "Welcome," whilst down the length of the hall were well arranged tables laden with cold viands, to which the guests did ample justice Mrs. Miller, of the Queen's, was the caterer, and did her work well. All around the hall evergreens, interspersed with Chinese lanterns and flags of all nations, added to the cheerfulness of the general appearance, and the gallery front was completely hidden by a mass of boughs and branches. The approaches to the doorway were rendered very pretty in appearance by a large number of young trees newly planted, and the civic officials, turned out of their offices to make room for cooks and scullions, wandered hither and thither, ever and anon casting hungry and wistful glances at the good things spread for the city's visitors. The premier looked in about 11 o'clock, and seemed highly pleased with the general appearance of things.

Almost immediately the mill whistle blew, and the reporter was quietly though firmly made aware that no loafers were permitted to share in the general good cheer, so, starting off down Columbia st. in the wake of the Scotch pipers, after much scrambling for a place, he eventually was able to console himself with the remnants of what was once a well ordered meal, and this done, felt more satisfied with himself and the world in general.

The Earl of Coventry, it is said, will likely be the next governor general of Canada. He is a great sportsman, agriculturist, and the present master of the Queen's buck-hounds. The office is to be abolished, and as the Earl is as far from being wealthy, he is to find compensation at Ottawa. He frequently acts as judge at the principal horse rings in England. He is of unblemished character, 51, and married a daughter of the Earl of Craven, by whom he has a numerous family.

The Young Liberals gave Hon. Wilfred Laurier a great demonstration in the Pavilion, Toronto, Wednesday night. When Messrs. Laurier, Mowatt, and Fisher and several ministers of the Ontario cabinet mounted the platform they received prolonged applause. Mr. Laurier in his speech disclaimed any intention on the part of the Roman Catholic Church of placing the supremacy of the Pope over the supremacy of the state. It would, he thought, be a treasonable act for the legislature of Quebec to attempt to substitute the authority of the Pope for that of the Queen. He concluded with an eloquent and telling argument for continental free trade, in their fight for which he said he believed the Liberal party was on the eve of victory.

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