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LABOR LEADER'S CABINET.

The Australian Ministry Selected by Mr. Watson.

Melbourne, April 26.—Mr. Watson, the labor leader, who was called upon to organize a ministry after the defeat of the cabinet on April 22nd on a labor motion, has formed a cabinet, with himself as premier and treasurer; Mr. Hughes, minister for external affairs; Mr. Higgins, attorney-general; Mr. Batcher, minister for home affairs; Mr. Fisher, president of the board of trade; Mr. Dawson, minister of defence; Mr. Mahon, postmaster-general; and Mr. McGregor, president of the federal executive council.

All the members of the new cabinet belong to the labor party with the exception of Mr. Higgins.

DYING BY HUNDREDS.

Many Cattle Perishing From Want of Water and Grass in Texas.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 26.—A dispatch to the Times from Austin, Texas, says: "Cattle are dying by hundreds on the ranches of West Texas for want of water and grass. The drought is the severest experienced in that section for many years. Thousands of cattle are too weak to be moved to more distant pastures and they have been abandoned to die on the range."

The most expensive fur is that of the black fox of Kamtschatka, the skin of which, when dressed, becomes a very attractive blue. A single skin is worth as much as \$200.

RUMOR OF ATTACK ON NEWCHWANG TOWN SAID TO HAVE BEEN BOMBARDED

It is Again Reported That the Czar Will Go to the Seat of War.

(Associated Press.)

Tientsin, April 26.—It is reported upon good authority that the Japanese fleet bombarded the town of Newchwang last night.

The Russians here deny that there is any truth in the report.

NOT CONFIRMED.

St. Petersburg Authorities Have No News of Bombardment.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—The authorities here have no news to confirm the reported bombardment of Newchwang last night.

NOTES FROM THE PRAIRIE CAPITAL

RUSSIAN SQUADRON.

Four Cruisers and Two Torpedo Boat Destroyers Visit Korean Coast.

Seoul, April 26, 7:30 p.m.—The Russian squadron which to-day sank the Japanese merchantman Goyo, at Gensan, consisted of four cruisers and two torpedo boat destroyers.

Seoul, April 26, 8 p.m.—Latest reports from Gensan say that the Vladivostok squadron has disappeared.

NO DAMAGE TO TOWN.

Russian Move Probably Made to Discover Strength of Japs.

Seoul, April 26.—(Delayed in transmission.)—When the attack at Gensan was made this morning the townspeople sought refuge in the hills and the garrison prepared to resist a possible landing party from three Russian cruisers which were sighted in the offing, and which were expected to complete the ruthless destruction of harmless craft.

The destroyers, however, retired without damaging the town.

The attack was regarded as being allied with the Song Jin expedition, as designed to discover the Japanese strength on the east coast and as being a diversion from the Yalu river campaign.

The garrison of Gensan, numbering 800 men, was reinforced the past week, has thrown up earthworks and has artillery at its disposal. While the Japanese authorities consider the situation serious, no apprehension is entertained as to the result.

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FOR THE FRONT.

Report That the Czar Will Leave St. Petersburg in August.

New York, April 26.—The Herald correspondent in St. Petersburg says he has excellent authority for the statement that the Emperor will go to the seat of war some time in August, the exact date depending upon a happy family event which is expected to take place about that time and which is a subject of interest in court circles.

MILITARY OBSERVERS.

Officers Attached to Japanese Army Leave for Front on Saturday.

Tokio, April 26.—The military observers assigned to the Japanese in Korea have been ordered to leave for the front next Saturday.

A cable dispatch of April 23rd said the American attaches to the first army were Col. E. H. Crowder, of the general staff, and Capt. P. C. March, of the artillery corps. The British attaches are Lieut.-Gen. Ian Hamilton, Col. Hume, Capt. Jardine and Capt. Vincent.

CRITICISES NAVY.

St. Petersburg Paper Says Days of Carelessness and Inefficiency Are Over.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—The Novoe Vremya to-day contains a remarkable piece of criticism of the Russian navy as follows:

"It would be well to put an obelisk in front of the admiralty inscribed 'Remember Makaroff.' His death should be the signal to destroy the old order of things which he fell a victim to after heroically doing his best with the defective weapons which were at his disposal. Makaroff's death marks a new era for the Russian navy. The old days marked by carelessness and inefficiency are over, and we have learned our lessons. The nation understands them just as well and learns from the first lesson the necessity of a reform of the personnel of the navy. The present system of promoting officers according to the number of nautical miles they sail may work well in a highly efficient navy, but it is absurdly dangerous for ours. Where the capacities of the officer fluctuate as a result, many of our best officers are discouraged into retirement. The present war is unlike any previous war, in that the whole nation is following its phases with breathless anxiety. Our nerves are strained much as are those

CITY'S PROGRAMME OF IMPROVEMENTS

MANY APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISPOSED OF

Excellent Progress Being Made on the James Bay Roadway—To Improve Burial Ground.

As will be seen in the report of the council proceedings in another part of this paper, it is the intention of the civic authorities to carry on at once a considerable amount of street work. The details were dealt with at the meeting of the streets committee last week and their recommendations to the council yesterday evening were adopted. This programme represents an accumulation of applications, and the result of the work will be manifest in the general condition of the city.

But this programme is outside the larger improvements in progress and contemplation. In the first place a splendid pace is being made on the completion of the James Bay causeway. The flats are being filled in on a line with Government street and a track has been diverted to one side to enable the gravel cars to deliver the material where required. The city engineer does not anticipate that this will take very long. When the roadway is finished the Rock Bay work will be taken up. Gravel will be hauled in the cars from the city lots in Spring Ridge to the proposed Bay street extension, a contract with the British Columbia Electric Railway to that effect having been executed.

Many inquiries are being made as to when the construction of the C. P. R. Tourist Hotel will commence. This, it is understood, will be in the near future, the plans having been forwarded to Montreal for consideration some time ago. The other day when Second Vice-President William Whyte, Engineer Cambie and other officials of the company were here, they inspected the flats. Engineer Cambie expressed much satisfaction with the way in which they were settling and said he did not apprehend much difficulty in their operations. To a Times reporter yesterday the city engineer said he expected that the dredge would be here in June, as the committee of the council were given to understand when at New Westminster that it would be available by that time.

It is quite probable that before long a source of dissatisfaction regarding the condition of the burial ground on Quadra street will be removed. The matter will come up before the city council at its next regular meeting in the form of a resolution to be introduced by Ald. Fell. It is to the effect that the city engineer be instructed to prepare specifications for repaving and painting the fences and for the removal of all large trees growing in the cemetery, and that tenders be called for the performance of the work according to such specifications.

In this connection it might be stated that the area of Quadra street formerly used as a burying ground is the property of the provincial government. From time to time, however, the city has had certain repairs executed, providing the funds out of the municipal exchequer. About fifteen years ago the government, it is understood, contributed part of the cost of the work, but lately the city has shouldered the expenditure.

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ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.

The King and Queen Attend Races at Kingstown—Enthusiastic Welcome to Their Majesties.

(Associated Press.)

Dublin, Ireland, April 26.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra and their suite landed at Kingstown from the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert before noon and soon afterwards proceeded to the Kingstown races. Their Majesties were accorded a splendid reception, and large crowds assembled to greet them. The vessels in the harbor were gallantly trimmed with bunting, while Kingstown was bright with Venetian masts and festoons.

Several addresses were presented to the King, to which His Majesty expressed his delight at finding the same spirit of hospitality in the future as evidenced the occasion of his last visit. With the improvement in agriculture and industry the King confidently anticipated a growth of better feeling throughout the country. His Majesty believed that the greatest hope for the future of Ireland lay in education, for the wide diffusion of cultivated intelligence was the surest guarantee of social peace and the most fruitful source of self-reliance.

ATTEMPT TO KILL PREMIER.

Senor Maura Was Shot at While on His Way to Madrid.

(Associated Press.)

Madrid, April 26.—Premier Maura, who arrived here this morning, was shot at, but was not wounded, while on his way here from the Balearic Islands.

While between Alicante and San Vincente a bullet whizzed through the roof of his car. The incident created alarm, but no one was injured.

On April 12th while Premier Maura was entering the palace at Barcelona, he was attacked and wounded by a would-be assassin armed with a dagger. Senor Maura's wounds were not serious.

WEBER & FIELDS

Have Dissolved a Partnership Which Has Lasted for Twenty-Six Years.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 26.—The Herald to-day says: "Weber & Fields signed a paper in this city yesterday dissolving their partnership of 26 years."

Mr. Weber gave Mr. Fields his cheque for \$40,000 and took over the music hall at 29th street and Broadway. Mr. Weber will run the music hall probably as a combination or burlesque house, and Mr. Fields will form a partnership with Messrs. Mitchell & Hamlin, and will eventually appear in one of their productions at a theatre to be erected for them in the neighborhood of Broadway and 42nd streets by a Brooklyn syndicate.

The firm name of Weber & Fields is, by mutual agreement, never to be used by either of them, and neither will be seen on the stage for some time.

OTTAWA NEWS.

Several New Bills Introduced—Meeting of the Railway Committee.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 26.—A. Morrison introduced bills to-day regarding the Thomson Improvement Co., Peace River railway, and W. F. McCree's for F. Oliver a bill respecting the West Canada Colliery Co.

At the railway committee to-day on the bill continuing the agreement between the Canada Southern and Michigan Central, W. F. MacLean, East York, suggested that a cent rate for passengers be included in the bill. Passengers are carried for two cents in the States. There were only a few supporters of this, as three railways, the G. T. R., C. P. R. and Watash parallel the Canada Southern.

HUMILIATED BY THEIR CAPTORS

JAPANESE PARADED THROUGH THE STREET

Wildest Confusion and Panic Prevailed at Vladivostok When War Broke Out.

How war began at Vladivostok is the subject of an interesting article appearing in a recent issue of the China Times received by the steamship Tremont yesterday. An eye-witness who tells the story says:

"In three days some 2,500 Japanese had assembled and embarked on the Afridi. On the morning after the Afridi left, February 7th, the Japanese commercial agent sent a notice round saying that he had been instructed to withdraw. This fell like a bombshell among the officials, and was met by blank incredulity, but was only too soon supported by the attack on Port Arthur. Martial law was proclaimed and a scene of the wildest confusion and panic ensued. All the Japanese and English were ordered out in three days, this order including the British vice-consul. Horses were commandeered and the cooling bogsh. In the meanwhile a heavy snowstorm raged, covering the ground with two feet of snow and forming drifts to six and eight feet. This greatly impeded the traffic and the departure of the people. The ice breaker amused herself breaking all the ice in the harbor and towing it out so that the ingress and egress of vessels could be managed with the greatest celerity and ease."

"The Japanese commercial agent left on the Batavia on February 13th, but before this the food question had become pressing. Nothing could be bought. There were only 17,000 sacks of flour in the town for the civil population, very little sugar and no meat at all. One could only buy 5 lbs. of sugar at a time, and that at 42 cents a Russian pound, whereas it had been 16 cents the day before."

"The panic increased greatly at a notification of the commandant that only those civilians who had eight months' provisions might stay, and those provisions were liable to be commandeered at any moment. Then indeed did the rush begin. The scenes at the railway station were most heart-rending, families not separated and people fought for seats."

"The fleet in the meanwhile had left for Hakodate, but on approaching that fortress decided to return, on account of the roughness of the sea and a snowstorm. On their way back they fell in with two Japanese merchant vessels, one of which escaped and one of which they fired on, killing two of the crew and transferring the remainder to the Gromobol, where they were fed and clothed warmly. They then sank the merchant vessel, which had a cargo of rice. On their return to Vladivostok these prisoners were paraded under a guard through the streets amid the mingled derision and execrations of the populace. They consisted of two old women, four children and thirty-five sailors, all of them wearing felt boots and Chinese hats and coats given them by their captors."

"For some days no meat was obtainable and the soldiers were sent out to the outlying islands of Popoff, Askold and Putjatin to bring any cows and horses there might be there and to kill all the deer—Askold alone having some hundreds on Putjatin belonged to an old Tien Tsin resident, the late A. D. Startsoff, and a clean sweep was made of everything on it. On the arrival of the carcasses of the deer, they were met by crowds of people on the beach, each laying hold of a haunch or shoulder, paying what was asked and running off to their home with it. Most of the cows were reserved for the military, but a few fortunate civilians got some for eating purposes at about 300 roubles apiece."

A Chefoo telegram reports that the Hareid Maru, a small Japanese steamer plying off the coast, was captured by the Russian fleet near Miao Island on the 29th of March. Ten Japanese and seven Chinese passengers and crew were taken prisoners. The captain and two sailors effected their escape on a junk and arrived at Chefoo. The Russian fleet withdrew to Port Arthur, blowing up the vessel.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL SHOW

EXECUTIVE DISCUSS GENERAL PROGRAMME

Lieut.-Governor Will Formally Open the Fair—Committees Appointed to Make Arrangements.

Preliminary preparations for the fall exhibition were made at a well-attended meeting of the executive of the B. C. Agricultural Association last evening. With other matters it was decided to endeavor to create a more general interest in the fair by disposing of as many membership tickets as possible. For this purpose a gold watch will be presented to the lady who is the most successful in selling these tickets, probably on the last day of the show. To those selling 25 or over it is the intention to allow the privileges of membership free of charge. It is thought that by making influential business men members of the association they will feel themselves constrained to help towards the success of the exhibition more than they otherwise would.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting, Secretary Swinerton announced that Sir Henri July de Lottbiniere had expressed his willingness to formally open the fair this year as in the past.

A communication was read from the Provincial Mining Association stating that a committee comprising Messrs. MacIn, Shewch and Pearson had been appointed to arrange for a comprehensive mining exhibition in connection with the forthcoming show. The opinion of those present was that the matter would be well attended to by the gentlemen mentioned.

The question of transportation then came up for discussion. It was acknowledged that this was most important, as the rates from the mainland, the Sound and other points required to a great extent the number of outside exhibits received, as well as the attendance of visitors. A decision therefore was reached that everything possible would be done to come to as satisfactory an arrangement with the different transportation companies as possible. In order that the matter might be dealt with in efficiency by the association, which business instructions were given the secretary to request the following to act on a transportation committee: E. E. Blackwood, local agent of the Alaska Steamship Company; H. H. Abbott, local C. P. R. passenger agent; F. Van Sant, local agent of the Victoria & Sidney railway; G. L. Courtney, passenger agent of the E. & N. railway, and C. S. Baxter, D. R. Ker, R. Seabrook and A. T. Goward.

In regard to the fruit and other exhibits it was thought better results would be obtained if they could be placed as much as possible under the supervision of various associations. This was first considered, when the arrangements for display of fruit were discussed. It was then suggested that this be placed in the hands of the Vancouver Island Fruit Growers' Association, as an organization dealing exclusively with fruit was in a splendid position to arrange for a first class exhibit. This was thought an excellent idea, and the suggestion was adopted. It was generally agreed that the same plan would be adopted, if possible, in connection with other exhibits.

The question of canvassing for special prizes was next dealt with. This work will be inaugurated as soon as possible. Instructions were given the secretary to communicate with J. A. Virtue, J. Wilson and T. Henderson, asking whether they would be willing to act with members of the executive.

Sports and other attractions for the fair were discussed at some length. The only attractions then can be said to have practically been decided upon, however, will probably take place on the three last days of the show. Dr. Talmie predicts that this event will be more successful than ever, the indications being that horses with well established records will come here to compete for the handsome prizes offered. Of course there will be other attractions besides this, but the executive is not yet in a position to make known what will be secured. This feature of the show will be taken in hand by the following committee: Dr. Talmie, Col. Prior, Rev. W. W. Bolton, Frank Collins, W. C. Morley, D. R. Ker, Harry Austin, Geo. Shadle, J. H. Lawson, Geo. Carter, W. J. Hanna, J. Bothwell, James Nicholson, J. S. Yates, Hon. Edgar Dewdney, L. Tait and H. B. Thompson.

The floral department was placed under the supervision of a committee comprising Messrs. P. E. Dabberton, A. W. Brideman and J. T. Higgins. Messrs. Jones, Leeson and Virtue were empowered to grant restaurant privileges in connection with the exhibition. The meeting shortly after adjourned.

THE POPE'S PROTEST.

Will Send Note to Catholic Powers Regarding President Loubet's Visit to the Quirinal.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, April 26.—It is asserted that the protests of the Pope against the presence of President Loubet at the Quirinal will take the form of a note to all the Catholic powers.

Gillard's Pickle and Sauce Knox's Gelatine

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WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Reports Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, April 26-3 p.m. - An extensive low barometer area is spreading down the Coast towards California, where it is causing a general rainfall, and as the barometer is high over Northern British Columbia our winds are from the northward, and fair and warmer weather is likely to prevail throughout this province. The temperature rose to 70 degrees yesterday, and was also quite warm in Alberta.

Forecast. For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity - Light to moderate winds, generally fair and warmer. Lower Mainland - Light variable winds, generally fair and warm. Reports. Victoria - Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 47; minimum, 47; wind, 2 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy. New Westminster - Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 6 miles N. W.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy. Kamloops - Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, calm; weather, clear. Barkerville - Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, clear. San Francisco - Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 46; minimum, 41; wind, 6 miles E. S. E.; rain, .01; weather, rain. Port Simpson - Barometer, 29.29; temperature, 34; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, clear. Edmonton - Barometer, 29.08; temperature, 38; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, clear.

PASSENGERS. Per steamer Charming from Vancouver - L. C. Gunn, J. C. Fleisher, M. Smith, G. R. Stinson, B. McCracken, P. Maynard, Geo. Halse, A. S. Newton, Mrs. Young, Miss Young, Mr. Hard, J. K. McCreedy, C. A. Scott, F. Parker, F. O'Connell, G. Stevens, D. Spencer, J. J. Signor, Mr. Levenson, R. Linton, C. Brass, J. B. White, C. R. Coutlee, F. E. Harrison, W. A. James, E. J. Carr, H. S. Proctor, W. D. McLean, Mrs. F. Gilchrist, C. H. Dunn, G. V. Berg, G. Berg, H. B. Barrett, J. B. Baylis, H. M. Bradsell, B. Gaudin, C. E. Dood, A. Mees, E. L. Kinsman, Mrs. McNeill, A. Farwell, H. H. Duncan and wife, Miss Duncan, D. A. McKinnon, D. McAdams, W. Wilkinson, B. W. Greer and wife, J. Shurtleworth, Mrs. Shurtleworth, J. Hill, D. R. Harris, E. H. Bloomfield, J. H. Kenworthy, A. N. Gray. Per steamer Whatcom from the South - J. A. Beves, C. Balcott, C. A. Romar, J. C. Gilgus, J. H. Hedrick, M. Gallick, Chas. Lang, G. A. Frazer, G. H. Martin and wife, Miss Duncan, Jno. Neff, G. A. Tozier, A. F. Tozier, Capt. Jordison, Jno. Cain, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Berg, J. Carlson, S. Lassen and wife, A. Romban, A. J. Hueson, F. Marvin, F. H. Kyle, C. L. Tenney, T. G. Albia, Col. French, A. Hanson, Joe Bryce, Ed. Ferris.

Mrs. J. Cuppie Tells How She Secured Health, Strength and Happiness.

Mrs. J. Cuppie, Toronto, Ont., saved from a life of suffering, writes as follows - No one can imagine the terrible sufferings that I endured for four years owing to liver and kidney troubles, headaches and sore back. If I ate anything, I was sure to be annoyed with a heavy weight on the stomach, and became so bad that I was obliged to apply poultices to get relief. Though I tried hard to keep up courage, I always felt I would have to give up. I had terrible bearing-down pains when standing or walking, and was in a most dangerous condition. I tried many patent medicines and was under the treatment of doctors, but obtained no relief of any consequence. I thank God for having read of some wonderful cures through your Paine's Celery Compound. I thought when others received good that I also would be benefited, and I at once procured your medicine and used it, and am happy to state that I experienced a wonderful change. No other remedy has ever given me such wonderful results in so short a time, and I now feel myself a new woman. I can now sleep well, enjoy my food, and I am gaining strength fast.

Paine's Celery Compound A Blessing to Women in Springtime.

If you are sick and desire free medical advice, write to "Consulting Physician," The Wells & Richardson Co., Limited, 200 Mountain street, Montreal, P. Q.

PERMANENT WALK FOR YATES STREET

CITY ENGINEER GIVES ESTIMATE OF COST

Residents Petition That Full Investigation Be Held Into Issuing Licenses to Chinese.

Probably the most interesting item of business transacted at last night's meeting of the city council to those watching the progress of Victoria was the adoption of the city engineer's and city assessor's report respecting the construction of a new permanent sidewalk on Yates street, from Blanchard street to Cadboro Bay road. The total cost of this will be \$12,451.80, of which amount over \$4,000 will be borne by the city. Before the regular routine of the meeting commenced, Ald. Beckwith rose to a question of privilege. He took objection to a report of the proceedings of a former meeting appearing in the Times respecting the stand taken by the board on the action of ex-Mayor McCandless in the issuance of liquor licenses to Chinese merchants. The ex-Mayor, he believed, did nothing dishonest, and the council considered an investigation was unnecessary, but he thought that the Times had gone a little out of its way to put the report in the way it did. His Worship reminded the alderman that the resolution had been published and stood for itself.

Hon. R. Prefontaine wrote acknowledging the receipt of a letter containing a resolution regarding the establishment of a naval militia. A. Campbell Reddie, deputy provincial secretary, wrote stating that the Victoria & Sidney had not executed a mortgage, but he had been informed that security had been given. W. C. Moresby, secretary of the Victoria Day celebration, notified the council of a meeting on Tuesday, and of the board's appointment as a reception committee. An estimate of the committee's requirements was asked for. Received and filed.

The Victoria Vintners' Association wrote as follows: To His Worship the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Victoria: Gentlemen - The undersigned beg respectfully to draw your attention to the cases decided in the police court a few days ago in which several Chinese firms were prosecuted for selling liquor without a license and were convicted, the sales not being restricted to Oriental liquors, but included ordinary whiskeys and liquors. The evidence, however, showed that the Chinese were acting under a secret arrangement with the authorities of this city, under which and for the payment of a small sum of money the Chinese storekeepers were given a free hand in the selling of liquors, without any of the restrictions which are imposed upon the white saloon keepers, and in absolute defiance of law. The police magistrate said that the arrangement was very close to conspiracy and that there was some savor of blackmail. We have been advised that the findings of the magistrate were fully and completely supported by the evidence.

On the hearing the Chinese produced wholesale liquor licenses purporting to be issued by the corporation to four Chinamen, but the police magistrate held that these licenses were fictitious persons, that some of the names of the applicants were forged, and that in effect these licenses were issued merely as a subterfuge and that the real intention was to enable every Chinese storekeeper to sell liquor by retail contrary to law without being molested. Our reason for now writing is to remind you that our members paid their license fees to this city during the time that the Chinamen were allowed to sell without licenses; that the Chinamen sold large quantities of liquor to the injury of our trader; and that in return for the license moneys accepted from us the city was and is bound to afford to us the full protection of the law, and as that protection was for a money consideration deliberately withdrawn from us by the city we believe that both law and justice call upon the city to compensate us for the injury caused to us by the official acts of the governing officials of the city.

Of course, if the city has been used as a tool to permit the making of illicit gains, our argument may not be quite so strong, but if, as we are still trying to believe, this was not the case, and the city officials deliberately considered it necessary as a matter of business expediency to disregard the law, thereby inflicting serious loss upon us, we should be compensated without any argument or loss of time. We are writing this letter to you direct as we do not want to mix up any law or lawsuits, and are convinced that you will not shrink a plain duty for the sake of shielding anybody. We are willing to arbitrate, or in any other way adjust the matter without unnecessary expense, and we respectfully request your honorable body to take immediate action in the matter. If you deem an inquiry necessary, we shall be only too glad to produce witnesses and assist you in every possible way in getting at the facts. (Signed) H. F. W. BEHNSEN, Secretary Provincial Licensed Victuallers' Association.

Laid on the table until the petitions bearing on the same were read. Messrs. Higgins & Elliott asked that the council inform the Dominion government that the corporation had no further objection to a wharf to be built in upper harbor, which it was thought a first would block Catherine street. Received, and the writers will be asked to submit revised plans. Mrs. E. M. Parsell objected to being taxed with sewer rental. Received and filed. E. Nicholas drew attention to need of sewer connection on upper Johnson street. Referred to city engineer for report. Mrs. M. J. McDonald, Dawson, wrote inquiring about the taxation of her property. Received and filed, the writer to be informed that the council has no au-

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Recommended that the nuisance be removed gradually by city workmen by filling in said lot; estimated cost, \$150; said work to be done under instructions from city engineer. Re communication from F. H. Eaton, in regard to the almost impassable condition of Turner street. Recommended that this street be put in proper condition between Work street and John street; estimated cost, \$50. Re communication from C. E. Renouf et al, desiring that Dallas avenue be improved. Recommended that this work be done at an estimated cost of \$300. Re communication from Thos. I. Worthington, requesting that a drain be laid down on Orchard street. Recommended that a six-inch pipe drain be laid; estimated cost, \$100. Re communication from A. Brakes, desiring that a box drain be laid down on Shakespeare street. Recommended that the work be done; estimated cost, \$60. Re communication from Messrs. Holsteman & Company, calling attention to the condition of Mears street east of Cook street. Recommended that the said street be graded and gravelled; estimated cost, \$180. Re communication from D. W. Higgins et al, requesting the opening of St. George street from Cadboro Bay road to Maad street. Recommended that this work be done; estimated cost, \$400. Re communication from E. Sherrill, desiring that a sidewalk be laid on the north side of Leighton road from Cadboro Bay road easterly. Recommended that this work be done; estimated cost, \$20. Re communication from R. S. Day, in regard to the condition of Maple street. Recommended that the said street be graded and gravelled and the ditches on both sides cleaned out; estimated cost \$300. Re communication from E. Godson, asking that a sidewalk be laid on the north side of Humboldt between Park road and Vancouver street, also that the bushes on said street be cut down and the street cleaned up. Recommended that the bushes be removed; estimated cost, \$30. Re communication from J. D. Bryant, asking for a sidewalk for the north side of Chamberlain street, between Quadra and Cook streets. Recommended that this work be done; estimated cost, \$200. Re communication from Dr. Verrinder, desiring a surface drain on Verrinder avenue. Recommended that a six-inch pipe drain be laid down, with junctions; estimated cost, \$80. Re communication from C. Humphrey, requesting that the sewer be extended along Mears street, easterly from Cook street. Recommended that the sum of \$275 be expended on this work. Re communication from Capt. William Grant, asking for a permanent sidewalk for the front of his residence on Work street, from Point Ellice bridge to Pleasant street. Recommended that the request be granted and work be done; total estimated cost, \$215. Recommended that the city engineer be instructed to proceed forthwith with the removal of the old pile bridge at Point Ellice. Recommended that Pandora avenue be

WHAT TEA DOES TO RHEUMATICS.

When you next take tea, think of this. Tea contains 175 grains of Uric Acid in every pound, and every cup of tea contains one ounce of tea. Uric Acid accumulates in the blood, and the digestive apparatus cannot create enough Alkaline elements (like soda) to neutralize it. This Acid collects in, or wears out waste matter, from the system. That Uric Acid enters the blood when Alkaline action has not previously dissolved it. By and by the waste matter reaches the joints and muscles, through circulation of the blood. There gradually deposits in solid particles, like granulated sugar. These solid particles grind between the joints and muscles at every movement. This grinding causes irritation and pain. These in turn may develop inflammation and swelling. That inflammation begets Nature to stop her work away. She succeeds to coat the hard Uric particles over with cushions of pulpy mucus, like the first healing strata of an outer sore. This pulpy covering grows to the bones, as well as to the particles deposited. There it hardens like plaster or sealing wax. Then we have "bony joints," almost inflexible, and usually fixed in a bent position, from the pain and inflammation. That is Rheumatism at its worst. It is bad enough before it gets that far. There is but one sure way of curing Rheumatism. The first step is to neutralize the Uric Acid already in the system. Next, to dissolve, and carry away, the hard deposits that grind between the joints. Next, get the digestive apparatus into such healthy condition that it will, unaided, produce less Uric Acid, and more alkaline. This is what Doctors generally have failed to do.

It is what I studied a lifetime to accomplish, and achieved only after many failures and thousands of experiments. In fact, at last I found, in Germany, a Solvent which was not only effective, but absolutely safe to use. Few agents powerful enough to be effective in Rheumatism are safe. My discovery, now called "Dr. Sloop's Rheumatic Cure," acts directly, but indirectly, upon Uric Acid in the joints and muscles. It dissolves, and carries off, the painful deposits, producing an immediate Alkaline condition of the blood, and neutralizing the Acid in it which would have fed the Rheumatism, and kept the disease going. It won't restore bony joints to flexibility, and it can't undo, in a week, the damage caused by years of rheumatic condition. But it will benefit every case, and it will entirely cure most cases of Rheumatism. So sure am I of this, that I will supply Dr. Sloop's Rheumatic Cure, to any sick one who writes me for it, on a month's trial, at my risk. If it succeeds, the cost to him is only \$5.00 for the six bottle treatment. If it fails, I bear the whole cost myself. And, - he alone shall be the judge - shall decide who shall pay. Surely you will not continue to suffer when you can thus get well, at my risk. I have written an important Treatise on Rheumatism, telling of its relief and cure. It is free to Rheumatic people. Write me a post card for it to-day. Address - Dr. Sloop, Box 18, Racine, Wis. P. S. - Sample cases often yield to one bottle of Dr. Sloop's Rheumatic Cure. (Drugsists \$1.) But all druggists do not supply

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FISHERY REGULATIONS.

We do not know whether it is correct, as reported, that the Dominion government has consented to hold a conference with the State of Washington in regard to the state and the prospects of the salmon fishing industry in nearby waters.

In the first place, anything in the form of news bearing on the particular subject in question that originates on the Sound must be received with reserve.

In the second place, the announcement that the delay in assenting to the proposal of the Sound canners was caused by the inability of the Dominion to move of its own volition and without the consent of the Imperial authorities is quite in harmony with the nature of the subject.

The state of Washington is not a sovereign power, neither is the Dominion of Canada; but each has absolute control of its fisheries and can deal with them as it sees fit, without asking the permission of the sovereign body.

The legislature of Washington is said to have expressed its willingness to make regulations for the preservation of the salmon fishing industry. But who is qualified to speak in the name of the legislature of Washington? We do not know.

At least we believe not. The fishery interests are powerful in the state of Washington. The people might decide that their interests require that the status of the fishing industry shall not be changed.

Under the circumstances we think it would be well for the Washington authorities to give some evidence of their good faith before asking for a conference with the Dominion with the object of discussing the measures alleged to be necessary for the preservation of the fishing business.

As to the proposition of our neighbors to contribute to the funds to be spent in the construction and maintenance of hatcheries, that is a matter for very serious consideration.

If there were a great fiscal upheaval, such as the departure of Great Britain from the beaten paths of trade, and the adoption of a preferential policy with the colonies and dependencies, our neighbors might be brought to the point of putting their thinking caps on.

The signs produced by the Chamberlain agitation indicate that there would be an examination of circumstances and an estimate of consequences. But in the meantime all pretense of a desire on the part of the Republican party for reciprocity with any country has been abandoned.

Germany has publicly complained about the one-sidedness of her business relations with America. This is not the first remonstrance that has been heard in the Fatherland.

But our neighbors should give evidence of the sincerity of their purposes by the adoption of regulations patterned after those which have been in force in Canada since the inception of the canning business.

VANITY AND VENATION.

One of the most notable features of the present session of the Dominion Parliament is the apparent obscuration of Mr. Tarte. It was expected the ex-minister would make himself a more prominent figure than ever, that he would do all in his power by much speaking and occasional sensational utterances to keep himself in the public eye.

Although the latter gentleman resigned his post as leader of the Conservative party, when he learned of the bargain that had been made with Tarte, he is still in the seat of honor in the House. There is no doubt that he is practically reinstated.

EACH HIS OWN WAY.

At the time when the preferential trade policy of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain was the subject of animated conversation throughout the part of the world that takes an interest in tariffs and commerce, there was an apparent feeling of anxiety in the United States as to the outcome.

Massachusetts is one of the states that is supposed to be strongly in favor of reciprocity with this country. The Republican convention recently held in that state expressed by a substantial majority its disapproval of free trade.

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Repeated attempts have been made by legislation to adjust the balance. Apparently it cannot be done. Uncle Sam merely smiles at the attempts made to even matters up.

The autobiography of Herbert Spencer is at present undergoing discussion in Great Britain and other places. The philosopher, after the reputed manner of his kind, appears to have had a rather exalted opinion of his own mental capacity and physical fascinations.

German officers who have lately been called to account for their brutality to subordinate advance a unique excuse in extension of their conduct.

Our King and Queen have had such a remarkable education in dogs that it is not, perhaps, too much to say that he and his beloved Consort understand their dumb language better than any other persons of their line.

We have probably to thank His Majesty's early companionship with Queen Victoria's dogs for the genuine and tactful sympathy which endears him to his meanest subject, for no one can be brought up with dogs without learning the kindred spirit of real humanity.

Nor have the affections of the King and Queen been limited to dogs; they are both, in fact, animal lovers, and both display sympathetic consideration for the whole of the speechless world.

It is the custom of the King to allow no one to give his dogs bones but himself, and once a day, while he is dressing for dinner, His Majesty sends for a dog bone that cannot be splintered.

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A SCARCE ARTICLE.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Zion City has a printing establishment and the superintendent is looking for a printer who does not chew, drink, smoke or swear.

AN AUDACIOUS WISH.

Washington Star. "If with my father was a Mormon," said the inarticulate infant.

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FOUR HUNDRED IN LONDON.

Labourers' Truth. In the United States there has grown up an institution which is called the "dog," it is a curious system being adopted in London, and unless the unforeseen occurs the "society" here will soon be composed of rich and reckless persons, who, through the press, have attained social prominence.

STRICTLY BUSINESS.

New Orleans Times-Democrat. "Yes, sir," said Col. Redness, relating his trip to a Northern city, "they were certainly the most commercial people I ever saw; couldn't get them to talk about anything else except business.

THE COURSE DINNER GOING OUT.

Boston Herald. It is not absolutely impossible that "course dinners" go out of fashion, not from too obvious reasons, but because over-nourished society is tired of spending so much time in eating the same old dishes.

THE HEART OF HUNGARY.

Situated on a river which bears more tomes than any other on its long journey to the sea, feeling the influence of the Orient as well as the Occident, expressive of the progress of a race whose heart is young, is Pest, one of the newest of cities, joined by a hyphen and five bridges to Buda, one of the oldest of capitals.

THE EMPIRE'S WEATHER.

The Empire on which the sun never sets is one in which one would naturally expect to find great differences and contrasts in climate. The effect of these is set forth in a climatological table which appears in Symon's Meteorological Magazine, and which summarizes the range of temperature, rainfall, humidity, etc., during twelve months at the principal British stations all over the world.

A WIRE-HAIRED FOX TERRIER.

That was recently obtained for him from the kennels of the Duchess of Newcastle, by name "Cassiot of North," and he is filling the place of the devoted Irish terrier "Jack," who, as the companion of His Majesty during that dreadful illness which came like a pall over the coronation and delayed it, had won no mean place in his royal master's regard.

QUICKLY TAKE POSSESSION.

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then led his vessels at full speed between the German lines, though he had only twenty or thirty yards clear on either side. It was a daring manoeuvre, and the Germans cheered heartily as the British ships swept by, keeping true to a yard in the wake of the admiral's

JAPANESE VETERANS.

Many Soldiers in Her Army Who Fought in War of 1894.

Japan will have many veterans in her army who fought in the war of 1894, and to whom the rigors of the Korean and Manchurian winter are familiar. In the report of the surgeon-general of the field hospitals some interesting details were given.

The standard food was 2lb. of rice and 5oz. of meat mixed with greens per day. White on the march, when the commissariat was not always perfect, the men ate boiled rice and pickled plums, or passed a day on a gruel of rice mixed with Indian corn.

IN YOUR POCKET, FOR LUCK. You should carry a plug of Pay Roll chewing tobacco. It is a fine consolation when disappointed, an enjoyable chew at any time, and the best cure for that tired feeling.

ADMIRAL FISHER.

Is One of Hardest Workers in Either Service.

Admiral Sir John Fisher, who represents the navy of the new committee to defend national defence, is one of the hardest working men in either service, and it may be added that he sees to it that the men who are under him are hard working, too.

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City News in Brief.

—Medical batteries at \$4 and \$6. Hinton Electric Co., Government street.

—W. A. Jones, of this city, received the news yesterday from Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, England, of the death of his father at the ripe age of 90 years.

—Before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday morning Don Nan on a charge of purse snatching, elected for speedy trial. The case will be disposed of this week, probably on Friday.

—There will be another drawing for an appropriation on Saturday evening at the office of A. St. G. Flint, 15 Trounce avenue. This is the third drawing of the society.

—Notice to patrons of barber shops. On and after May 2nd, 1904, all barber shops will open at 8 a.m. and close at 7.30 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 p.m. Prices of shaving and haircutting same as at present.

—Prices are stiffening. Take advantage of the low price now offering by Eskine, the grocer. Early Rose potatoes at \$1 per sack—for three days only. Telephone 100, corner Johnson and Quadra streets.

—New arrival: 5-lb. tin jam at 45c.; fine salmon, 10c. per tin; crabs, 20c. per tin; fresh lettuce daily, three large heads, 10c.; pure California olive oil and Solder's best salad dressing, in 25c. and 40c. sizes, at Eskine's grocery, corner Johnson and Quadra streets. Tel. 100.

—The provincial police have arrested four more Japanese in connection with the attack upon S. S. Saunders at Sidney. There are now six in jail charged with being involved in the trouble. The preliminary hearing has been adjourned until this afternoon. It will again be remanded in consequence of Mr. Saunders not being yet in a condition to appear in court.

—The death occurred yesterday of Arthur W. Fea, at his parents' residence, Gore street, Work Point. Deceased was 28 years and 6 months of age and a native of Galway county, Ireland. He is a son of Henry Fea, who is employed at the barracks, and a brother of Rev. Samuel Fea, of St. Peter's parish, Winnipeg. The funeral is arranged to take place at 2 p.m. tomorrow, and Rev. W. D. Barber will conduct the religious services.

—On Sunday morning, May 1st, at 11 a.m. Rev. S. F. Connor, pastor of the James Bay Methodist church, will preach to the boys and girls. The subject of the address will be "Bread" and the talk is to be illustrated with loaves of bread. As this will be the pastor's last address to the boys and girls, and as these addresses have called forth great interest in both young and old, there is no doubt but that the church will be quite well filled.

—A wedding of local interest took place on April 6th last at the parish church of Kill-of-the-Grange, County Dublin, Ireland, the contracting parties being Staff Sergeant Reginald Clifton-Baker, of the Royal Navy, secretary to the admiral commanding on the coast of Ireland, and the elder son of Mr. Reginald Langford Baker, of Moreton-in-Marsh, England, and Miss Kathleen Ellice Locke Paddon, eldest daughter of Rev. Canon Locke Paddon, of this city. The ceremony was performed by the vicar, Rev. C. W. Welland.

This is the last day but four for the special reduced rate offer at the Skene Lowe studio. Be sure you do not miss it.

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—For Skagway and way ports. Fast steamer Dolphin, sailing May 4th. Office, No. 100 Government street.

—In washing woollens and flannels, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will be found very satisfactory.

—Members are reminded that the seventh and last monthly medal competition of the Victoria Gold Club takes place on Friday and Saturday next.

—The E. & N. train returning on Sunday evening struck a horse which was standing in the centre of the track near Lamport street crossing, killing it almost immediately.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. George Mowat, who passed away on Sunday, will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2.15 o'clock, from the residence, 138 Blanchard street, and at 2.30 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church. Religious services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

—Fire, Life, Marine Accident Agency, The Liverpool and London & Globe (Fire) Insurance Company, The Travelers' Life & Accident Insurance Company, The St. Paul (Marine) Insurance Company, Lloyd's Underwriters, London; Atlantic S. S. Tickets, Office Wellington coal, Hall, Gove & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone call No. 83.

—W. T. Armstrong, a Winnipeg merchant, who with his family has been spending the last few months out West and in California in search of a home, has decided to locate in Victoria, and has purchased a fine site, consisting of three lots, at the corner of Oak Bay and MacGregor avenues, upon which he intends erecting a handsome residence in the fall. The sale, it is understood, was effected by Messrs. Grant & Conyers.

—This evening a meeting of the secretaries of the different associations of the Fifth Regiment will be held at the drill hall, commencing at 8 o'clock. The business to be discussed is very real and means of securing sufficient additional funds to pay the expenses of a regimental excursion to Seattle or Tacoma early this summer. A full attendance is desired as it is necessary that this matter be decided as soon as possible.

—On Sunday next, May 1st, the extra reduced excursion rates go into effect on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway. The rates have been reduced to such a figure which offer an inducement to families to spend a day at one of the many numerous delightful spots along the line, either at Goldstream, Shawanigan Lake, Koksilah or Cowichan river. At any of these places picnic parties can indulge in their favorite pastimes, as they afford an opportunity for boating, fishing or cycling. The latter is of the best, while an unlimited field is offered for the snapshot man. The rates are: To Duncan and return, \$1; children, 50 cents; Shawanigan Lake and return, 75 cents; children, 40 cents, and to Goldstream and return, 50 cents; children, 25 cents.

—When Ed. Fisher made his appearance at the Edison last night as "Ole, the Swede," he was greeted with round after round of applause by the large number of friends on hand to welcome him back to Victoria. Both his dialect and singing have much improved, and he made the biggest hit of the show; John H. Mack, "the Paganini of the banjo," also delighted his audiences with his many witty sayings, songs and artistic playing. The Roberts Four, in "The Doll Maker's Dilemma," won recognition with some very clever work, particularly the pretty ending to the sketch; Walter Kellogg sang one of the prettiest illustrated songs ever written, "Good Night, Beloved, Good Night," with dissolving views. The performance concluded with the funniest film ever seen here, "The Poachers," which was most enjoyable. Matinees daily at 2.45 p.m., evening performances at 7.30 sharp.

—Typewriters from \$30 up. See our window. Hinton Electric Co.

—We have several odd typewriters at prices from \$30. These are snags. Hinton Electric Co.

—Those having the compilation of a cook book in hand for the King's Daughters wish it announced that recipes now sent in must come under the unclassified heading, as the classified columns have been closed.

—Commencing May 1st a daily V. & S. train will leave Victoria at 7 a.m., and passengers will reach New Westminster at 1.45 p.m., and Vancouver at 2.45 p.m. In addition to this local service will be provided between the city and Sidney. A train will leave daily except Saturday and Sundays at 3.45 p.m., and on those days at 2 p.m.

—The recital to be given by Miss Underhill tonight in Calvary Baptist church will no doubt, be one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season. Miss Underhill is well and favorably known as an exponent, and with Mrs. Grogan, Mr. J. G. Brown and Mr. G. F. Watson assisting, with Mrs. Lewis Hall as accompanist, the programme will be one of unusual excellence.

—The directors of the Western Medicine Co., Ltd., met last night and, after passing usual routine matter, had the gratification of learning that the "Never fail" medicines are unquestionably making a mark. An order for twenty gross of bottles of the "Never fail" tonic was reported, half to be delivered at once and the remainder in May. With this pressure on the manufacturing staff, it is feared that the "Never fail" medicine which had been thought of for the "Made in Canada" fair may have to be abandoned. The shares of the company are now raised to par. It is evident this local industry is meeting with a satisfactory measure of support.

—"One Thousand Miles Up the Nile" will be the subject of a lecture to be given by Rev. W. C. King at the Calvary Baptist church on Tuesday evening. This lecture is exceedingly popular, comprising features not only interesting but instructive. It will be illustrated by nearly fifty views, showing the ancient temples and mines of Egypt. The descriptive part is equally interesting, the lecturer possessing much valuable information on the subject, not the least of which is a fine wood picture of the great dam recently completed by the Egyptian government across the river for irrigation purposes. The lecture will be free but a collection in aid of the church debt will be taken up.

—Mrs. C. Kosche leaves to-night on an extended trip to the eastern cities of the United States for the purpose of obtaining the latest Paraffin and Galvanic Batteries for treatment of hair and skin diseases. A number of ingenious electric appliances have been invented of late which the dermatologists and skin specialists use with most wonderful results, therewith removing permanently superfluous hair, warts, wrinkles, moles and other blemishes. It is for the purpose of deciding which batteries ensure the best results that Mrs. Kosche will visit the offices of the leading specialists in Chicago and New York, after which those instruments will be purchased at St. Louis exposition. After Mrs. Kosche's return Victoria will possess a thoroughly equipped and up-to-date laboratory where ladies have the advantage of obtaining the same treatment as in the largest cities.

—A large crowd gathered yesterday to witness an exhibition of bicycle riding by J. Jones, who announced his intention on Saturday of performing a number of phenomenal feats. One of his most daring exploits was to be a ride from the top of one of the Broad street buildings on an ordinary fire ladder. He was also to have given an exhibition of looping-the-loop. In introducing himself at the newspaper offices he was requested to connect with the Racycle Bicycle Company of Chicago, and was supposed to be on an advertising tour for that firm. Mr. Jones, however, failed to provide the entertainment promised, and after waiting for several hours the disappointed crowd gradually dispersed. In conversation with a number of local business men, Mr. Jones told an entirely different story to that mentioned in the paper. He had taken a wager of \$500 with a New York newspaper, agreeing to tour the Western States and the Pacific Coast, starting out penniless and returning with between \$500 and \$1,000.

—Mary Manning in "Harriet's Honeycomb" is generally accounted one of the few really genuine hits which have been made in the dramatic line this season. Her run at the Grand theatre, New York, was a most successful one. The story deals with the adventures of two young Americans on their honeymoon trip, Harriet Baird and her husband Elliot. The latter has lost his pocketbook with everything of value they possess, and they are perforce obliged to remain in a small German watering place where the action of the three acts of the comedy takes place overnight. Incidentally, they are mistaken for a crown prince, who is supposed to have eloped with an Italian prima donna. The funny situations which are constantly occurring are strengthened by the enormous stupidity of a German police inspector. Miss Manning, of course, is the young bride, and it is stated that the part suits her better than any she has previously portrayed. Her opportunities for comedy work are exceptional, and in the stronger moments of the play she proves herself conclusively to be an emotional actress of great power. The opposite part to Miss Manning is played by Arthur Byron, generally recognized as one of the best young leading men on the stage, and the balance of the company are all recognized players. "Harriet's Honeycomb," with its elaborate production and clever acting organization, comes to the Victoria theatre on Friday night.

—The thickness of armor on modern warships is astonishing. The side armor of a first-class battleship usually varies from 10½ inches thick at the top of the belt to 9½ inches at the bottom. The gun turrets are often protected by armor from 15 inches to 17 inches thick.

SCHOOL MATTERS IN PHILIPPINES

ORGANIZER OF SYSTEM ARRIVED YESTERDAY

A Passenger on Tremont Who Witnessed the First Bombardment of Port Arthur.

Among the passengers on the steamer Tremont arriving here from the Orient yesterday here had a more interesting story to tell than Dr. Sherman. The doctor had been sent out to three years ago by the Federal government of the United States for the purpose of establishing a system of education in the islands. Since January he has been ill, and it became absolutely necessary for him to return to the United States. He is an invalid, and requires the most careful attention. He is accompanied by Mr. Curry, who takes the greatest care of his patient, and in consequence Dr. Sherman arrived in Victoria without feeling any the worse for the sea voyage.

A Times reporter was accorded a short interview with this prominent educationalist, but Dr. Sherman found it impossible, in his weakened condition, to say all he wished to on the subject of education in the Philippines, and finally had to desist from talking.

The task of introducing a system of schools in the islands has been attended with a great many difficulties, and Dr. Sherman, together with others sent out to take charge of the work, finds now, after three years of hard labor, that very much remains to be done. The unsettled conditions in the provinces throughout a good part of the time has militated against educational work. Another feature in connection with it which had afforded the greatest difficulty was the fact that the ends of education had not been looked to as much as making of political capital. The providing of the necessary funds for the work had been done with the subject of making the Republican party strong at home instead of being for the purpose of giving to the islands a thorough system of education. The result was that when the doctor went out to take charge of the establishment of schools on Samar and Leyte islands he found abundance of funds placed at his disposal. But this did not continue long, and the grant being made subservient to party politics the schools in the province were literally starved, and the work crippled. Later the doctor's sphere of labor was extended.

The United States government in making the appropriation for schools on the islands had not taken any steps towards devising a line of action. The superintendents were sent out without any definite instructions as to the manner in which they should proceed. If there were settled upon his return to the United States for teachers. All this entailed a vast amount of work on his part.

He believes that industrial schools will fill the purposes of the islands better than perhaps any other class of schools. He therefore devoted considerable attention to that. A large industrial school has been established, and when local prejudices are overcome he believes the results will be excellent. He also thinks that kindergarten work should play an important part in the educational system of the islands. He was strongly in favor of kindergartens before he left for the Philippines at all, and when asked what his plans were before leaving the United States, he had said that if he could be given 20 kindergartens teachers he thought that the ends of education would be better served than in any other way.

The native children he found to be very ready to embrace the means afforded for securing an education. There were, however, other obstacles in the way which interfered with the work. Prejudices on the part of parents against the system inaugurated had been difficult to overcome, and much yet remained in that connection.

The prejudice had been enhanced by the Filipino priests, who have advocated that the children should acquire first a knowledge of Spanish and afterwards learn the English language. This influence was at work, and during the holiday season advantage was taken of the situation to establish a number of schools where Spanish-only would be taught.

All these things made the position of superintending schools an unenviable one. Dr. Sherman had no doubt but what they will be overcome, but before it is done there remains a great deal of arduous work.

Another of the Tremont's passengers who did not wish to have his name appear in print came from Port Arthur, where he witnessed the first bombardment of the fortress by the Japanese fleet. He tells a most interesting story of that excitement created by the bursting of the shells within the city. But this passenger throws a little light on the situation at Port Arthur just prior to the outbreak of the war, which shows that the Russians were not taken

so wholly by surprise through the beginning of hostilities as they would have the outside world believe. In the first place the fleet which had been in harbor had been in war paint all winter. Officers of the Russian navy had boasted of being in a state of preparedness for battle. On 15 minutes' notice they claimed they were ready for action. Furthermore it was a matter of common observation that for some time prior to breaking off negotiations detachments of soldiers were being hurried to different points along the coast. Surprise lay only in the suddenness of the first attack. Foreigners in the city took alarm at this, any many left at the earliest possible moment.

The passenger had the novelty of handling a few of the shells thrown by the Japanese navy into Port Arthur, and which had not exploded. He says that only a few fell within the city. The main bombardment was in line with the forts. There was no attempt on the part of the ships discharging the projectiles to destroy property needlessly. No shell fell within the better part of the city.

The old portion of the city is built of nothing but shacks, and the houses are wide apart, so that it was not astounding to the passenger to be told that shells had fallen in large number within the city, doing little damage. Many of the first shells fired seemed to burst in the air, and the concussion broke every window on the waterfront.

Officers of the Russian navy had always been looking forward to the Baltic fleet reaching the Pacific, and it was intended to preserve the Pacific fleet as much as possible until its arrival. This, the passenger says, accounts for ships remaining in Port Arthur as long as they did.

There arrived on the ship an interesting little Japanese bicycle rider, Y. Fukushima. He is accompanied by his father, G. Fukushima, who has brought the little fellow over for the purpose of placing him in a school in either San Francisco or New York.

The boy is only 11 years of age. He is not a professional rider, and his father has no desire that he should be recognized as such. The father is a good bicyclist, and the boy readily took to the sport. He has not, however, been allowed to neglect his education, but simply engaged in this as a pastime.

The father is a newspaper man of Kobe. Up to a short time ago he was proprietor of one of the most noted native Sunday papers of Japan. During his holidays the boy has been in the habit of making long tours with his father by bicycle. When only eight years old they went from Kobe to Nagasaki, a distance of 800 miles. The next year they went from Kobe to Tokyo, the route making up 1,200 miles. They will go to St. Louis fair, where an exhibition will be given before the boy enters school. The little fellow wears an immense number of medals for riding, won in his native land. He has no wheel with him now, but during his stay in this city would give an exhibition if a wheel suitable to his size is available.

THE ISLAND RAILWAY.

Conference Being Held With the Board of Trade on This Subject To-day.

The council of the Board of Trade met this morning in conference with John Cain, who is prominently identified with the Vancouver Island proposition, and J. Corrigan, of the Pacific Steel Company, who also is interested in the scheme to give Port Angeles railway connection. The council of the Board of Trade adjourned after some time had been spent in discussing the proposition. They will meet again at four o'clock this afternoon.

Premier McBride is expected to return to the city this evening. The promoters of the railway will probably meet him either to-night or to-morrow for the purpose of putting the proposition in definite shape before him and his government.

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ELECTED OFFICERS FOR ENSUING TERM

Annual Meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association Was Held Last Evening.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association, held last evening in Pioneer hall, was well attended, and the keenest interest was manifested in the selection of officers for the current year. The following were the choice of the meeting:

Hon. president, Hon. Senator Templeman; president, Joshua Kingham; first vice-president, Capt. J. G. Cox; second vice-president, William Humphrey; secretary, A. B. Fraser, Jr.; treasurer, Jno. Piercy; executive, Messrs. W. E. Ditchburn, R. H. Swinerton, L. H. Hardie, F. B. Gregory, James Paterson, Alexis Martin, C. H. Lugin, John Taylor, Dr. S. J. Jones, Dr. G. L. Milne, W. K. Houston, George Glover, Thos. Walker, Wm. Laird, A. E. Greenwood; auditors, Col. F. B. Gregory and Alexis Martin.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Preparations For Victoria's Annual Festivities Are Proceeding Apace.

The regatta and illumination committee in connection with the approaching Victoria Day celebration met in the city hall yesterday afternoon. The former determined to press for an appropriation of \$1,000 at the meeting of the general committee, which will be held this evening. The committee has arranged with Chief Michael Cooper to visit Chemainus with a view to securing competitors for the Indian races, which it is hoped will be a big feature of the regatta. These races are always productive of keen interest and excitement, and the committee hopes to include in this year's programme an exceptionally strong attraction along that line.

The illumination committee will recommend an appropriation of \$650, and among other things will arrange for a grand fireworks display at Beacon Hill and an extensive illumination of the park. Secretary Moresby is in receipt of many letters offering attractions, and has determined to make an ascent, while an offer has been received from a lady cornetist who performed at the Crystal Palace, London. Excursions from the Sound and Mainland points will be conducted, and the committee expects that there will be a large crowd of outsiders here during the festivities.

The following committee has been appointed: Finance, Allenment Vincent, Stewart and Beckwith, and Messrs. Anderson, A. E. Leeson, R. H. Swinerton and J. Stuart Yates.

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LEAGUE GAMES OPEN ON SOUND

TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF TACOMA'S TEAM

One of Victoria's New Men Injures His Finger--First Local Match Arranged for Saturday.

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With music, flying banners and a big parade, both Seattle and Tacoma will open the season to-day. At these cities it is expected that the largest crowds attending matches in the coast history of the game will be present to see their teams and cheer them on to victory. Tacoma has gone fairly well over its team's success, meeting the boys on their return home with a band and several thousand enthusiastic fans who cheered the players to the echo as they stepped into the carriages which had been provided for them. The Tacoma team proved the surprise of the season, as it was predicted that it would be almost a tail-ender, in place of which it headed the league until Sunday, when it was overhauled by the Oakland nine. The standing of the teams to-day is as follows:

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Rows include Oakland, Los Angeles, Tacoma, Seattle, San Francisco, Portland.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE. In the National League the New York club has to date made the best showing, having won six games and lost but one. St. Louis comes next with five wins and three losses, followed by Cincinnati, who won six and lost three. The attendance in this league has so far been record-breaking. On Sunday at Cincinnati 14,000 people paid admission to the grounds, and at Brooklyn 11,000 attended. The standing of the teams is:

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THE AMERICAN LEAGUE. The Boston champions lead the race, with seven wins and one loss in the American League, with Philadelphia a poor second, having won four and lost three games. The champions appear to have much the strongest team in the league and barring accidents should win the pennant for the second time. Cleveland has a very strong nine and should be heard from before long. At present its pitchers have not struck their gait. The teams stand as follows:

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CHASE'S BATTING AVERAGE. Chase has taken a considerable fall in the batting percentages of the Coast League, his percentage having been reduced from 428 to 288 in the last two weeks, and he now occupies twenty-ninth place on the list. His work on first, however, is all that can be desired, and he is very popular with the fans at Los Angeles.

NEWMAN ON TOP. Newman's Manuel Lopez team defeated the Rainier nine in one of the best games of the season at Seattle on Sunday by a score of three to one. The Seattle-Post-Intelligencer speaks very highly of the game, which was attended by a large crowd. The Rainiers made but five hits off Brinker, the Lopez pitcher, and each team made but two errors. The Lopez team will open the season here on Saturday.

ACCIDENT TO ERLI. Erli, who arrived by the last Frisco boat, has a very bad finger and will not be able to play in Saturday's game. However, he will be in the game the following week against Everett.

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the harbor, as on former occasions. A meeting of the boating committee of the association will be held to-morrow evening to take in hand the preliminary preparation for this event.

The J. B. A. will, it is expected, be represented in all the principal aquatic events of the Pacific Coast this season. Of course the N. P. A. O., which takes place this year at Portland, is undoubtedly the most important. In these races the senior and junior fours will participate, and there will probably be entries from the local club in senior and junior doubles and singles. Up to the present nothing definite is known as to who will take up the double and single scull rowing. It is reported on reliable authority that Deabrisay and O'Sullivan are going in together in the doubles, and it is not unlikely that one of the other will take up the singles.

An event which is being looked forward to is the regatta to take place on the 24th of May at the Gorge. On this occasion the crews of Vancouver, Seattle and Victoria will meet for the first time. The Sound crew has announced its intention of coming here to compete, and the Terminal City club has been communicated with for the purpose of endeavoring to arrange for a visit from the crewmen of that city. Besides the seniors it is not unlikely that there will be a number of friendly junior four races.

On the whole the indications for the season may be said to be bright. The J. B. A. management committee is confident that all honors captured last season will be held and other trophies secured.

WRESTLING. SPENJOS DEFEATED. In an account of a match between Nick Spenjos and Fred Gunderson at Bellingham on Saturday, the Revelle says: "A new star appeared Saturday night in the wrestling firmament. His name is Fred Gunderson. He wrestled the big Greek, Nick Spenjos. The event marks Gunderson's first appearance as a professional, and though Spenjos is big and strong and really a clever, fast Graeco-Roman wrestler, Gunderson won two straight falls in 6 minutes 15 seconds of actual wrestling. Both falls were taken with a half Nelson and crotch hold.

Gunderson proved to be a big surprise even to his friends. He weighs over 200 pounds, but is long and sinewy, and has a great reach. In leading for a hold Spenjos made a dive for Gunderson's legs and fell short. This gave the latter an advantage he never lost until he pressed the Greek's shoulders to the mat at the end of four minutes and six and one-half seconds.

The second fall was won in one minute and fifty-five seconds. This was Gunderson's first match and a sensational victory. "It was Spenjos's second match in the country, the first being lost to Tom Davies in Victoria.

The next match will be between Davies and Berg.

LACROSSE. A NEW LEAGUE. The organization of a new Northwest lacrosse league has been completed. At a meeting held at Seattle the other day the following officers were elected: President, H. E. Kennedy, Seattle; vice-president, William Hafeferon, Everett; secretary, treasurer, J. E. Wallace, Tacoma.

The following schedule has been adopted: At Seattle--Everett, May 22nd; Tacoma, June 5th; Everett, July 24th. At Tacoma--Seattle, May 29th; Everett, June 12th; Seattle, July 31st. At Everett--Tacoma, June 19th; Seattle, July 3rd; Tacoma, July 17th.

BASKETBALL. GAME ON FRIDAY. A match has been arranged between the Y. M. C. A. "business men's" team and a five selected from the J. B. A. An intermediate play. The game will take place on Friday evening at the Young Men's Christian Association annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets. The business men are in good training and are confident of their ability to hold down the prospect opponents. The J. B. A. boys are in good trim and ready for the fray. Play will commence at 8 o'clock.

THE KENNEL. VALUABLE DOG POISONED. D. A. Uppel, manager of the local office of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, is mourning the loss of a valuable cocker spaniel which he found poisoned on his doorstep this morning. The cocker, Rose of Corben, was imported by him from the East, and had won in all ten awards. She had been shown at Toronto, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Seattle, Danbury, Vermont and elsewhere, and was recognized as a very fine canine. This is not the first case of dog poisoning in the vicinity of Mr. Uppel's place, First street and Hillside avenue, a splendid Gordon setter owned by W. Adams having met death in a similar way a few days ago. It is altogether likely that the Kennel Club will take the matter up, and in conjunction with the S. P. C. A., endeavor to bring the offending parties to punishment.

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CHAPTER XII.—(Continued.)

The House with the Courtyard.

Yet why, she asked herself desperately, should anyone in the world wish to steal her away from her father even if they could have found out enough to make up such a story as this which had trapped her? She thought of many things, and decided it was possible that she had been kidnapped for a ransom, as it might have got aboard that her father was a millionaire. It seemed too dreadful, too strange to be true, for, although one read of such affairs in the East or in far southern countries, they always happened to other people—the kind of other people one never knew but only read of in the newspapers.

She remembered how she had been warned to destroy the letter, and would have given much if she had disregarded the warning, because if she had dropped the crumpled ball of paper in the hotel, it would be comparatively easy for her father to trace her when he returned from the long drive to town. She had had mysteriously disappeared. Suddenly she choked with the fear that her father might fancy she had run away to join Dick Knight. Oh, if he thought that, he would not look for her at all in the town; he might never find her. The Lily Maid might sail away, and she would be left behind alone in this terrible place, at the mercy of cruel people who had tricked and imprisoned her here. She began to hope now that she had been kidnapped with ransom as an object, for then word of some kind would be sent to her father, and, besides, they would not dare to murder her, because until she was redeemed she would be a valuable asset.

This idea was so cheering that Eve stopped crying, and looked at her watch. It was half-past five. Sir Peter and the others had expected to finish their drive and be back at the hotel by six. In half an hour more they would know that she was gone. Then—then who could tell what would happen then?

As the girl asked herself this question disconsolately she heard a sound at the door. It was being unlocked. She sprang up, her heart thumping, her eyes on the portiere.

The drive occupied a rather longer time than Lord Waverley had told Sir Peter Markham it would take, and it was nearer seven than six when their white-awninged carriage drew up as close to the hotel as such vehicles could go. It was really Lady Drayton's fault that they were so late, for there was a quaint little inn hidden away among the hills, where it was amusing to stop for a short time in the afternoon, and she had been anxious to find it to Sir Peter. Waverley had frowned at the proposal and touched his sister's foot disapprovingly, saying aloud that it was too bad to leave Miss Markham so long alone. But Lady Drayton had been sure that Eve would not mind, and as the scenery was charming Sir Peter found the excursion an antidote for his private worries. Therefore they had gone to the inn, and had drunk sherbet in a garden looking out over a marvelous view; and when they arrived again at the hotel in Tangier Lady Drayton was planning to be particularly sweet with a view to disarming Eve.

The air, which had been burnt up by the sun in the blazing May afternoon, was exquisitely cool now, and they expected to find Eve in the garden. Not seeing her there, Lady Drayton peered through one of the long French windows of the sitting room. Lord Waverley was standing under a tree close behind, waiting with an expectant face, and his sister smiled at him over her shoulder.

"No fair maiden here!" she proclaimed. "Can it be that she has been sleeping all this time? I'll go and see."

She went through the door into the bedroom, where the green straw blinds were still down, making the room so dim that Lady Drayton had to go quite close to the mosquito-netting draped bed before she was sure that no slim white figure lay under the misty curtain. "Oh, the child must be in the garden after all," she thought, and stopped for a moment to look at a garden which, from tiny chamomile-like bags which she kept in her pocket. This rejuvenated she sailed out to rejoin the men, who would, she supposed, by this time have found the missing girl and be ready to start for the yacht.

But Sir Peter and Waverley stood together, with an air of waiting. "Well, where's Eve?" inquired Eve's father.

When Lady Drayton announced that the girl was not indoors Sir Peter began to look serious. "I shall be extremely vexed if she has gone down into the town alone," he said. "She ought to have known better."

"I wish you had let me stay," remarked Waverley. "When she had had her rest on I should have been on the spot to go about with her."

Sir Peter did not answer. He was already on his way to the door of the hotel, irritation showing even in the square-set of his broad shoulders. He strode along a wide hall until he came to the bureau, and inquired of the manager, whom he found there, what he could tell about the movements of the young lady who had stopped behind.

The man, who was French, appeared surprised. Mademoiselle had not been seen. It was supposed that she was in the rooms which monsieur had taken for the day. Servants were hastily summoned, but no one had any information to give, until at last one of the men who had waited upon the party at lunch was able to say that he thought he had seen the young lady walking in the garden soon after the carriage had driven away, but he knew nothing of her after that.

Sir Peter was not yet really alarmed, but he was angry with his daughter. He and Waverley started immediately to walk down to the town, and the girl's father grumbled about the inconsiderateness of young persons who did not care whether other people's dinners were spoiled or not. The idea in his mind was that the girl had gone on a little private shopping expedition among the bazaars, and had been unable to tear herself away. Of course she must be there, since in all Tangier there was no other place which would tempt a young English girl to wander about alone.

But the two men went from shop to shop, and nowhere were they rewarded by the sight of a slender, little figure in white, with a big gauzy hat for a halo. At last when they had come to an end of Tangier's attractions they began to ask questions; but the shopkeepers, who remembered the beautiful blonde young lady from the morning, were certain that she had not passed this way since then. Now, at last, Sir Peter began to be anxious, and Waverley looked pale and miserable. He had not realized until now how wholly he was wrapped up in Eve Markham. They were on their way to apply to the police, and Waverley had suggested a visit to the English consul, whom he knew very well, when the bell-dancer, Sidi Mahrez, suddenly appeared like a dark shadow, stealing out of a dim, narrow street like a crack between two rows of little shops and houses.

At sight of him Waverley stopped, and beckoning him from his shop door a merchant who could act as an interpreter, he requested him to ask the old man if he had lately seen the young English lady for whom he had danced in the morning. Sidi Mahrez listened solemnly, his old eyes blinking; then gabbled rapidly to the interpreter for a moment.

"He says," the merchant translated, "that he met the young lady early in the afternoon walking towards the quay with an Englishman, who was also young. They were walking quickly as if they were in haste, and talking together with great eagerness."

"Tell him to describe the man," said Sir Peter, brusquely.

The shopkeeper put the question, but the bell-dancer shook his head. The lady was so beautiful that he had not looked at her companion. He knew only that he was a young Englishman, and this Sidi Mahrez said with perfect gravity, looking straight into Sir Peter's face.

(To be continued.)

Observations just completed by the United States geodetic department finish the survey of the earth. Fremont Morse at Midway and Edwin Smith at Honolulu have fixed the longitude of the former place, completing the last link in the chain about the earth. They worked first from San Francisco to Honolulu, then from Manila to Guam; then from Guam to Midway, and lastly from Midway to Honolulu. The work was made possible by the use of the cable.

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HORSES IN VENICE. Horses are unknown in Venice. The only things that give half the population of Venice an idea of a horse are the bronze figures of horses above the doors of St. Mark's church, a stone figure of a horse in the church of SS. Giovanni and Paolo, and a couple of wooden ones in the church of the Frari. It was not, however, always so. Venice is yielding up its secrets to the inquisitive excavator, and we find that, so far from being inhabited by wild fishermen prior to 421, when the city was founded, Venice was the seat of Roman conquest and civilization. Skeletons of the splendid steeds of the Third Cohort have been unearthed near St. Mark's to the north, and prove the fact of ancient Roman occupation.

Eight years ago the students of Sweden formed a temperance association. At present it has 70 branches, with 3,000 members.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

KAMLOOPS.

An inquest was held at the upper reserve on Wednesday on the body of Francis Kelly, which was discovered by Indian George and his wife floating down the river a few miles below where the accident by which he lost his life last fall occurred. A verdict of accidental death was found.

ROSSLAND.

In special session the school trustees have decided to add brush drawing and clay modelling to the public school curriculum as a start in the direction of more advanced manual training. The new studies will not be introduced as a permanent feature of school work until the commencement of the fall term, it being agreed that the classes might be upset by any rearrangement at the present juncture. One of the features of the new studies is the small cost at which they can be added. The pupils are at no cost whatever, and the board's entire outlay is less than \$85. The sum thus voted will be drawn from the amount carried in the estimates under the head of "extraordinary expenses."

CHILLIWACK.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Chilliwack board of trade the opinion was expressed that it would be to the interest of the town to seek incorporation as a separate municipality. A committee was appointed to take the matter up in the persons of the president and H. J. McIntosh and Justinian Kelly. This report will be received at the next meeting of the board.

NELSON.

St. Paul's church was crowded to the doors on Monday, April 18th, on the occasion of the formal introduction by the Presbytery of the congregation's new pastor, Rev. J. T. Ferguson, formerly of Cupar Fife, Scotland. On the dias were Rev. Mr. Young, of Vaucliff, acting moderator; Rev. Mr. Grant, of Rossland; Rev. Dr. Herdman, Calgary; Rev. J. T. Ferguson, and Captain D. C. McMorris. In addition Rev. E. H. H. Holman, Congregational church; Rev. G. M. Walker, Baptist church, were also present. Rev. F. H. Graham, of St. Saviour's, sent a telegram expressing regret at enforced absence and extending good wishes to Mr. Ferguson.

Samuel A. Sutherland, of the firm of MacKinnon & Sutherland, general merchants of Ferguson, arrived here since the disaster at the Silver Cup mine, in which one man lost his life and which carried away the upper tramway and some of the mine buildings, inflicting a loss estimated at \$75,000 by Mr. Swiney, said it was regrettable, as the intention was to have started up the mill plant in a few days, and the accident will delay matters for some time, just how long he did not care to even hazard a guess. At the Tribune an aerial tramway is being installed, and preparations are under way to start up the property on a large scale. The tramway connects the Tribune with the wagon road, and will cut down considerably the cost of hauling the ore. The Minneapolis company which owns the Oil Gold, the China Gold, the Primrose and other properties intends to do considerable work this season. This company reaches most of its properties,

which are located on the north fork of the Lardeau, by way of Ferguson. Mr. Sutherland states that the outlook in Ferguson for a good season's business was never better than it is at this time, and he looks forward to a long period of prosperity for the whole of the Lardeau division.

REPTILE BIRD.

Nearest Link to the Antediluvian Snake With Wings Yet Found.

A creature, seemingly half snake and half bird, has just been found in Argentina by M. Alphonse Mardant, a French explorer.

The wings of the creature are not quite so big as those of a parrot, although its body is much longer, covered with scales, and is possessed of a tail entirely innocent of feathers. Its head, too, resembles that of a snake.

M. Mardant asserts that this reptile-bird was swift of flight, and that he obtained it only after the greatest difficulty. He believes it to be the nearest link to the antediluvian snake with wings yet found. That birds are descended from snakes is conceded by many scientists.

Finding that there was a plentiful supply of food in the air in the shape of flying insects, these students of bird evolution say, certain of the smaller reptiles of the early ages gradually developed wings, in order to feed more advantageously. There were thus evolved a flying lizard, the remains of which are often found fossilized, called the pterodactyl. Its wings are batlike, and its powers of flight not so great as those of a bird. The creature's scales gradually turned to feathers, and the bird of the present age was the result.

That this is no mere conjecture is shown by that very old Brazilian bird, the toucan, or pipity. The toucan is about the size of a pheasant, and outwardly has a bird-like appearance. But, on dissecting it, its internal economy is found to be quite unlike that of other birds, and to strongly resemble that of certain reptiles.

The most extraordinary point about the toucan is, however, that its young, when first hatched, have reptile-like heads, and are, moreover, provided with claws upon their wings. They do not attempt to fly for some weeks, but crawl about on all fours, just as young reptiles do. They can use their wing-claws for climbing up a branch. A nestling thrown into the water dries at once like a frog, and it is almost impossible to catch it. Even the grown birds do not fly well. Altogether, the toucan offers a plain proof of the near relationship between birds and reptiles.

Young whales possess a few bristles round the mouth, a feature which belongs to no fish. This is only one of many proofs that whales and all their family were at one time land creatures, and took to the sea because they found the competition ashore too severe for them.

Silurians scoff at the idea of a whale being an "animal," but it is classified as one by the naturalists nevertheless.—London Express.

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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre, for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location. A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$2.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the hole or vein. The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, and additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in advance of \$2.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital. The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a royalty of 25 per cent of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have or who may hereafter acquire rights in the bed of the river, where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained, entry by a free miner.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each, for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have or who may hereafter acquire rights in the bed of the river, where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained, entry by a free miner.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims may exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the same being being within 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One entry fee is payable for each additional ten miles or fraction. The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate, and the discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent, on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller. No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership, but such other land as may be determined, will be sold to the discoverer at the rate of \$100 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, February, 1904. JAMES A. SMARR, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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