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LARGE INCREASE IN TRADE OF LADYSMITH

Merchants State That Business Is Much Better Than It Was a Year Ago In The City

And General Outlook Points to Still Greater Increase Within Next Few Months

While the weather is dark and dreary, Ladysmith people have no cause to complain of the general business condition of the town and the prospects for the future are even more bright and cheerful.

Compared with this time a year ago the volume of trade done by the merchants shows a very substantial increase. This is the combined verdict of men prominent in various lines of industry. They were picked out here and there, at random, so as to get a fair idea of how things stood in town and without exception reported that both in volume and in collections things were very much for the better this year.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that the branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is soon to be made an independent one instead of as at present under the Nanaimo branch. This is due to the growing importance of Ladysmith and indicates that the banking business is showing a healthy increase.

There are more people in town and more business firms than a year ago, so when it is found that in spite of greater competition in the various lines, the individual firms can say that they are doing a greater volume of trade, it plainly means that Ladysmith is making substantial progress and that there is no room for growlers.

Besides the prospects for the future point to an increase in the export of coal trade, when some of the big contracts now being filled from other countries in California are ended, which it is understood will be early in the new year. That business which was lost a couple of years ago will come to Ladysmith again.

A BOLD GAME.

Mr. John J. Rodgers who was arraigned in the police court in Vancouver on the charge of obtaining three hundred dollars under false pretenses from Mrs. Dorfman, the landlady of the Gold House, seems, if the facts are correct, to have worked as bold a swindle as has been attempted in some time in Vancouver, says a press report.

Rodgers is a man 45 years of age, and quite grey, and has a clean shaven, rather nervous face, that betokens considerable intelligence. He came to the Gold House about three weeks ago, and succeeded in impressing Mrs. Dorfman with the idea that he owned a very valuable lot in Toronto which he was holding for a high figure. He said a gentleman in the city was anxious to purchase it, but he had not yet been able to make terms. A few days ago while Rodgers was out there came a telephone message to the Gold House enquiring for him, and when the landlady asked who it was, she was informed that it was a Mr. Stewart, who wished to see Rodgers in reference to a lot he owned in Toronto. They got into further conversation, and finally the invisible Mr. Stewart told her that he was very anxious to buy the lot as he wanted to build a hotel on it. He added that he was willing to give $10,000 for it, but Rodgers wanted $10,500. Mrs. Dorfman mentioned the matter to Rodgers when he came in, and he said he would see Stewart about it, but somehow he always missed him and Mr. Stewart strange to say was always calling up the Gold House in Mr. Rodgers' absence. The upshot of it was that Mrs. Dorfman who saw a chance to make a little money tried to buy the lot herself from Rodgers, and succeeded in striking a bargain with him for $8,000, paying $300 down. All this time Mr. Dorfman had been away on Vancouver island but he returned a few days ago and got into telephone communication with Stewart himself. He said he did not like doing business with a man he never saw, and suggested that they should arrange a meeting in the office of Tupper & Griffin on Thursday morning. Mr. Dorfman went down but Stewart never turned up. He went home feeling a little suspicious and looked up in the telephone book the number given him by the mysterious Mr. Stewart. He found it was that of the Carter House, close by and this increased his suspicion. He rang up to know if Mr. Stewart was in and was told that he was, and the gentleman himself replied through the 'phone excusing himself for not meeting him that morning as it was a holiday. Mr. Dorfman then slipped over to the Carter House and met Rodgers coming out. He asked him if he had been telephoning, but Rodgers denied it. Mr. Dorfman, however, became convinced that Rodgers and Stewart were the same person, and as the former gentleman had already obtained $300 from him got out a warrant and had him arrested.

DISTRICT LOGGING

Quite a number of loggers from Camp Six were in town Saturday. Among the number were Messrs McKim and Fraser, the former from Vancouver and the latter from Lillooet. They report conditions in the Chemainus logging camps, about 3 miles from Ladysmith, as good and work progressing well in the logging line.

There is probably no better timber in the world for working up into lumber than the limits owned by the Ladysmith Lumber Co. and the Chemainus Mill Co., that are tributary to Ladysmith.

B. Forcimmer has left on a short business trip to Vancouver.

There will be a meeting of the Ladysmith Iron and Stove Company, Limited, at Russell Simpson's office this evening.

SECOND BALTIC FLEET.

Frederickshaven, Denmark, Nov. 21—The second division of the Russian Second Pacific squadron has arrived here and is anchored in Skaw Bay.

J. H. S. Matson, of Victoria, it is stated, has made a deal with an English syndicate for the purchase of the Lenora mine and tramway for $600,000.

A day or two ago one of the fine team of horses that Douglas Comeley drives, hauling for the Ladysmith Lumber Co., ran a nail into its foot and there was some doubt whether the horse would be saved. However, by slinging it up and giving careful attention the animal may yet recover.

THE MASQUERADE.

There will be quite an array of fancy dresses at the Masquerade ball at the Opera House on Wednesday night, for the prizes are numerous and attractive enough to strive for, to say nothing of the amusement the friendly rivalry creates, There are prizes for the best national characters, best sustained characters, best comic characters, a Weary Willie prize and one for the most original dress lady or gentleman. The Ladysmith City Band under whose auspices the dance is being held are taking a great deal of trouble to successfully carry out the arrangements and that means a good time for those who dance or those who simply watch the fun.

MOST REMARKABLE EVER HELD

Gathering of Zemstvos Where Men for First Time Speak Openly!

Former Exile One of the Prominent Men to Give Address

(Associated Press Despatches.)

St. Petersburg, Nov. 21.—The interest in the meetings of the Zemstvos representatives is intense. The war and all other questions are temporarily forgotten. Nothing else is talked of. Liberals from all parts of the Empire are flocking hither including many from Poland and Finland and hotels are crowded. The permission granted by the Minister of the Interior Mirsky was for an assembly of three hundred. The participants' friends display complete confidence in the protection afforded by the minister and his most outspoken seatiments. The situation altogether is unparelled. Nothing approaching a gathering has ever been permitted in Russia before. As evidence of the remarkable state of affairs it is sufficient to mention that one of the most prominent speakers yesterday was M. Petrunkeivitch Tver, who spent twenty-four years in exile and who had only been allowed, since Prince Sviatopola Mirsky's advent, to come to the capital. Nevertheless the most able men in the assembly are counseling moderation and are doing everything possible to prevent demonstrations which might compel interference.

One of the strongest men of the conference said to the Associated Press, "We want to make our position plain to the government, but we desire to avoid every appearance of lawlessness. I sincerely hope the meeting Rill be productive of great good. We hope and expect that all provincial and district Zemstvos will follow our lead and demonstrate to the government that the voice of the nation is unanimous in asking for a direct share in the government by the people."

At a meeting of the delegates today, section 9 of the memorial by a vote of 105 to 3 was strengthened into a practical recommendation for parliament, the language being changed to a specific declaration in favor of an elective body, not to participate in legislation but to make the country's laws. Sympathetic demonstrations are reported in various parts of Russia.

The Zemstvo representatives this afternoon adopted a declaration in favor of Gen. Amnesty for political prisoners and exits.

HOT DENIAL FROM CHILI

Has No Intention of Selling Her Warships to the Russians

New York, Nov. 21.—A Valporaiso Chili despatch to the Herald dated Nov 20 says: "In discussing the published despatch from London relative to the alleged sale of Chilian warships to Russia through Colombia, a high government official said today: 'This news is absurd. It is unworthy of the slightest attention. Chili is a small power, considering her strength, but in respect for international law she occupies the same as, if not a higher, level than some af the greater world powers. It is quite as absurd to believe that Chili would sell battleships to a belligrent power as to suppose that the United States would sell some of her ships to Russia or Japan. Because Chili is placed on the South American continent is no reason to imply that she is a savage and uncivilized country or that she would be civilized country because she happened to be located in Europe. Japanese diplomats in Europe show amazing ignorance of certain conditions they ought to know about in certain Latin-American nationalities.'"

TAKE POSITION ON RIHLUNY MOUNTAIN

And Fresh Troops are Gathering for What Is Expected to be Overwhelming Attack on Port Arthur.

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Tokio, Nov. 21.—Reliable sources report that the Japaneee mined and occupied a counterscrap on Rihlung Mountain Nov. 19. A despatch from Tokio early today announced that the Sapanese, after successfully mining, had occupied a counterscarp on Sungshu mountain on Friday, Nov. 18. Rihlung (Erhlung) mountain is east of Sungshu mountain. The latter is due north of Port Arthur. Rihlung mountain forms part of the north-eastern fortifications.

FOR CRUSHING BLOW.

Che Foo, Nov. 21.—(3 p.m.)— A Japanese official among the latest arrivals from Dalny states positively that the general attack upon Port Arthur has not been resumed. Rumors to that effect have arisen because fresh troops, including the Seventh division recenly landed, are being sent to the front. It is believed that the explosion which took place on Nov. 16 occurred in some counter tunneling work. The second which was heard on Nov. 19, was much heavier, and it is reported on the best authority, was due to the blowing up of a Russian magazine. It is expected that the next attack upon Port Arthur will be a tremendous affair. More reinforcements are coming to the support of Gen. Nogi than those despatched to Field Marshal Oyama. The Japanese are now constructing coast defense forts at Pigeon Bay, which is accepted as an indication that they expect to be defending Port Arthur themselves some day.

CAPTURE GERMAN SHIP.

Tokio, Nov. 21.—The Navy department reports the capture of the German steamer Batelan, while attempting to run the Port Arthur blockade. The department says that at three a.m., Nov. 19, a Japanese squadron cruising off Yen Tai, near Talien Bay, sigoted a vessel steaming for Port Arthur. The gunboat Tatsui pursued and overtook the steamer at five in the morning. On board was found a great quantity of winter clothing, blankets, medicine and corned meats. Her captain said he was bound for New Chwang. The route and cargo of the Batelan were considered to be suspicious and she was taken possession of and taken to Sasebo.

WAITING.

Mukden, Nov. 21.—The anticipated general attack by the Japanese has not developed as yet. The uncertainty of the present situation gives rise to conflicting rumors and speculation regarding future operations. Some expect the Japanese to attack a wide flanking movement on Tie Pass, and others claim the armies will practically winter in their present positions. Complete inactivity prevails. The nights are growing colder and fuel is scarce.

SURVEY OF THE HARBOR

The following information of the recent survey of Oyster harbor by H.M.S. Egeria is made public by the Department of Marine and Fisheries:

A rock, with six feet over it at low water, ordinary springs, was found to the eastward of Coffin Island. From this rock Coffin Island lighthouse bears S. 61 degrees W., distant one and three-tenths cables.

Another head with twelve feet over it was also found six-tenths cable to the eastward of the above position, and on the edge of the danger line as shown on chart No. 714. From this danger Coffin Island lighthouse bears S. 64 degrees W., distant one and eight-tenths cables.

The "3½ fathoms" referred to is notice to mariners No. 32 (72) of 1903, and shown on chart No. 714 as lying on the edge of the 20-fatham line, 2½ cables S. W. of Coffin Island, was found on examination to be the othet extreme of a narrow riage extending from the reef of the point in Evening Cove, lying three cables N. W. of Sharp Point. This ridge has depths of from two to three fathoms over it and from its extreme point Coffin Island lighthouse bears N. 25 degrees East, distant two and six-tenths cables.

Off the west end of the Western twin island the three-fathoms line was found to extend into the anchorage one and three-tenths cables to the S.W. in the direction of the head of the coaling wharf on the opposite shore; the five-fathom line extending six-tenths cables farther in a similar direction. This extension is in the nature of a spit running off the above point. Vessels are cautioned against anchoring in this vicinity.

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On Saturday evening Unity Encampment, I.O.O.F., conferred the Royal Purple degree, a number of visitors coming from Nanaimo to be present. The proceedings wound up with a banquet at which a very jolly time was spent.

New comers in Ladysmith are quite frequently assured by old residents that it does not rain nearly as much here as it does in Vancouver. If this is true from conditions here for the past few days, people in the Terminal City must be living in house boats.

AT THE ABBOTSFORD.

F. W. McCrady, Vancouver.
P. H. Smith, Montreal.
R. Hayward, Victoria.
A. C. Stewart, Vancouver.

The report that a man fell a victim to sunstroke on High Street today, is absolutely without foundation.

BREAK UP A MEETING

Kharkoff Law Society's Gathering Too Revolutionary For Police

Kharkoff, Russia, Nov. 21.—The Law Society met at the University here in order to draw up a telegram of congratulation to Interior Minister Mirsky, embodying also the wishes of the people for reform. Many who were not members of the society including ladies, were present. A few members opposed the despatch of the telegeam as useless, which precipitated an uproar. In the midst of the tumult a large number of workmen entered the hall and showered the audience with revolutionary circulars. The policemen declared the meeting adjourned. A semi-panic followed and there was a great crush for the exit. The workmen and some students remained and held an impromptu meeting, afterwards going out in procession, singing revolutionary songs. The procession, however, was soon dispersed No one is reported to have been injured.

WRESTLING.

Although he had uphill work, Swanson, of Nanaimo, won the wrestling match there on Saturday night. Weeks beat Clarke without any exertion and then Swanson after a hard bout in which he defeated Polkinghorne, had to meet Weeks, but won in 34 minutes. Swanson now has to meet Bruce Ashman, the present holder of the championship cup.

WANT THEIR MONEY.

London, Nov. 21.—A movement is on foot to get President Roosevelt to arbitrate the difference between Panama and the corporation of foreign bondholders in regard to the Colombian debt. A meeting of the Colombian corporation has been called to consider the best means of recovery from Panama of a portion of the $10,000,000 paid by the United States in connection with the canal and it is proposed to call a public meeting of the Colombian bondholders for the purpose of requesting President Roosevelt to arbitrate as to the proportion of this amount the new republic ought to pay towards the liquidation of the Colombian debt.

TO CHOOSE ARCHBISHOP

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 21.—The Diocesan synod of Rupertsland, will meet January 12, 1905. This was decided at a meeting of the executive committee held on Friday afternoon. The selection of an archbishop is at the bottom of the matter. The name of Bishop Matheson has already been sent up th the House of Bishops, but the canon explicitly states that two names shall in all instances be chosen and it is for this purpose that the synod has been called for an early date next January.

The hunting party organized yesterday by Captain Walter Jones, assisted by First Mate Service, and with deck hands Rumming, Rowlands and half a dozen more had a glorious time. They went to Chemainus by steam, but returned sadly and slowly by man power. They claim they had 17 ducks to their credit, but the ducks are not in evidence.

KROONLAND SAFE.

New York, Nov. 21.—The steamer Kroonland was reported in communication with Nantucket lightship at five o'clock this morning. The Kroonland had been reported as having foundered, but the report was discredited by the Steamship Co., which gave out the statement of denial last night.

THIRTY THOUSAND HOMELESS.

Amsterdam, Holland, Nov. 21.—The Talautse islands, northeast of the Celebes Malaysia, have been visited by a disastrous hurricane, causing the sea to rise to such an extent that it flooded the islands and left thirty thousand people destitute. their houses and plantations being destroyed.

JAP HOUSE TAX.

The Hague, Nov. 21.—The first sitting of the arbitration court on the Japanese house tax question, was held today. The point at issue is the contention of Great Britain, France and Germany that Japan imposed taxes on buildings in the old foreign concession which being perpetual leases are exempt from taxation. The United States and other powers having similar concessions will accept the award. M. Gram, president of the court, is one of the provincial governors of Norway.

ARBITRATION TREATY.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.— The United States and German arbitration treaty will be signed to-morrow at the state department by Secretary of State Hay, and Baron Sternberg.

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NAVAL POWER.

A somewhat sensational telegram from London to the New York Times published on Saturday ascribes the activity in British naval affairs to the anxiety caused by the increase in German warships. While it is well known that the Emperor has for years been bent on increasing the power of Germany on the sea; it is not at all likely that this is actuating the British Admiralty in its recent preparations. Rather may it be traced to the necessity for reform and the change of policy brought about by the head of the navy. Sir John Fisher has ideas of his own that he is now bent in carrying out with the least possible delay. One great innovation is the gathering of the ships into larger grups instead of scattering a few here and a few there at distant stations, where there would not be ships enough in times of peril to present a strong and effective force against a hostile squaoron. He considers that by dispersing the fleets there is a possibility of the efficiency of ships companies not being so great as where larger bodies are centred. The aim of the Admiralty is to have the navy at least equal to those of any two other nations, a difficult task in these days when the rivalry in the naval line is so pronounced. Britain, however, at all costs, needs the largest fleet of any nation, seeing that she has such a preponderence of the mercantile marine of the world. Her preeminence in warships, however, is less by far than it was a hundred years ago, when no other country could nearly compare with her as a power on the sea. A recent table shows that in 1810 Great Britain had 450 ships as against 212 ships for France, 346 for Russia, 301 for Spain, 158 for the United States and 214 for all other countries. In guns, however, Britain possessed 24,800, compared with only 23,776 for all the other nations named. In 1903 this had changed very materially; Great Britain has now only 64 battleships, 41 armored cruisers and 125 cruisers, as compared with 166 battleships, 77 armored cruisers and 138 cruisers for France, Germany, Russia, Italy, Japan and the United States; France being second with 42 battleships, 23 armored cruisers and 23 cruisers. This table would have to be reduced somewhat, for Russia is credited with 30 battleships, 11 armored cruisers and 27 cruisers, while she has not in reality half that number today; and when Japan gets through with the Baltic fleet Russia will require de novo to build up again. Navies on paper are very uncertain factors and it would probably be found in actual practice that Great Britain's proportion of really effective vessels would be larger than the lump figures given for the combined navies, not forgetting also that no country has yet been able to turn out of its ship yards warships with anything approaching the facility of Britain. A time must come when the rivalry in building warships will become too burdensome. Apparently, too, it is not always possible to secure men to man these engines of war. Even in the United States, which has a small navy compared with that of Britain, it has been found difficult to secure crews for them all and a short time ago official notice was drawn to the problem of how to remedy this. When it is remembered that no less than £36,889,000 is the cost of the British navy today and a battleship like the King Edward VII., of 16,000 tons, one of the newest afloat, is no less than £1,368,000, one may understand at what cost naval supremacy is maintained.

NOAH'S ARK.

K- V. Millard, who now resides in Indianapolis, has been for several years studying archaeology in Egypt For the last year, until his recent return, he was engaged in making excavations at various places on the Nile, especially at Gizeh, in the neighborhood of the great pyramid of Cheops.

"I have discovered," said Millard, "just where Noah lived, where the ark was built and that Noah built the great pyramid of Khufu, known as the pyramid of Gezeh.

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Duncans	11:00	10:02	Duncans	5:00	5:00
Ladysmith	11:57	9:10	Ladysmith	5.52	4:00
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CHARIVARI IS ILLEGAL

It seems that Manitoba has decided that the "wild and wooly days" are over. One may instance the passing of hazing and a jury's decision that the charivari is illegal to emphasize this statement.

The students of Manitoba College having succeeded in breaking a boy's leg, have decided to do away with "bouncing" in fact, hazing has gone out. At a mass meeting of the students at Winnipeg the irrevocable decision to prohibit was arrived at. On behalf of the scholars a statement has been issued in which they refer to the peculiar dignities and privileges of the life of a student needing special initiations. The students say:

"Students whenever they have been gathered together in all stages of the world's history have felt that ordinary registration with the faculty of a college was not sufficient to impress upon the untutored mind of a newcomer the peculiar dignities and privileges of the life of a students. Therefore in all great educational centres, wherever has been the stir of college life, there has always been found some initiatory exercise characteristic of time and place. In common with all other similar institutions, Manitoba college has had its initiation for freshmen. From time "immemorial" noviates have been laid upon a stout canvas blanket and tossed three times into the air. Not until they were thus 'bounced' were they considered by their fellows or regarded by themselves as full-fledged members of the student body.

"Bouncing was a ceremony that had as alight an element of danger about it as any that could be devised, and had been carried on without roughness or accident for many years. Those bounced as a rule participated with about as much pleasure as those who did the bouncing. Hundreds of youths, small and great, have thus submitted to temporary exaltation and have emerged from the ordeal humbler and wiser men, without suspecting that there was a shadow of peril about the proceeding.

"On Monday week, however, as Roy Jenkins, of the matriculation class, was being bounced, his leg was broken. It is hard to explain how this happened, but happen it did. The boy, after the first toss, alighted upon the canvas standing upon one leg for a second; in this second that leg was struck and fractured by the heel of the other foot. A wave of regret and disappointment at such a possibility passed over the student body. The sincerity of these feelings called for immediate demonstration. A mass meeting summoned by the students representative council was held on Friday last and there it was decided that bouncing as an institution and the practice must be abolished.

The students admit that it is hard to give up bouncing, saying: "When a man arrives at college for the first time and seems to be so deeply convinced of his own elevation as to make the inferiority of others appear to be his only certainty, what could be more appropriate than that the others should encourage humility by still greater and compulsory exaltation. When he comes down he is content to walk humbly before his fellows. Perhaps few freshmen are thus high-minded. Roy Jenkins not at all so, but all must submit to the general form. Bouncing, then, conceivably had a place and a value. But it is a thing of the past at Manitoba college."

As for the charivari business bot a little sympathy went out to the young couple of Portage la Prairie, who fought the nuisance. Mr. and Mrs. G. Godfrey were the victims of the wedding serenade. On the night of their marriage a howling mob visited their residence, hooted, rang cow bells, and raised a racket generally. Mr. Godfrey drove off the visitors. A few nights later they returned, with cow bells, horns clubs and also a shot gun. A few shots were fired and Mr. Godfrey again at tacked the visitors and succeeded in driving off the crowd. Then he took legal steps against Messrs, Cross and Thomas Dunn, whom he recognized in the crowd. The question whether charivaries were only a "bit of fun" or serious matters was threshed out before judge Richards and a jury. The latter found the accused guilty of unlawfully assembling and recommended them to mercy and they were let out on suspended sentence.

TERESA'S ESCAPE,

The story of a blunder that might have cost Uncle Sam a substantial sum and the schooner Teresa the loss of a whole hunting season in Behring Sea, has at last come to light through the return of the well known sealer, says the Victoria Times. The seizure of the vessel last July and her subsequent release are matters of history, but the details of the incident have never been told, and they only serve to indicate how dangerous a thing a little brief authority in the hands of an inexperienced official may prove.

Capt. Lund tells the story as follows: On the 28th of July the Teresa was going into Unalaska. Just before dropping anchor Lieut. McLoy of the United States reveaue cutter McCullough, boarded the schooner and examined her papers. He also conducted a search of the little craft and among the ictas found were a number of shotguns and some powder, which was used by the schooner for her signal gun. The fact that the powder was a compound that could not be used in a small gun made no difference. Nor did it seem to occur to the United States lieutenant that the sealing season had not commenced, and that the Teresa might be going to Copper Island coast, that there were no skins aboard to prove that the schooner had been pursuing an illegal business or that there is no law to prevent a vessel carrying guns when she does not engage in sealing.

The Teresa was bound into Unalaska and that she was about to anchor practically alongside the McCullough was evidence in itself of Capt. Lund's innocence. But all declarations to this effect proved unavailing. The Teresa was taken alongside a wharf, a man from the cutter was placed on watch, and orders were given for the vessel to be taken to Victoria. Her papers were sealed, and in fact about all the provisions were locked up, only sufficient being allowed for the return voyage to port. Capt. Lund concluded that his prospects for the season were doomed.

The British cruiser Shearwater, however, came to his relief. She arrived at Unalaska on July 30th, when the Teresa's case was referred to her captain. A consultation was thereupon held between the British and United States officers, as a result of which the officers of the McCullough were proven to be in the wrong, and Capt. Lund was informed that he might continue on his cruise.

Before sailing he took the precaution to have the guns which had been found aboard, sealed up. Nothing more of importance happened until the 17th of August. On that date the Shearwater came alongside and a party boarded the Teresa. She had at the time 76 skins, which were all examined, but nothing was found in any way to cast a suspicion on the legitimate character of the vessel's operations. The total catch obtained on the cruise was 231 skins. Capt. Lund reports that he had a very stormy voyage returning from Behring Sea. On the coast he left the Oscar and Hattie, the only sealer still out. The latter had some sails blown away, and canvas to replace them was loaned by the Teresa.

CHRISTMAS TREES SCARCE

The Maine farmer is already beginning to gather his crop of graceful firs to be used next month as Christmas trees in the big cities, says a despatch. During the past fifteen years more than 10,000,000 firs have been sacrificed for Christmas trees. The demand was small at first, but as soon as the city dealers were made acquainted with the quality of the trees, they bought more of them, so for the uast five or six seasons the shipments have been more than a million every year. The largest number was sent away four years ago, when nearly a million and a half upright firs, as well as several carloads of pines, were forwarded to the wholesalers in various cities. Since then the demand for larger trees has increased, while the call for trees of small size has almost ceased. The reason for this is said to be that not so many trees are used in private families as formerly, the members of various orders and churches uniting and patronizing some common Christmas tree, which is set up in a church or a hall, and around which the company gathers to witness the distribution of presents.

KAISER AND THE SCHOOLS

The Kaiser still continues his efforts for the reform of the German schools. It will be remembered that it was due to his initiative that the so-called real gymnasiums, where no Greek, but natural sciences are taught, were first introduced. Lately the Kaiser in two instances has given another proof of his interest in school reform.

While recently on his estate in Cadinen, he visited the public school of the district, which is attended by 58 pupils, After having listened to the recitation, he declared in strong language that such overcrowding of a schoolroom is inhuman cruelty.

The other story told, is even more interesting. The instruction in a gymnasium in the west of Berlin is in the hands of a principal who loves to give his pupils subjects to write on of somewhat humorous nature. Recently his scholars had to write on the subject: "In how far, from the position of the legs of the Hohenzollern states in the Avenue Victory, can one draw conclusions as to the character of the represented personages?"

The much perturbed pupils spent many long hours to answer this momentous inquiry. By an unforeseen coincidence the matter came to the ears of the Kaiser. He at once telegraphed to Dr. Studt, Prussian Minister of Education, and asked him to send some of these compositiobs.

After strenuous efforts by the derector of the school, three composition books were obtained. These, by special messenger, were at once taken to the Kaiser.

When the Kaiser began to read the compositions his features became a little more amiable. They finally bore a satisfied expression, when at the end of the third composition he read: "After all one would suppose that the character of the Hohenzollern in the Siegesaliee could be better told out of their faces than from the position of their legs." "This is the best condemnation of the composition subject," the Kaiser wrote on the leaf of the book.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Wm. Muncie was in town yesterday from Victoria.

Reginald Hayward, of Victoria, is here on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dunsmore arrived today on the train from Victoria.

Look over the advertisements in this issue. It is worth while to keep track of advertisers, for all live stores advertise.

Many new houses will be built in Ladysmith next Summer. Just now J. Stewart has some bargains in lots. It is worth while to keep an eye on his advertisement in another column of this paper.

A number of residents at Fiddicks entertained their friends at a dance on Saturday evening, guests going from various places along the railroad and from the surrounding district. Quite a number of Ladysmith people attended.

The Ledger now reaches nearly every house in Ladysmith. Advertisers are finding it a direct benefit to their business. Peaple living in Ladysmith should, so far as is possible, do their trading at home. In all lines home industries should have the preference. It is the only way to make a good city, and that means prosperity for all.

G. A. Wey, superintendent for Broadstreets agency at Vancouver, arrived in town yesterday morning and visited the smelter while here. He left again on the noon train. Mr. Wey leaves on an extensive trip next month, going to Southern California thence to Mexico and across that country to the Gulf, returning home by way of New York and Toronto.

MARINE

Collier Wellington is now well on her way to San Francisco. She left here full on Sunday evening.

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The barge Georgian arrived yesterday in tow of the Mystery from the Cement works at Todd's Inlet, Saanich, with a number of empty cars She was later towed to Comox to load coke.

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Steamer Amur reached port this morning from Victoria on her way north. She took on bunker coal and left again today.

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The Hope got back from Victoria yesterday and reports a lively time reaching the capital on Friday night with shingle bolts. The storm was very fierce in the Straits and both the Pilot and Hope, which reached Victoria Saturday morning, had the full benefit of the storm. The Marine man of the Victoria Colonist had to dig out Kiplingesque phrases to aptly describe the weather and knocks the Pilot about with chunks of solid green sea, shaves the helmsman's whiskers with sheets of "spume" and does other terrible things to the vessel, but mercifully refrains from calling her a "frail craft."

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The lighthouse stands on the summit of the southwest point of the island, where the rock rises about 35 feet above high water mark. It is a wooden building, octagonal in plan, with sloping sides, painted white, surmounted by a metal lantern, circular in plan, painted red. It is 80 feet high from its base to the vane on the lantern. A white wooden lightkeeper's dwelling and outbuildings have also been erected on the island. The light is a flashing white light, giving a flash every eleven and a quarter seconds. It is elevated 115 feet above high water mark, and should be visible 19 miles from all points of approach, except where obscured by trees ob Lennard island. The illumination apparatus is dioptric, of the first order, and the illuminant petroleum vapor, burned under an incandescent mantle.

SPORTS

DISTRICT LEAGUE,

At Nanaimo tomorrow evening the Hornets play the Athletics in the district league basketball series. The winners play the Ladysmith team here on Saturday evening.

WANT TO PLAY.

The Fernwood basketballers of Victoria, have written to arrange if possible, a couple of games with the Ladysmith Seniors,, one at Victoria and one here. They will be accommodated all right, though it is impossible yet to fix the exact date of the first game.

To-morrow evening there will be something doing in the Opera House for two more of the City League basketball games are to be played. The Red Devils vs. Black Diamonds and B. & A. vs. Shamrocks. The greater interest centres round the game between the B. & A. and the Shamrocks for each has two wins in the league and there is a great deal of rivalry as to the respective merits of the players. The personnel will be the same as in the last games with the exception that Teague will resume his place with the B. & A.

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