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KOW—On Saturday, September 13th, ...33 Fisguard street, in this city, the ...e of Lee Mongkow, of a son.

HER—At 22 Sayward avenue, on ...tember 15th, the wife of Frank ...cher, of a son.

N—In this city on the 10th inst., the ...e of J. S. Byron, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

N—McNIFFE—At St. Andrew's R. ...Cathedral, in this city, on the 11th ..., by Rt. Rev. Bishop Orth, assisted ...Revs. Fathers Van Goethem and Ken...y, James S. Fagan, second son of W. ...Fagan, Esq., of Vancouver, to Anne ...hia, third daughter of the late Wil...m McNiffe, of Victoria. No cards.

—ORAIG—At Centennial Methodist ...rch, Victoria, on September 16th, by ... J. P. Westman, Albert Smith to ...y Caroline Craig, eldest daughter ...Mr. William Craig.

DIED.

N—At 50 Boyd street, Victoria, on ...nesday, September 10th, 1902, Lizzie ...beloved wife of J. W. Devlin.

HTON—At Everett, Wash., on the ... instant, Martha, relict of the late ...mas Haughton, a native of Cheshire, ...land, aged 63 years.

RAY—In this city, on the 16th in...t, Robert Homfray, a native of ...es Owen, Worcestershire, aged 78 ...rs.

—At the Provincial Royal Jubilee ...pital, on the 16th instant, Stephen ...ester Burt, a native of Kent, Eng...d, aged 60 years.

NE—At the residence of Mr. C. A. ...scott, No. 12 San Juan avenue, on ... 16th instant, Neomi, the beloved ... of William Erskine, a native of ...nwall, England, aged 67 years.

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...ents. Every one of those argu...can be met by the answer that ... begins at home. We who went ... course when resistance was fo...by those who owed us better ...n, fearing God, honoring the ...have no fear of what foreign na...ay say. We would be a strange ... poltroons if, after having been ...o say that we defied the world, ... same to a question of pockets ...bow before the foreign nations ...Your humble servants.' I am ...that opinion at all. There are ...ways of meeting foreign compe... Speaking for myself, without ...ting anyone else, I have a strong ... that when foreign nations exer...inst us a policy which says that ...hall not be carried between coast...ts except in their own ships, ...uld be neglecting a manifest ... of self-defence if we did not do ...ng of the same kind. (Applause.) ...y admit their course to be just ...se, but we should say, 'We are ...o adopt it against you, all in a ...f amity.'" (Laughter and ap...

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Vincent Anxious That No Delay Occurs in Choice of Site.

man Vincent wants the Carnegie ... built without further delay. ...this idea in view he has ... a notice on the bulletin ... at the City Hall asking ...dermen to decide the matter ...in favor of the recently acquired ... the northern end of the James ...bankment, and opposite the post ... This land was bought by the ... the purpose of giving the re...wall a proper finish by means of ...ep which now matches the simi...ar finish of the wall at the ...d. One of the main arguments ...d when the land was secured ...t it would afford a good view of ...s improvements, and secure for ...e an uninterrupted view of the ...he pile of buildings across the ...d this was accepted as a very co...son. That the library if erected ... site will utterly destroy what is ...e of the prettiest street views in ... is admitted by all. Many are ...pinion that any building on the ...solated lot referred to will be ...ly dwarfed unless the amount ...ommand of the council were at ...ice what it is.

...again it is pointed out that the ...stipulation was made at the time ...law authorizing the acceptance ... Carnegie's gift was put before ...payers that the final selection of ...ould be left to them. No better ...n the old post office has yet been ...d, and it has been remarked by ...at it seems a mistake that the ...hould take it for granted that ... could not be secured.

...llowing is Mr. Vincent's notice ...n:

...eas it is desirable that the build...he Carnegie library be proceeded ...ince: And whereas it is undesir...increase the burdens of the rate...y expending money for the pur... a site in view of the fact that ...is now possessed of a lot which ...le for the purpose, and which ... acquired at a cost of $9,700. ...ore it is resolved that notice ... that competitive plans will be ... from architects resident in the ... Victoria for the erection of a ...ilding upon said lot 1, block 70, ... suitable for the purposes of a ...brary, the cost of such building ...exceed the amount specified in ...negie's deed of gift."

SLEEPLESSNESS.

...'t sleep in the calmest and stillest ... your stomach is weak, circulation ...d digestion bad.

... Sarsaparilla strengthens the stom...roves the circulation, perfects di...nd brings about that condition in ...eep is regular and refreshing. ...not do this in a day, but it does ...one it in thousands of cases.

"How kind it was of that gentle...lend me his umbrella during the ...

—"It was, indeed. He is one of ...noblemen."

"Yes, quite a rainbeau."

...said the gentleman in the brown ...didn't much of a bass singer, but ...t to hear my brother."

...e a big voice?" asked the gentle...h the pea-green whiskers.

"His voice is so heavy a bass that ...him bow-legged to carry it."

The Polar Explorers

Captain Sverdrup Tells of Exciting Incidents on His Far North Trip.

At One Time the Fram Caught Fire and Was Nearly Destroyed.

Baldwin Could Not Find the Pole But Tells Others the Way.

Christiania, Norway, Sept. 20.—... Otto Sverdrup, who reached Stavanger yesterday from the Arctic regions on the steamer Fram, in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press gave the following details of his expedition: "I spent the winter of 1898-99 in winter quarters at Ellesmereland, whence scientific expeditions were started with sleighs. The summer of 1899 was unfavorable, and the Fram was obliged to return and pass the winter at Ellesmereland. A great part of the surrounding region was mapped out.

"There was a serious fire on board the Fram, May, 1900; it was started by sparks from the funnel, and spread to the kayaks (Arctic canoes) which were smeared with paraffine for their protection. The rigging and masts caught fire and the total destruction of the vessel was threatened, but we succeeded in mastering the flames.

"In August, 1900 we traversed Jones Sound and Caroline Island, and took up winter quarters at 76.48 north and 89 west. The region was rich in reindeer and polar wolves, of which we brought back living specimens.

"The following winter was more than ordinarily cold and stormy, the average temperature being 35 degrees below zero. Sleigh expeditions occupied the season and summer of 1901, and the early part of 1902. On August 6 the Fram succeeded in breaking away from the ice and arrived at Godhaven, August 18. We left Cape Farewell homeward bound August 28."

Capt. Sverdrup added that the members of the expedition met no Eskimos in the regions visited, but he said that many of their dwellings belonging to former periods were seen.

London, Sept. 20.—Mr. Baldwin, the explorer, gave an interesting account of his journey to Cape Norway, where he came upon Dr. Nansenhut, the place where Nansen and Johansen spent their historic winter. The hut was partly gnawed by foxes and bears. Dr. Nansen's record was intact, it was found in a brass cylinder, and was dated May 19, 1896, and written in pencil on half a sheet of note paper. Mr. Baldwin has the Nansen record, and left his own record in its place. Later the America, Mr. Baldwin's ship, was in imminent peril of being crushed by icebergs, but she escaped by putting on all available steam.

While in the Arctic regions Mr. Baldwin released 300 balloons which were driven northward, and may later furnish data regarding air and sea currents. Each balloon has attached to it an automatic buoy addressed to the "nearest United States consul." The expedition's start for home was attended by exciting incidents. It was necessary to charge the heavy ice drift, blast them with dynamite, and saw a channel through the ice. The America was caught in a violent storm, her screw and rudder were twisted, and her propeller frame was broken. The expedition had another exciting experience in a pack further south. Two members of the expedition, unarmed and on a pony sleigh, were set upon by huge white bears. The pony bolted and the men were defenceless. With great presence of mind they clambered on top of an iceberg and escaped on the other side to the ship.

Mr. Baldwin said in conclusion: "The old idea of an open Polar sea is baseless. We know that land extends as far as 82 degrees on the Franz Joseph land side, and from there I believe the Pole can be reached. I agree with Peary that the most practical way of reaching the Pole is by sleighing from that point."

STAMPEDE IN NEGRO CHURCH

More Than a Hundred People Killed at Birmingham Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 20.—More than a hundred persons were killed in a panic at the Shiloh negro Baptist church last night. Just as Booker T. Washington concluded his address to the Baptist convention Judge Billou, a negro leader from Baltimore, engaged in an altercation with the choir leader concerning an unoccupied seat, and it is said a blow was struck. Some one in the choir cried: "They're fighting."

Mistaking the word "fighting" for "fire" the congregation rose en masse and started for the door. One of the ministers quickly mounted the rostrum and admonished the people to keep quiet. He repeated the word "quiet" several times, and motioned to his hearers to be seated. Again the excited congregation mistook the word "quiet" for "fire" and renewed the struggle to reach the door. Men and women crawled over benches and fought their way into the aisles, and those who had fallen were trampled upon like cattle. The ministers tried again and again to stop the stampede, but no power on earth could stay the struggling, fighting mass of humanity.

The crowd of 1,500 people blocked the doors and men, women and children were trampled to death or suffocated. The police and firemen were summoned and finally extricated the living from their positions. It was an hour before the church was finally cleared. The number of dead is placed at 115. Investigations show that no white people were killed in the panic. A number of white visitors were in the church at the time, and several of them were hurt in the stampede, but none will die. Policeman Elleden, who was standing at the exit endeavoring to quiet the mad throng, was caught between the multitude and the wall in the narrow passageway leading to the stairs, and nearly all his clothing was torn from his body. His legs were also mashed, but he will recover. One panic-stricken negro threw himself over the heads of the crowd and had his brains crushed out against the wall.

NEW CRUISERS.

Another Warship For United States Launched.

Quincy, Mass., Sept. 20.—The protected cruiser Des Moines was launched here today from the yard of the Fore River Ship & Engine company, and hundreds of people saw the ship lunge into the water.

HAYTI IN A HURRY.

Afraid Uncle Sam'll Get Them If They Don't Watch Out.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Sept. 20.—The provisional government of Hayti is taking energetic steps to end the civil war in this republic, and it is the general impression this activity is due to the reports which have reached here that under certain circumstances the United States might be compelled to intervene for the purpose of ending their civil war.

Government forces are now on the way to Gonaives, the headquarters of the Haytian revolutionists, divided into three columns. General Nord, the war minister, it is announced, will shortly attack the revolutionists at Plaisance. The southern part of Hayti and Port au Prince are quiet.

Nanaimo Fall Fair

Coal City Exhibition Gratifying In Display and Number of Entries.

Victorians Captured Many of the Prizes in the Bench Show.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., Sept. 20.—The local agricultural show which has been proceeding yesterday and today, closed this evening. Taken as a whole the exhibition shows a marked improvement upon previous years. The live stock exhibits were above the average, but the prices realized at the auction held this afternoon were somewhat disappointing. The horticultural department showed the possibilities of the district, many of the best exhibits coming from the five acre lots cultivated in their leisure time by the miners in the employ of the New Vancouver Coal company. The management of the exhibition had everything well organized, the improvement in this respect being most marked. From being the little local affair of a few years ago, the Nanaimo show has become an event of importance in agricultural circles throughout the Island, and the Nanaimo agricultural society has risen to the occasion this year in a most gratifying manner. The bench division, a feature which was inaugurated last fall, has become most popular, and today's exhibition of dogs is said by competent judges to be the best ever assembled in the province. Competitors have come from far and near, many crossing from Victoria. Among the kennels at the capital which were well represented were those of Messrs. T. Plimley, H. H. Jones, T. P. McConnell (2), Dr. A. J. Garesche, Rev. E. G. Miller, J. J. Bostock, K. Bradley-Dyne, J. Saunders and Mrs. R. Bostock. The attendance today largely exceeded that of yesterday, but did not come up to the figures of the banner year, 1901. The weather has been perfect throughout.

A pretty ceremony took place this afternoon when Miss Jennie Snowden, of this city, was crowned "Queen of the Fair" by His Worship Mayor Manson, she having been elected to that dignity by popular vote. A military tournament and a tug-of-war for which some half dozen teams entered, were among the special attractions of the day.

Among the prizes at the bench show were the following:

English Setters—Thomas Plimley, Victoria, open (bitches) Lady Howard—by Champion Kent-Miss Lacelles. Price $100, 1st. H. H. Jones, Victoria, open, Victor L.—By St. Cloud Ben-Lugness Bess. Price $100, 1st in open, 1st in limit. Thos. Plimley, Victoria, open and limit bitches, Flew Windem—By Lewellyn Drake-Zola Montez, price $100; 3rd in open, 1st in limit. T. P. McConnell, Victoria, open, (bitches) Albert Rosalind—By Count F. Bassie Sheldon; price $500, 2nd. T. P. McConnell, Victoria, puppy dogs, Rod of Furness—By Chl. Roy Montez-Victoria Bell II.; price $40, 1st. Wm. Coundley, Nanaimo, open dogs, General White—By Ricko-London Beauty; 2nd in open, 2nd in limit. Isaac Dykes, open bitches, Cheep, V. H. C. J. D. Quine, open and limit, bitches, Duchess—By Roy Montez-Lady Howard; price $100, 2nd in limit. A. Hughes, limit and open, English Setter, Boxer; 3rd in limit, 3rd in open.

Irish Setters—Dr. A. J. Garesche, Victoria, open, dogs, Hector—By Pat Madcan II., 1st. John Cottle, Northfield; limit and open, bitches, Rose, 2nd in limit. Vivian Walkem, Ladysmith; open, 1st in limit. F. J. Standard, Nanaimo, limit, bitches, Flo, 1st in limit.

Irish Water Spaniels—Thos. Plimley, Victoria, open bitches, Kate, 1st.

Collies—F. Turner, limit, bitches; Flirt—By Capital-Mithcley-Flurry, price $15, 1st. Rev. E. G. Miller, open, Lassie-Braehead Chris II., Auchardtree Duchess, 1st in open. G. B. Brown, limit and novice; Tony, 2nd in limit; 2nd in novice. Fred. Mottishaw, limit, Nelson, 1st in novice; 1st in limit.

Fox Terriers (smooth coated)—John J. Bostock; limit and open; Raconquest—By Ch. Derrington-Ombra; price $250; V. H. C. Mrs. R. Bostock; puppy, limit and open; Reminiscence—By Brockenhurst Minor-Dainty Pickle; not for sale; 1st in puppy; 1st in limit; 1st in open. Mrs. R. Bostock, limit and open; Rejane—Ch Don Caesario-Ch Duchess of Durham, V. H. C. J. J. Bostock, limit and open, Dusky Crack—By Daunter-Dame Gossip; price, $250; 2nd in limit; 2nd in open. D. J. Matheson; novice and limit; Buller; 1st in novice. V. H. C. in limit and open. J. Saunders, Victoria; limit; Scratch—By Roman Bobs-Florence Queen; 3rd in limit. R. Currie, limit; Nibs; 2nd in puppy; 2nd in novice; H. C. in limit. Thos. Wilkinson, limit; Jack; price $50; H. C. C. L. Brooks, novice, limit and open; Minto—By Mike-Mrs. Harvey's bitch; 3rd in novice.

QUEEN OF BELGIANS.

Her Funeral Will Be of a Simple Nature.

Brussels, Sept. 20.—It is understood that the funeral of Queen Marie will be quite simple, and foreign governments will not be under the necessity of sending missions.

There will be no official ceremony here at the Queen's funeral. The body will be placed in the royal vault at the Castle of Laeken, four miles from Brussels, beside the body of Prince Baudouin, son of the Count of Flanders and nephew of King Leopold. The body of the Queen is lying in state in a chamber adjacent to her bedroom.

Welcome to Sir Edmund

Victoria Honored By Visit of the First Premier of Australia.

His Eloquent Address at the Board of Trade Banquet Yesterday.

Masterly Deliverance on Imperial Questions—Much Pleased With Victoria.

Nature was in her kindliest mood yesterday when the C. P. N. steamer Yosemite left her dock at Vancouver bearing Sir Edmund Barton, K. C. M. G., Premier of the Commonwealth of Australia, and his suite to the capital city of British Columbia. The morning was perfect, the sea with scarcely a ripple and the air crisp and bracing, and so clear that the magnificent scenery of the Straits was seen to the greatest advantage. The combination of fortunate atmospheric conditions rendered the trip from Vancouver to Victoria a delightful experience, every mile of the journey being marked by expressions of admiration and pleasure on the part of the distinguished travelers.

Victoria was reached at 3 o'clock p. m., and a large crowd of citizens gathered on the C. P. N. wharf to welcome visitors, including a reception committee composed of Hon. Messrs. Prior and Wells, representing the province; His Worship Mayor Hayward, representing Victoria; L. G. McQuade, representing the Victoria Board of Trade, and several of the aldermen, members of the Board of Trade and other leading citizens.

When the Yosemite arrived at her dock the reception committee boarded her and an informal reception was held in the main saloon. After introductions and the exchange of courtesies, Sir Edmund and his party, with the members of the reception committee, took carriages and drove to the Parliament buildings, which were thoroughly inspected, and much admired, Sir Edmund Barton taking a particular interest in the structure as he is imbibing suggestions of public buildings on his trip which may serve as a guide for the style which will be adopted by his government for the capital buildings of the Commonwealth. He expressed admiration of the design and solidity of the buildings, which are not surpassed by anything which he has seen on his travels. The visitors were also much interested in the natural history, agricultural and mineral museums, and with the interior fittings of the Legislative Chamber, committee rooms, library and offices. After the visit to the buildings the party divided, the ladies going to the residence of Mr. R. P. Rithet, where they were entertained at tea, while the gentlemen repaired to the Union club, where they were hospitably welcomed by the members. Finally the visitors drove to the Driard hotel, where rooms had been prepared for them.

Among those who accompanied the visitors on the drive were Hon. Messrs. Prior and Wells, Thomas Earle, M. P.; H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., M. P. P.; and Mrs. Helmcken, His Worship Mayor Hayward and L. G. McQuade, president of the Board of Trade.

The party which arrived by the Yosemite included Sir Edmund and Lady Barton, Mr. Barton, Miss Barton, Sir John and Lady Forrest, Mr. Chapman, M. P., Mr. Wilson, representing the Melbourne Argus; Mr. Flannery, private secretary to the Premier; A. E. Lande, special representative of the C. P. R., who has conducted the party across the continent, and W. McNeill, assistant to Hon. W. C. Wells, chief commissioner of lands and works, who met the visitors at Vancouver on behalf of the provincial government.

THE BANQUET.

The handsome dining room of the Driard hotel never looked more cosy and comfortable than it did last evening when over 100 of the leading citizens of Victoria met together to do honor to Sir Edmund Barton, the Australian statesman. The walls were artistically draped with flags and bunting emblematic of the Empire and myriads of electric lights mellowed by crimson shades created a glow of color which was at once agreeable to the eye, and conducive to contentment. The scheme of the decorations, cunningly and effectively carried out, was a symphony in red, relieved by a lavish ornamentation of maiden hair fern, smilax, palms and other tropical plants. The banquet room, when the guests took their places, was a perfect blend of color unequalled in beauty by anything ever attempted in Victoria, in fact it would be difficult to produce a more striking and pleasing picture anywhere in the broad Empire, which is not saying too much for Mr. Hartnagle's good taste.

The menu was quite in keeping with the surroundings, simple, but excellent and appetizing, it drew praise from the most exacting of the guests and made the dyspeptic forget the embargo placed upon his dietary.

The menu cards were tastefully printed, and will serve as worthy souvenirs of an historical event. The full text of the menu card was as follows:

Complimentary Banquet
TO
RT. HON. SIR EDMUND BARTON, P.C., G.C.M.G.
Premier of the Commonwealth of Australia
By the
President and Members
of the
Victoria, British Columbia, Board of Trade
Friday, 19th September, 1902.

This night I hold an old-accustomed feast, whereto I have invited many a guest.—Romeo and Juliet.

Thou shalt not die for lack of a dinner.—As You Like It.

If I like thee no worse after dinner, I will not part from thee.—King Lear.

Now we sit down to chat as well as to eat.—Taming of the Shrew.

MENU.

Olives with Anchovies. Caviare.
Salted Almonds.
Toke Point Oysters.
Turtle Soup, Maryland Style.
Spring Salmon, Egg Sauce, with Mushrooms
French Cutlets, with Truffle Sauce
Filet of Chicken a la Bayard.
Roman Punch.
Filet of Beef, Mushroom Sauce.
Grouse. Asparagus. Lettuce Salad
English Plum Pudding.
Omelet Souffle with Marasquin
Celery.
Canadian Cheese. English Stilton
Roquefort.
Black Coffee.
Nierstein. Madeira. Stein Wein. Pontet Canet. Moet & Chandon. Mumm's.
Liqueurs.

I charge you charge your glasses—
I charge you drink with me
To the men of the Four New Nations,
And the Islands of the Sea—
To the last least lump of coral
That none may stand outside,
And our own good pride shall teach us
To praise our comrade's pride!

To the hush of the breathless morning
On the thin, tin, crackling roofs,
To the haze of the burned back-ranges
And the dust of the shoeless hoofs—
To the risk of a death by drowning,
To the risk of a death by drowning,
To the men of a million acres,
To the Sons of the Golden South!

TOAST LIST.

THE KING.
"God Save the King."
The Navy, The Army and the Militia.
"Rule Britannia."
Sir Edmund Barton and the Australian Commonwealth.
"Advance Australia."
The Empire.
"Regions Caesar never knew
Thy posterity shall sway."
"Auld Lang Syne."
The National Anthem.
Soloists of the Evening: Mr. Herbert Taylor, Mr. Arthur Salvini.

THE SONG OF THE CITIES.

Melbourne.

Greeting! Nor fear nor favor won us place,
Got between greed of gold and dread of drouth,
Loud-voiced and reckless as the wild tide-race
That whips our harbor-mouth!

Sydney.

Greeting! My birth-stain have I turned to good;
Forcing strong wills perverse to steadfastness;
The first flush of the tropics in my blood,
And at my feet Success!

Brisbane.

The northern star beneath the southern skies—
I build a nation for an Empire's need,
Suffer a little, and my land shall rise,
Queen over lands indeed!

Victoria, B. C.

From East to West the circling word has passed,
Till West is East beside our land-locked lake;
From East to West the tested chain holds fast,
The well-forged link rings true!

"Now must ye speak to your kinsman and they must speak to you,
After the use of the English, in straightfaing words and few."
—Kipling's "Song of the English."

The chair was occupied by L. G. McQuade, president of the Board of Trade, with Chas. F. Todd, vice-president, in the vice chair. The guest of honor, Sir Edmund Barton, sat at the right of the chairman, and next to him Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior, Col. Grant, Mayor Hayward, A. E. McPhillips, K.C. M.P.P., Ald. H. M. Grahame and C. H. Lugrin. On the chairman's left were Rear-Admiral Bickford, Sir John Forrest, Hon. Wm. Templeman, Hon. A. Smith, U. S. consul, Ald. A. G. McCandless, S. J. Pitts and Rev. Canon Beanlands. Around the dinner table were noted Lieut. Knox, E. A. Barton, A. P. Luxton, A. T. Goward, G. L. Courtney, Ald. G. H. Barnard, W. L. Challoner, C. W. Rhodes, W. Monteith, Jas. Simon, G. H. Burns, A. J. C. Galletly, A. Stuart Robertson, Austin Chapman, M.P., E. Barton, G. Flannery, R. Wilson (editor Melbourne Argus and Manchester Guardian), L. J. Holmes, Hon. R. W. C. Wells, Robt. Dunn (editor Times), D. B. Bogle (editor Colonist), F. Elworthy, G. H. Burns, R. J. Ker, W. T. Oliver, J. G. Cox, D. R. Ker, D. M. Rogers, H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P., Richard Hall, M. P. P., Jas. Sharpe, M. Scott, Ald. R. W. Vincent, T. R. Smith, Max Leiser, C. A. Holland, B. Wilson, F. G. Richards, J. Kingham, T. W. Paterson, Otto Weiler, R. Erskine, J. D. Pemberton, H. Moss, G. Smith, A. W. Jones, John A. Hinton, W. H. Bone, W. J. Taylor, T. M. Henderson, G. A. Kirk, J. J. Sargison, J. A. Sayward, A. Robertson, H. A. Munn, L. P. Duff, E. M. Johnson, W. J. Pendray, A. W. Vowell, Wm. Wilson, C. Loewenberg, N. P. Shaw, J. S. Gibb, Henry Croft, L. Goodacre, Jas. Forman, Hon. A. E. Smith, R. S. Day, Jas. Paterson, H. H. Rowley, S. Jones, H. H. Abbott, B. C. Mess, R. H. Pooley, B. R. Seabrook, Simon Leiser, A. Brenckley, A. S. Robertson, E. E. Welsh, Jas. Anderson, R. P. Rithet, E. V. Bodwell, K. C., J. Piercy, Ald. Worthington, F. Peters, G. F. Mathews, R. E. Brett, George Alexander, J. N. Greenshields, K. C.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Major Gurdon sent communications of regret that they were unavoidably prevented from being present.

The Fifth Regiment orchestra was in attendance and rendered a delightful programme of music during the evening.

It was a late hour before the toast list was reached. After the health of the King had been drunk, President McQuade proposed the toast of the Navy, the Army and the Reserve forces, which was responded to by Admiral Bickford, Colonel Grant and Colonel Holmes.

Rear-Admiral Bickford replied to the toast of the Army and Navy. He was glad of the enthusiasm the toast always evolved amongst Britons, for all Britons realize to the fullest the value of the navy. In the interests of commerce the navy must be kept to its highest pitch of efficiency, and the Colonies should do all they could to assist in its being kept so. He was aware other nations were making strides, and realized fully the necessity of not only keeping pace with them, but in front—that Britain should continue mistress of the seas. Canada should be willing to assist in keeping the navy, for the navy belongs to Canadians as partners in the Empire as much as to Englishmen. The navy is, of course, well known in Victoria, for Victoria is the home of the Pacific squadron, and when the squadron came to Victoria it felt at home, and hoped it would long continue so to do.

Col. Grant also replied to this toast, and told of how the army's work aided trade, how the army protected the coaling stations for the navy and otherwise assisted in the Empire's work. He referred to the impetus given imperialism by the South African war, and the Colonies had then shown that they were willing to take part in the defence of the Empire. It was their duty to do so, and it was the duty of all to do their utmost to cement the scattered forces of the Empire together and foster friendship between the troops and the people of the colonies, and love and loyalty for the grand Empire to which all are so proud to belong.

Col. Holmes responded on behalf of the militia. He eulogized the work of the Colonials during the recent campaign, and particularly the Canadians and provoked much mirth by the narration of a humorous incident of the Northwest rebellion. He was sure, that as far as the militia of Canada was concerned, it would always do its part in the defence of the Empire.

After a song by Mr. Taylor, the president proposed the toast of the evening, extending to Sir Edmund Barton on behalf of the Board of Trade a hearty welcome to the City of Victoria.

Sir Edmund Barton on rising to reply, was greeted by thunderous applause, the whole audience rising and cheering vociferously. His speech, which took over an hour to deliver was met with rapt attention by his hearers. His manner is slow, and studied, and his earlier sentences somewhat involved, but as he warmed to his subject he rose without effort to a very high pitch of eloquence. We hope to give an extended [illegible] on his speech in a later issue. The [illegible] at which he sat down makes a com[illegible] report impossible this morning. The [illegible]pression made upon him by the Do[illegible]nion of Canada was the first subject [illegible]on which he touched. He soon, how[illegible]er, diverged upon the results of the [illegible]perial conference in London. He in[illegible]ated that Canada had as yet taken [illegible] action in the matter of Imperial de[illegible]nce, whereas the ministers of the other [illegible]olonies intended to submit proposals to [illegible]eir parliaments. In solemn words he [illegible]ssisted that if they failed to carry measures for the defence of the Empire, part [illegible] the responsibility for their failure [illegible]ould be at the door of Canada; while on [illegible]e other hand, action on her part would [illegible]st encourage their hands. He admitted that a retort was possible that in the matter [illegible] preferential trade Canada had done [illegible]omething and the other colonies nothing so far. But he said the ministers of the other colonies had declared that they would introduce measures of preference, if not by lowering duties against the United Kingdom, by raising them against the foreigner. The absence of any proposal in reference to naval defence from the Canadian representative at the conference made a difference as to the effectiveness of the answer. He remarked that his words were plain words, but they were Britons, and wished to be talked to by a Briton. Sir Edmund Barton then went on to describe the constitution of the Australian Commonwealth, the measures adopted in reference to the tariff, a white Australia, and woman suffrage. After an eloquent tribute to the effect of the new cable in drawing Canada and Australia closer together, he repeated his previous statements about the inadequacy of the Canadian telegraphic press news, and pointed out the grave danger that lay therein. The conclusion of one of the most remarkable speeches ever heard in Victoria was greeted with a tremendous outburst of applause, a natural tribute of admiration to a man whose one appearance was sufficient to mark him as one of the greatest living statesmen of the British Empire. Other speeches to the British Empire.

C. H. Lugrin proposed the toast of the Empire. He referred to the immigration into Canada of the United Empire Loyalists of 1873, and showed how they saved Canada for the Empire, and without Canada, he said, the Empire would have been an impossibility. It was the spirit of the United Empire Loyalists that made confederation possible. Reverting to British Columbia, he said this province, with its six leagues of sea frontage, was the Western frontier of the Empire, and in this threshold of the Empire there should be a white British Columbia, as there was now a white Australia. He complimented Australians on the daring and self-reliant spirit with which they approached the problems which confronted them, and on the possession of the brilliant, daring, and self-reliant manner of such men as the guests of last night, Sir Edmund Barton and Sir John Forrest.

Sir John Forrest responded to the toast of the Empire. He said the theme was one to appeal to all, and much could be said regarding it. One thing Britons were proud of was the Empire to which they belonged. He referred to the growth of the Empire, and more particularly that of the past few years, and of the defences of the Empire. It was not only the duty, but to the interest of the Colonies to contribute to those defences. The colonies should take a share of the burden of Empire to which Australia gave but half a million. He was ashamed that Australia gave so little, but what must Canadians think of themselves, who give nothing. He spoke at length on the desirability of fostering Imperial trade, and not allowing the idea of trade being left to the individual to continue. He instanced the competition of subsidized steamship lines, even in the coasting trade of Australia, and of the cheap labor crews of the foreign steamers and highly bonused foreign industries, against which it was difficult to individually compete. He also referred at length to the desirability of putting a stop to the influx into the country of cheap alien labor, and of how Australia had resolved to keep the labor markets of her country for her own people; and Canada, he said, should not allow itself to be overrun by Asiatics. Senator Templeman, Colonel Prior, E. V. Bodwell, K. C., and Mayor Hayward, followed along the same lines.

A short speech was made by Mr. Austin Chapman, M. P., in which he referred to the possibilities of opening up closer trade relations between Canada and Australia.

After the health of the chairman had been proposed by Ald. Bickford, and had been drunk with enthusiasm, Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King closed the proceedings.

A BELT LINE AROUND GORGE

Petition Forwarded to Trustees of Yates Estate Asking Co-operation.

Some time ago property owners on the Gorge and Craigflower roads offered to assume a portion of the expenses of constructing the line provided the Street Car company would extend their service around the Gorge. This proposition included all except the trustees of the Yates estate, who living in the Old Country failed to grasp the situation and refused to join the proposal.

A subsequent proposition was made on behalf of the Street Car company, the remainder of the property owners agreeing to abide by the original agreement, that the Yates estate should share with the company any additional value which future sales should disclose as having accrued through the building of the line through the land owned by the former. The real estate was to be appraised as to its present value, and in case future sales were made at a higher figure that the valuation so made half the difference was to be paid to the Street Car company. It is understood that this offer has not proved acceptable to the trustees, and a few days ago a petition signed by property owners along the proposed route was sent in to Alderman Yates, local agent of the trustees for transmission to Scotland, asking them to give the matter their careful attention and pointing out the great benefits which would result from the construction of this line.

In case a favorable reply is obtained from Scotland it is probable that the belt line around the Gorge will be put in hand early next year.

SVERDRUP RETURNS.

Norwegian Polar Expedition Has Returned Safely.

Stavenger, Norway, Sept. 19.—The Sverdrup Arctic expedition, which left Christiania in June, 1898, on the Fram, reached here today at 3:30, and anchored in the roadstead. Capt. Sverdrup received an enthusiastic welcome from the large crowd present.

Christiania, Norway, Sept. 19.—Capt. Sverdrup has telegraphed to the government:

"The districts explored were the south and west coasts of Ellesmere Land, and the hitherto unknown districts to the west of that region.

BALLOON BURST.

Accident in Ascension Before King Oscar.

Stockholm, Sept. 19.—Capt. Eric Unge, of the Engineer Corps, and Ragnar Wilkander, a civil engineer, had a narrow escape from being killed by the fall of a balloon which ascended today in the presence of King Oscar, in an attempt to beat the long-distance record. A fine northern wind was blowing when the balloon started, and within five minutes it had traveled four miles and reached a height of two miles; then it suddenly exploded. The car dropped at a terrific rate in view of thousands of terrified spectators. When nearing the ground the remnants of the balloon opened out and acted as a parachute, and to the surprise of everyone, the aeronauts landed safely. The explosion of the balloon was caused by a too quick ascension, Capt. Unge, on July 27, traveled over 540 miles in a balloon in 14½ hours, ascending near Novgorod, Russia. The balloon which collapsed today had 1,500 cubic meter capacity and was filled with common gas. Capt. Unge intended to make an attempt to cross the Baltic to Germany and to the south of Europe.

The Providence Changes Hands

A Spokane Syndicate Has Purchased This Promising Boundary Mine.

A deal was consummated this week, says the Boundary Creek Times, under which William Fowler sells his entire interest in the Providence mine to those who recently acquired an interest in the property and some new associates. As was announced in the Times last week, Duncan McIntosh and W. M. Law recently visited Spokane with a view to interesting financial friends in the Providence. They were successful and this week Mr. Fowler relinquished his control and interest in the property. The deal was made on a basis of $50,000, Mr. Fowler receiving $12,500 cash and the other payments are to be made within a year. Duncan McIntosh has been appointed manager for the new syndicate and he took charge of the Providence on Tuesday evening. He has two shifts at work and regular shipments of ore will be sent from the property.

Recently a check of $6,367.51 was received from the Trail smelter, being the net proceeds from 43¾ tons of ore.

It is now about nine months since Mr. Fowler, an old-timer, returned to his first love, Providence camp. He secured a lease and working bond on the Providence, a claim which since the time of its location, he always believed would make a valuable mine. He worked along confident that his opinion was not in error. A sufficiently promising showing was made to induce W. M. Law, J. A. Russell, J. J. Caulfield and W. Macey to take an interest in the property, and the big check from the Trail smelter is the first proof that their investment was an exceptionally good one.

Mr. Fowler did a large amount of work preparatory to steady shipments. On the brow of the hill is a shaft down 85 feet in ore. One hundred feet lower down is another shaft 60 feet deep and in ore. At a distance of 155 feet from this second shaft a tunnel was begun into the hill. This tunnel will tap No. 2 shaft at 60 foot level and No. 1 at 100 feet. This tunnel is also in ore. The hill has been stripped from the collar of the first shaft to the mouth of the tunnel, and the ledge exposed the entire distance. From this tunnel large quantities of ore can be shipped.

Values as high as $40,000 to the ton can be secured at the Providence. In the No. 2 shaft particularly, ore of exceptionally high value can be found. The satisfactory smelter returns have not only been gratifying to the owners of the Providence, but have also encouraged those leasing other high-grade properties in the vicinity.

Mr. McIntosh, the new superintendent of the Providence, was one of the original owners in the Winnipeg mine. After the organization of the Winnipeg company he had charge of the property until he sold out his shares at a large figure. Since then he has been largely interested in Greenwood, and is president of the Russell-Law-Caulfield company. He is an experienced and successful mining man, who, with the large financial backing of the new syndicate, is sure to have his usual good luck in exploiting the Providence.

COLLISION.

Vessel Sunk and Nine People Drowned at Lisbon.

Lisbon, Sept. 19.—The French steamer Thomas sank a harbor steamer here today and nine persons were drowned.

H. M. S. RETRIBUTION.

Going to Colon to Look After British Interests.

Kingston, Ja., Sept. 19.—The British cruiser Retribution sailed from here this morning for Colon, Colombia, in consequence of the receipt of news that the trouble in the Isthmus is serious.

LOUIS KOSSUTH.

Foundation Stone For Memorial to the Hungarian Patriot.

Buda Pesth, Sept. 19—General Tuerre, a companion of the Hungarian exile, was present at the laying of the foundation stone of the monument to Louis M. Kossuth today. The fund for the national memorial to Kossuth now amounts to over $250,000.

BRITAIN'S NOTE.

London, Sept. 19.—The Foreign Office tonight gave the Associated Press authority to announce that His Majesty's government had communicated with all the signatory powers of the Berlin treaty with a view of developing their attitude and purpose in relation to the Roumanian Jews as called to the attention of the powers by Secretary Hay. A high official of the Foreign office declined to discuss the details of the British note, but he gave the assurance that it followed the lines of the United States note, and added that the British authorities were in full accord with the position assumed by the United States.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Copenhagen, Sept. 19.—The results of election of members to the Lansdthing as officially given today, assure the ultimate sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. A member of the government said to a representative of the Associated Press: "The sale of the islands is now absolutely certain, and the matter will be settled next