

Every one who loves the triumph of right will rejoice that Captain Dreyfus has been exonerated during his life and that he has been reinstated in his rank in the army. The struggle in which he engaged for the restoration of his good name occupied a period of twelve years, and it would have been regrettable indeed had he not lived to enjoy the rewards of a heroism not less great because it was manifested in the struggle against intrigue and sectional hatred instead of on the field. The honor of the French army was concerned in setting aside a verdict which was obtained by perjury and conspiracy, and the lesson which its reversal will teach should be taken to heart by the nation.

THE BATHING BEACH.

The public at large will, we imagine, concur very cordially with the views expressed in a communication in last evening's Province regarding the attempt on the part of a disagreeable class of citizens to interfere with the reasonable liberty of the bathers at English Bay beach. There is a disposition on the part of a certain element to make the patrons of that resort comport themselves with the solemnity which characterizes a church-gathering on Sunday. That is not at all what the bathing beach is meant for. It is a place for enjoyment, and so long as the rights of others are respected and proper attention paid to the demands of decency, there should be no interference with the pleasure of the swimmers. It was right enough to insist that the dressing-rooms should be protected thoroughly from the public gaze and that the costumes of the swimmers should not be improper, but this continual, prurient criticism on the part of people who go there for no reason but to find fault, is becoming wearisome, and should be ignored altogether by the Park Commissioners and by the officials in charge of the beach. It would almost appear as if the only persons who had no rights at this resort were the bathers, and it is almost time that the commissioners took some steps to protect them. The whole shore directly in front of the pavilion should be roped off and reserved exclusively for their use. On either side there is plenty of beach for the use of the general public. In addition to reserving this space for bathers the officials at the beach who of late have been displaying an altogether too arrogant spirit should be told to keep strictly to their duties. The attempt to put a damper on the mirth of children, or the reasonable enjoyment of any class of the community should not be tolerated either by the commissioners or the general public.

Two British army contractors have been fined for supplying adulterated foodstuffs for the use of the troops in Hounslow barracks. Men were operating at Houn-

slough. Book Mohammed, the informant, said he came to Vancouver last May, and after the negro (white) doctor had passed him Davichand demanded \$5 from him, saying he would have him sent back if he did not pay. Being afraid, he paid the money, as did also some of his companions. The cross-examination of Mr. T. S. Baxter, who appeared for Dr. Davichand, was directed to the end that the payment was made for services in interpreting the commands of the white doctor for the securing of employment, but the witness positively denied both points.

Mr. Baxter then attempted to show that the information was laid under the influence of the man acting as interpreter, and an interesting passage occurred between the pair. Dr. Davichand, who was checking up the translation closely, said the interpreter was not saying what the witness said.

"I swear on my Bible. I cut off my head, if I do not speak the truth," the Mohammed exclaimed, with emphatic gestures.

Two other witnesses from the same vessel gave similar evidence, the last adding that Davichand said, he had a Government order.

Scene Changed to Victoria.

Then the sphere of operations was changed to Victoria, and two Sikhs who came over on the last Empress alleged that Davichand met the liner there and demanded \$3 from each of the fifty-two men on board. His fees he said were \$2 and \$1 for his fare. If the men paid they would get through at Vancouver all right, but if they did not, they would be liable to be sent back. Some of the men paid at Victoria, and others at Vancouver. All were afraid they would be sent back. The last witness said Davichand said there was lots of trouble for the men who did not pay.

Mr. Baxter asked that the case be dismissed on the ground that no false representation had been made. Davichand had simply promised to interpret for the men when they were before the immigration doctor, and was ground to act in that capacity when the vessel came to the wharf.

Mr. Bowser, K. C., for the prosecution, claimed that the representation of Davichand as a doctor was of the utmost consequence, inasmuch as the men knew that they were to be examined, and feared being sent back. His going to Victoria, where he boarded the vessel, also showed the systematic manner in which he was prosecuting the work.

The defence was directed to produce its witnesses, and after the examination of several, following the line noted by the cross-examination of the prosecution's witnesses, the case was adjourned for further hearing.

Savona Case.

Three months' imprisonment was the penalty visited upon Gaudrey, the French-Canadian logger who pawned four souvenir spoons stolen at Savona in a second-hand store in the city. The prisoner had been remanded in the hope that information concerning other articles stolen at the same time might be extracted from him, but nothing has been learned of the rest of the loot.

"You were in court before, were you not?" asked the magistrate.

"What is that?" asked Gaudrey in a surprised tone.

"Yes," said the magistrate in reply, reading from a telegram, "you were up at Kamloops in March for selling liquor to Indians, and were let off on suspended sentence."

Victims of Official Vigilance. Special Officer Green had three men who used the sidewalks of Westmin-

ster and Cameronia from 1877, Alexander had always spoken of his home as Victoria, and there was nothing to show that he had changed. They rested their decision on two cases of the House of Lords, one as late as last December.

The trial at Victoria lasted forty-eight days, a record in Canadian courts. The decision of the Appellate Court, from which this appeal has been taken, was given last January.

Two Vancouver lawyers went to London on the case. E. P. Davis, K. C., for Hon. James Dunsmuir, and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper for Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir. E. V. Bodwell of Victoria was counsel for the actress in two courts. An English counsel has been retained to argue her appeal.

The trial and appeals have cost several hundred thousand dollars.

A Veteran's Story.—George Lewis of Shamokin, Pa., writes: "I am eighty years of age. I have been troubled with Catarrh for fifty years, and in my time have used a great many Catarrh cures, but never had any relief until I used Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder. One box cured me completely." 50 cents.—25



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