

VERY BUSY TIME FOR SHOPKEEPERS ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE MANY STORES

Some of the Specialties Offered by Victoria Establishments—Expected To-night.

The annual pilgrimage to town is now on. Shopkeepers and their employees are working overtime, and by midnight will be ready for much needed rest.

Despite the very unfavorable weather to which this city is being subjected, the streets are constantly thronged with shoppers, whose itineraries included stores of all classes from the well-stocked butcher establishment to the artistically arranged drug store.

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LEGAL NEWS.

The Christmas legal vacation continues and continues until January 3rd. No Chambers were held Wednesday morning, the next Chamber day being Tuesday, December 30th.

Mr. Justice Drake disposed of the following matters in Chambers yesterday: Flits vs. Le Feuvre & Co.—F. Higgins, for the plaintiff, obtained leave to sign judgment.

Attorney-General vs. Griffiths—On an application for substituted service, A. F. R. Martin, for plaintiff, obtained leave to serve one member of the defendant firm in Seattle.

Devereaux vs. Victoria Terminal Railway Co.—This action was transferred to the County court, and leave given to both parties to deliver interrogatories. G. H. Barnard for plaintiff, T. Fell contra.

Re estate of E. E. P. Medana (a lunatic)—S. P. Mills, K. C., obtained an order confirming the registrar's report, and for leave to commence proceedings to recover property.

Dyne vs. Mills (County court)—An application to discharge a replevin order was dismissed, with costs to plaintiff in the cause. F. B. Gregory for defendant, W. J. Taylor, K. C. contra.

Raser vs. McQuade—An application by defendant to set aside an order for examination was dismissed, with costs to plaintiff in any event, plaintiff for defendant, no costs of his ex parte order. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., for defendant, W. J. Taylor, K. C. contra.

Re W. A. Anderson & Co., winding-up—Claim of the E. C. Cold Storage Co. was disallowed. Ward's claim was ordered to be filed by January 4th. Ex-

ting is inserted, and all are pressed into close contact. The tube is thus divided into a series of small compartments communicating with the bore of the gun and with each other by small holes at their bases. The result is that the volume of sound and the flash of the discharge are broken up. As soon as the shot clears the muzzle the gas rushes to the first compartment, where it is retained until the base projectile is clear of the entrance to the second cylinder, when it immediately follows it. This process is repeated from one compartment after another, with the result that the gas has gradually more and more room for expansion, and when the projectile finally leaves the tube the greater portion of the gas has been collected in a reduced state of compression in the tube, from which it finally escapes without flash or sound.

BRITISH SUBMARINE BOAT. New Vessel Brought to the Surface and Submerged With the Greatest Rapidity. Submarine boat Al, the sixth invention of Vickers Sons and Maxim and the British admiralty, was tested in deep-sea experiments in the Irish Sea. After several days' special trials at the Barrow docks the vessel was towed out before daylight to about five miles from Walney Island. Large casks with flags were laid down for a long course, and soundings were taken for several miles in the vicinity. A heavy sea was running, and there was a thick mist. The boat was quickly submerged and

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MAYOR AND EXHIBITION.

To the Editor:—In this morning's Colonist Workingman No. 2 comes to the rescue of Mayor Hayward, and states that his Worship had nothing to do with the matter of the gate receipts of the late exhibition. I have heard differently, but at present I am not in a position to say more. However, the fact remains that the Mayor was paid \$500, while the band, the workmen and other accounts, amounting to about \$500, are still unpaid.

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the water. A few more moments and if she sinks, and night comes on, and lights begin to sparkle in the prospect. In town and village there are doors and windows closed against the weather, there are flaming logs heaped high, there are joyful faces, there is healthy music of voices. Be all ungentleness and harm excluded from the temples of the Household Gods!

NORTH VICTORIA. The people of North Victoria have spoken, and there is little comfort for the government in the tones of the voice. The victory of Mr. Paterson is a remarkable tribute to the man personally when all the peculiar circumstances of the case are taken into consideration. The government candidate frankly confessed that he had been "nursing" the constituency for upwards of a year. The patronage was placed in his hands, and the patronage dispensed by a government situated as that of Colonel Prior's was in no light thing in a district comprising less than four hundred voters. Then four of the Ministers have been on the warpath for a considerable time. They did not hold many public meetings, nor were the assemblies held addressed by all the Ministers. The government evidently thought there were more effectual ways of convincing the electors than by talking to them publicly. Those members who undertook to publicly justify the course of the administration had but a sorry experience. The position of the Premier, who claimed that he was not responsible for the action of the government, of which he was a member in denying the constituency representation was thoroughly exposed by Captain Tatlow. And as for the Attorney-General, the doughty champion and general slang-wagger, a combination of Bombastes Furioso and common fishwife when aroused by the prospect of expulsion from office, no member of any government ever came out of a conflict more thoroughly discredited. His usefulness to any political combination in British Columbia was very nearly at an end before he entered the Premier's Ministry. The position of Mr. Eberts today after the exposures of his career made by Mr. Oliver and Mr. Paterson is the very reverse of enviable. All things considered, the savageness of his demeanor and the malignity of his actions are not to be wondered at.

North Victoria is to be congratulated most heartily on the result of the election for two reasons: First, she has secured one of the ablest and strongest men in the province as her representative, a man with opinions of his own as to the measures necessary for the development of the province generally, and the ability to express his views clearly and forcibly. Mr. Paterson is not a politician of the jellyfish type. The electors of his constituency will always know which side of the House he is on. North Victoria is to be congratulated; secondly, because she has expressed her resentment at the treatment that was meted out to her by the present Premier and some of his colleagues. We confess it never occurred to us that it would be possible for the electors of the constituency to condone the act of the government—he who can draw a distinction between the present government and its predecessor must exercise a very fine discrimination—in denying North Victoria for nearly a year the representation to which she was entitled. In spite of appeals to sectionalism and to self-interest and of a resort to methods which would not bear investigation, the government stands condemned, and in that condemnation a warning has been issued to the present and to all succeeding administrations that the rights of the people cannot be trifled with without the authors of the wrong being called to account sooner or later. If the Ministry entertains any idea of meeting the Legislature and asking for judgment upon its personnel and policy—all the seats must be filled if there is an authority in the province sufficiently potent to compel recognition of the rights and privileges of the electorate.

As to what the government will do now that the last shred of hope of its securing the support of a majority of the Legislature has been removed, who shall undertake to say? Colonel Pridel himself upon his determination to fight to the last ditch. Having in view his manoeuvres within the last few months, it would not be surprising if he is at present over the Mainland asking for terms from the opposition leaders. But we believe, the Colonel has signed beyond redemption, and that he will find the hands of the chief men of all political sections against him. He should hand in his resignation and refrain from heaping more of the ashes of humiliation upon his once honored head.

Christmas day is one part of the year in which the newspaper fraternity generally cuts loose from business cares and goes forth to enjoy itself after the manner of men engaged in less exacting professions. The Times, in common with all its evening contemporaries and many of the morning journals on this great continent, will not be issued to-morrow. May all our readers and friends spend a merry, happy and joyous Christmas.

North Victoria presented the Premier with a most beautiful and appropriate Christmas box—the ear!

The difference between a planet and a star is this: A star shines by its own light, a planet by light reflected by another body.

CHRISTMAS.

Once more we are in the midst of the merry, glad season of goodwill and goodfellowship. How fast the years are accumulating upon the heads of our old fellows! It seems such a short step since last Christmas, when we were extending the season's greetings to friends who are now scattered over the face of beyond the realm of the warm, outstretched hand, pulsating perhaps with the emotions of a heart which ordinarily is hard to move, and yet is thrilled with the recollections of the past, called up by the presence of the Christmas spirit.

It was not given to all of us to be so fortunate as to be born in British Columbia. When we think of all the advantages the children of this favored land enjoy—especially in the neighborhood of Victoria—we are forced to the conclusion that if the subject were optional we would willingly endure the toils, the trials and tribulations of later life for the sake of spending the first twenty years in the playgrounds, in the witching woods and in the placid waters of Vancouver Island. Many of us spent our early years, "so prodigal of time," under less happy circumstances than the rising generation in Victoria is doing. But the spirit of youth cannot be subdued even under the most untoward circumstances. We are gathered together here in the year of our Lord 1902, a truly cosmopolitan people. Only the stress of circumstances will drive out those of us who are of any special value to the community. Here we are and here we shall remain unless the fates prove specially unkind. The majority of us have fond recollections of days gone by, when there was no thought of that kingdom having an end. Perhaps Santa Claus was not in circumstances to permit of the showering of gifts upon us; possibly the great-hearted saint was not looked upon as a factor in child life at all. That made no difference. Those were the days. To us they can never come again. The circle is broken. The assembly around the old stove "in the East," or the broad fireplace still farther away, will be incomplete to-morrow. New circles have been formed, and to the majority in those circles the path of life seems to stretch away into such an indefinite future that the end thereof is not worth considering. But our point of view has undergone a change. We know that it can be but a little while until there shall be another breaking up and the tender recollections of bygone days shall dwell in other hearts. Presently the time will come for us to pass out of the circle, and the world shall know us no more. If we possess the true Christmas spirit such thoughts will not seriously disturb us. Let us remember there are those with us in whose minds the bonds of this life have not yet been set. The wise men of the East twenty centuries ago appeared before the Little Child bearing gifts. "Nearer and closer to our hearts be the Christmas spirit, which is the spirit of active usefulness, perseverance, cheerful discharge of duty, kindness and forbearance. It is in the last virtues especially that we are, or should be, strengthened by the unaccomplished visions of our youth; for who shall say that they are men and teachers to deal gently even with the impalpable nothings of the earth. . . . The winter sun goes down over town and village; on the sea it makes a rosy path, as if the sacred tread were fresh upon

WORKINGMAN.

Young Couple Fled in Automobile When Papa Refused Consent to Alliance. M. Marcell, a Parisian medical student, lately, the 18-year-old daughter of ex-Senator Lepay. A month ago Lepay suddenly withdrew his consent to the young couple's marriage, and M. Marcell refused to accept the same. The other afternoon