Haydn's Great Masterpiece

Recital at Metropolitan Methodist Church Was a Triumph.

Grand Work of Leader, Soloists Chorus, Orchestra And Organist.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Owing to the lack of space and the lateness of the hour at which the recital of Haydn's "Creation" terminated on Wednesday evening at the Metropolitan Methodist church, it was impossible to give the performance the amount of notice which it so much deserved. The above reasons will explain the slight reference made in yesterday's issue to an event which marks a long step forward in Victoria's musical annals, and gives so much encouragement to the hope (now growing rapidly into a certainty), that Victoria is destined to be the undisputed art and musical centre of the province, but also of Western Canada. No person who was present at the recital on Wednesday evening will dismiss as extravagant the foregoing assertion.

The principal share of credit for the success of that noteworthy recital must, of course, be given to Mr. Gideon Hicks. He has again proved that he is to be trusted in the fullest measure in preparing those grand concerts, and also that he possesses in an eminent degree the multifarious qualities which go to make up that rara avis, the born conductor. Most praiseworthy were the results of his long and strenuous training of his choir. While it must be admitted that sometimes it did not, or a portion of it, did not respond with the electric promptness to which some in the audience have been accustomed to see, the vast assemblages at the Birmingham and Leeds musical festivals, say, respond to the last movement of the controlling baton; yet it must also be admitted that such proficiency is acquired only after "pain and tears"—the professional's hard road to the stars. Mr. Hicks conquered his difficulties manfully, and neither he nor his choir need feel the least apprehension as to their work on Wednesday evening. Nothing better, at all events, has befallen in Victoria in the line of oratorio.

The work of the orchestra deserves praise, but it is no unkindness to remark that a little more practice together on the Haydn music, which is plenteous in passages, never written for the dilettante, would have improved the ensemble. With the exception of one or two slight slips, and a little ragged ness in the tempo occasionally, the orchestra fully deserves share in the praise which it is so just in this case to give.

The soloists merit very warm encomiums upon their work. Miss Bradley, the beautiful and accomplished young lady from Tacoma, had on previous occasions secured for herself a very high place in the esteem of the musically cultured Victorians, but without doubt she surpassed her own record on Wednesday, and that is saying a good deal in small compass. Miss Bradley's voice is a tenderly-sweet soprano of good range; it shows in every note the evidences of very skilful training, although withal, the imposition of the artificial has in no wise eradicated the delicious birdlike quality, which constitutes in a great degree the magical sweetness of Miss Bradley's voice. Proof of its penetrating powers was often afforded in the sublimely beautiful passages of the oratorio allotted to Miss Bradley; clear, clarion-like and pure as the call of a mountain shepherd across the valleys at the evening heimgang, her thrilling notes could be heard through the chorus' full swing; and without strain or effort, but yet with all the necessary mobility of feature that only adds. Miss Bradley's voice and presence recall to an old-time follower of oratorio in the old country the subtle sweetness and grace of that idol of the people in her day, Mary Davies.

Mr. Albert T. Goward, Victoria's deservedly popular tenor, must be cordially praised for his work on Wednesday evening, although the explanation that Mr. Goward has been suffering somewhat from illness for some time past will account for the fact that he was not then heard at his best. There can be no question that Mr. Goward, at his best in those "Creation" excerpts, would outshine any singing he has ever done in the city. As it was, though handicapped, he acquitted himself with much distinction. Mr. Goward's smooth, melodious tenor is peculiarly adapted to the tuneful lines of Haydn, and in one or two of his solos he achieved something very like a triumph. He voice became richer and stronger as he sang.

Mr. Herbert Taylor made for himself a new place in the estimation of Victoria critics on Wednesday. If anything better in oratorio singing has been heard in Victoria than Mr. Taylor's treatment of the recitative, "And God said," it must have been a treat indeed. Mr. Taylor is certainly showing new powers at every appearance that he makes before the public. His duets with Miss Bradley, as well as those of Mr. Goward and Miss Bradley, were things to remember for a lifetime. Several times Mr. Taylor had the opportunity to exert his full powers, and the effect was very fine. His singing of "Ye That on Mountains Stately Tread" was a very worthy effort, and the glorious music of it was brought out in all its perfection.

All through Haydn's immortal masterpiece there are glittering jewels of melody, and splendors of harmony which are set forever in the affections of that portion of the human race which can appreciate the concord of sweet sounds. It is interesting to bring forth occasionally those heirlooms of the race and contrast their glories with the latter-day strains. Haydn was master of symphony; he stood midway as a composer between

"The might strains of Haendel,
And the passion of Mozart."

In his numerous compositions the two intermingle and blend in a manner altogether delightful. It is the test of good singing to be able to do justice to those arias, recitatives and choruses of Haydn's "Creation." If the oratorio be weak in some places, it is magnificently redeemed in those portions referred to in the foregoing. Haydn accomplished the feat of composing what is known as probably the most perfect piece of harmonies in existence, the Austrian national hymn ("Gott Erhalte Franz den Kaiser"), just as Poe accomplished the same extraordinary feat in poetry in his three stanzas, "To Helen."

The bright gems of the Wednesday evening recital were Miss Bradley's "The Marvelous Work," "With Verdure Clad," "On Mighty Pens Uplifted Soars," "Most Beautiful, Appear," and the "Eve" solos. Mr. Goward did ample justice to "In Splendor Bright" and "In Lofty Circles," while he did splendidly in "In Native Worth," "In Rosy Mantle Appears" and "O Happy Pair." Mr. Taylor was grand in 'And God Created," "Rolling in Foaming Billows"; but he reached the climax of his work in "And God Said," which was splendid. The famous choruses, "The Heavens Are Telling," "Achieved is the Glorious Work," "Forever Blessed be His Power," and the closing chorus, "Sing the Lord," were sung in a manner that must have rewarded Mr. Hicks for all his arduous toil and sedulous attention to training.

That immortal strain, "The Heavens Are Telling," was very grand indeed; pianos, orchestra and grand organ uniting to swell the volume of sound, until the walls trembled and the audience thrilled with the majesty of its wonderful harmonies. It is said that both Haendel and Haydn had visions of the heavens opening as they gazed into space, and that they saw and heard the Angelic choirs singing the eternal praises of the Almighty. It is when one hears a really good chorus, with grand organ and orchestra, singing such a piece as "The Heavens Are Telling," as it was done at the Metropolitan church on Wednesday night, that one can well believe the tradition of the two great masters of music.

Of Mr. Jesse Longfield's work on the organ bench little need be said here; his reputation as an organist is too well established; he comes from an English county that has been prolific in masters of this supreme instrument. Mr. Longfield is a young man yet, and his talents should place him very high.

Mr. G. Jennings Burnett, at the pianoforte, rendered most valuable aid throughout the recital, his delicacy of touch and splendid time being greatly admired. Dr. Nash's leading of the orchestra deserves all praise; he will undoubtedly achieve much with the capable group of musicians whom he has gathered around him.

It seems to be now in order for Mr. Hicks to prepare his fine chorus and orchestra for another recital, say "The Messiah" or "Elijah," and it might be mentioned here that in the latter Mr. G. Jennings Burnett, some years ago at that very musical city, New Westminster, won great praise as a soloist, and no doubt he could be induced to take part in that capacity again. It would be a treat for a Victoria audience.

The following are the names of those who took part in the memorable recital on Wednesday evening:

Sopranos—Mrs. Acton, Mrs. Auld, Miss Auld, Miss Bailey, Miss Bradford, Mrs. Burnett, Miss Carlyon, Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Clyde, Miss Colquhound, Miss Crawford, Mrs. Cullum, Mrs. Defoe, Miss Deaville, Miss B. Deaville, Miss Dier, Miss Fick, Mrs. Giffen, Miss Goodfield, Miss Graham, Mrs. Harris, Miss Harris, Miss E. Hart, Miss M. Hart, Miss Hatch, Miss Heathfield, Mrs. Huxtable, Miss Iredale, Mrs. H. Knott, Miss Malpas, Miss Marchant, Mrs. Manson, Mrs. Mesher, Miss McMicking, Miss McMillan, Mrs. Nicholson, Miss Nute, Miss Palmer, Miss M. Renfree, Miss E. Renfree, Miss E. Scowcroft, Miss D. Scowcroft, Miss Sherk, Miss D. Smith, Miss F. E. Smith, Miss Spencer, Miss Talbot.

Altos—Miss Acton, Miss Archbutt, Mrs. Creech, Mrs. Currie, Miss Dean, Mrs. J. T. Deaville, Miss Foxall, Miss Giffen, Miss E. Giffen, Miss Gilchrist, Miss Gisselman, Miss Goodfield, Miss Harris, Mrs. Heatherne, Miss Herbert, Mrs. G. Hicks, Mrs. W. Hicks, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Kayton, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Luney, Mrs. W. Luney, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Martindale, Mrs. Maynard, Miss Mitchell, Miss Nicholas, Miss Reith, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Scowcroft, Miss L. Scowcroft, Miss Seers, Miss D. Sehl, Mrs. Spofford, Mrs. Wescott.

Tenors—C. Budden, J. C. Cox, J. T. Deaville, C. Deaville, W. W. Duncan, J. L. Forrester, D A. Fraser, H. Giffen, J. M. Holmes, Rev. J. P. Hicks, Mr. Hendall, R. H. Johnston, W. D. Kinnaird, A Petch, J. Petch, J. Redman, E. Rogers, H. T. Stannard, J. R. Wescott, J. A. Williams, F. Wills, R. Worlock.

Bass—Mr. Back, Mr. Barrick, J. G. Brown, A. L. Brownlie, W. Cullingford, G. Deaville, W. A. Deaville, D. Graham, J. H. Griffiths, H. Hart, Wm. Hicks, Mr. Hill, Herbert Knott, Wm. Luney, H. Marchant, Col. R. Munro, C. F. Oliviere, T. Palmer, R. Petch, C. H. Rhodes, T. Rolfe, F. Russell, T. P. D. Sargison, F. Sehl, Mr. Shakleton, S. Talbot, F. Waddington, A. Wheeler.

Orchestra—1st violins, Dr. Nash and T. R. Smith; 2nd violins, N. Barker and T. Hood; viola, Dr. Cobbett; violoncellos, Arthur Longfield and Aaron Parfitt; flute, G. H. Larrigan; cornet, C. Bay; Double bass, T. Matthews.

Serious Accident At Cumberland

Timberman Falls in Front of Loaded Cars and One Leg Is Cut Off.

Black Diamond City Statistics For the Month of November

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Dec. 3.—A timberman named Joseph Crossett, while walking out of the new anthracite mine at Cumberland this morning, tripped on a wire rope, falling in front of a trip of loaded cars which passed over him, cutting off one of his legs below the knee and inflicting severe internal injuries. He was taken to the hospital in a serious condition.

A mule driver named Frank Barious was also run over by a loaded coal car in No. 4 mine this morning. He had his ankle badly smashed, which will cripple him for some time to come.

Oliver Lodge, No. 192, Daughters of St. George, has installed officers for next year, as follows: W. P. president, Mrs. I. Snowden; W. president, Mrs. M. A. Thomas; W. V. president, Mrs. F. Piper; W. F. secretary, Mrs. B. Pollard; W. R secretary, Mrs. B. Wagstaff; W. treasurer, Mrs. E. Freeman; W. chaplain, Mrs. J. Broom; W. first conductor, Mrs. I. Hodgson; W. second conductor, Mrs. S. Hope; W. inside guard, Miss M. A. Dickenson; W. outside M. A. Hodgson, Mrs. Snowden, Miss Dickenson. The installation was performed by W. District Deputy Mrs. M. A. Hodgson, assisted by W. P. President Miss Dickenson as conductor. After the formal ceremonies refreshments were served and a very pleasant social evening was spent by the members.

The weather record for November shows a total precipitation of nearly ten inches, about one-third of the usual rainfall for an entire year. There were only four fine days in the month, and in one period of twenty-four hours a tropical downpour of almost one and a half inches was recorded. Even for November the weather was moist to an extent far beyond the normal.

At the custom house in November dutiable goods were entered to the value of $13,875, on which the sum of $5,412.92 was collected. The free list amounted to $2,563.00.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. gave a very interesting entertainment on Tuesday evening, in which Mrs. Nicholas, the president; Mrs. Priestley and Mrs. L. Manson took part. Among those who assisted were: Mrs. Cavalsky, the Misses Leask, Manson and Kemp, Mr. W. H. Kelly and Mr. Jackson. The Drake orchestra contributed several selection, and the Rev. Hughes gave an interesting address.

A very enjoyable private dance was given at the Assembly hall last evening by a number of young people. The great event of the season of this nature is the Masonic ball, which is booked for December 29th, and which promises to be the most brilliant for some years.

The steamer Pennsylvania came in yesterday to load coal for Honolulu. The steamer Wyefield is completing a cargo for San Francisco.

WAKEFUL CHILDREN.

For a long time the two-year-old child of Mr. P. L. McPherson, 59 N. Tenth street, Harrisburg, Pa., would sleep but two or three hours in the early part of the night, which made it very hard for her parents. Her mother concluded that the child had stomach trouble, and gave her half of one of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which quieted her stomach, and she slept the whole night through. Two boxes of these Tablets have effected a permanent cure, and she is now well and strong. For sale by all druggists and dealers.

H. M. S. Flora May Be Saved

Rear Admiral Bickford C. M. G. Says He Hopes to Be Able To Float Her.

The Cruiser Is Hard and Fast on The Rocks and In a Bad Position.

Narrow Escape of Some of Her Officers When the Vessel Struck.

H. M. S. Flora, the big second-class cruiser, which crashed on the rocks at Village point, Denman island while going at a speed of about seven knots—less than half speed—is still in a bad position. In the opinion of Rear Admiral Bickford, who returned from the wreck yesterday to get wrecking gear and pumps on board H. M. S. Grafton, on which he returned to the wreck yesterday afternoon, there is some hope that the warship may be saved.

Yesterday morning when the tide ebbed the big cruiser was left a sorry looking monument to the mistake made by her navigating officer, who is said to have mistaken the spar buoy off the Village point reef for the pile beacon on the other side of the channel, off Base flats, and, swinging the cruiser to clear the reef, he not only succeeded in doing so, but got her well on the shore. She ran up on Village point to the northward side, well inside the reef.

When the tide fell yesterday it left her dry from amidships forward, holding fast on the rocks. She was fully half out of water and lying on practically an even keel at a steep angle. She does not move with the rise and fall of the tide. When the tide rises—there is a rise of twelve feet in five hours in Baynes sound—the water submerges her abaft of her funnels, the stern quarters being ten feet below the surface.

When the vessel struck on the roof it was high water. She crashed up with a shock, which awakened those of the officers and crew who were asleep. Some of the officers had a narrow escape, the chaplain Rev. Mr. Salisbury, having a very close call. The men forward did not suffer as no water reached their quarters. Following at once the crash torrents of water flooded in through the open scuppers—they had unfortunately been left open.

Rev. Mr. Salisbury, the chaplain was lying in bed in his room and suddenly, following the hard jar of the ship, a great torrent of water dashed into his room from the scupper, and he was almost drowned before he could clamber out and up the companionway in his night clothes. And there were several other similar narrow escapes. Officers whose watch it was below, were asleep—it was a little after seven o'clock in morning—and the sea which flooded in through the scuppers, the after part of the cruiser having been almost submerged immediately as a result of the manner in which the bow slid up on the shelving rock. Many clambered out through the flooding wardroom and alleys to the companion, some with their trousers in their hands, and others in only their robes de nuit, but all scrambled up the companions and up the now inclined deck to safety.

They are living in tents on shore, and will take up quarters on the flagship Grafton on her arrival today. The crew were working hard all day yesterday, continuing to take out the coal, gear and stores. The guns and ammunition were also being stripped from the vessel, in fact she was being thoroughly cleared, everything being taken out possible to lighten her.

Yesterday divers went down and closed the open scuttles, which are usually kept closed when the steamer is cruising in foggy weather. It is reported that the divers found that a hole had been punctured through the hull. Whether this is true or not cannot be learned, and a cursory examination by Admiral Bickford, who returned yesterday showed the damage not to be as great as was expected. Rear Admiral Bickford's examination showed that there had been some damage to the false keel as a result of the contact, but the vessel was not making water through her plates.

Yesterday afternoon when the tide changed after the flood, the vessel had a list to starboard of about fifteen degrees, and it was seen that some of her forward plates were badly twisted and strained. Work was commenced at once to block up the vessel to prevent her canting further to starboard, and on the arrival of H. M. S. Grafton today—the flagship left Esquimalt yesterday at 4 p. m. with wrecking gear and with two naval barges and the barge Isabel of the salvage company with the wrecking gear and the large pumps, with a capacity of many tons of water a minute and four portable boilers in tow, salvage operations will be commenced in earnest. H. M. S. Egeria, which arrived yesterday, sent her crew to assist in lightening the vessel in readiness.

This afternoon after the Grafton arrives big anchors will be thrown out aft, and efforts will be commenced to try and float her by hauling to the anchors, with the flagship and the Egeria assisting by hauling on lines placed on the stranded vessel. No tugs will be sought, the navy taking over the salvage of the cruiser and it is hoped by the Admiral that the operations will result in success, although, as he says, the operations will be difficult as the cruiser is in a bad position.

THE ADMIRAL RETURNS.

Rear Admiral Bickford, C. M. G., who returned from the scene of the Flora's misfortune on yesterday morning's train, in an interview given to a Colonist reporter said that while there is no doubt that the Flora is in a bad position, she having ran well up on the shelving rock at a high speed, still there is hope that she will be saved.

"You told the particulars of the accident very correctly in the Colonist yesterday," said the distinguished naval officer. "The Flora is in a bad position. At low water she is dry forward of her mainmast, from about amidships, with her after deck not more than two feet above the surface, while at high water—there is a rise and fall of about twelve feet in five hours—she lies with not much of her keel—a few feet, perhaps—above water, while abaft her funnels she is submerged with ten feet of water above her decks. She is not water borne, though being fast on the rock, and does not change her position with the rise and fall of the tide.

"Yes, there is no doubt that she is in a bad position, but from a cursory examination I do not think that she is as greatly injured about the hull as one would have expected. Her false keel is torn away at the bow, as one would expect from the force of her compact with the rock up which she slid after striking, but her plates are not damaged as much as would have been expected. It is not thought that there are any boulders penetrating her hull, as I understand was the case with the steamer Willamette, which stranded almost at the same spot. She is not making water below, and after the vessel is freed by the large centrifugal pumps which are being secured from Mr. Bullen of the British Columbia Salvage Company, divers having closed the open scuppers, we may be able to float her, at least we hope to.

"There is about five or six fathoms of water at the stern of the Flora, and the rock on which she is held shelves steeply. The cruiser is on the northerly side of the point, not on the reef which jutts out from the front. The officers, whose quarters are flooded—all were quartered in the submerged after part of the vessel—are living in tents ashore, but will go on board H. M. S. Grafton on arrival tomorrow. They had to leave the vessel hurriedly as the sea flowed in rapidly through the scuppers, which, unfortunately, had been left open. The officers will suffer much loss, for all their gear and effects are below water, in fact, some of them who left their beds had not even their uniforms.

"No, it is not usual for the scuppers to be left open when a vessel is traveling in foggy weather. They are usually closed when water-tight compartments are shut. You see when the bow slid up high on the rocks the cruiser was placed at an acute angle which threw her after part low down in the water, and with the scuppers open the sea flooded in rapidly and she soon filled aft.

"I have returned to secure wrecking gear for the salvage operations, for, although she is in a bad position, as I have said, in my opinion there is a chance to save her. I will leave on H. M. S. Grafton at four o'clock, taking the big pumps which we have secured from Mr. Bullen. H. M. S. Egeria having left last night is already at the scene of the wreck, and with her and the Grafton efforts will be commenced at once to salve the Flora. We shall not engage any merchant vessels or tugs to assist, but will undertake the wrecking operations with the Grafton and Egeria. Large anchors will be placed astern and when the pumps have pumped out the water which has flooded into the afterpart of the vessel, we will endeavor to haul her off.

"Already the crew have lightened her ocnsiderably. The coal, of which she had 600 tons on board, stores and gear was being taken out when I left, and the guns were being dismounted and taken ashore. The crew are working hard to take out the gear and stores of the cruiser.

"How the accident occurred? Well, that I cannot say. An investigation will take place as is customary, and that will be shown there. The accident occurred early in the morning, and I am told there was a thick fog at the time. The vessel was bound to Esquimalt from Union wharf."

CAPT. RITCHIE'S STORY.

A Nanaimo despatch says: "Captain Ritchie, of the Joan, who visited the Flora last night, says at low tide she was standing nearly on end with her smashed forefoot and forty feet of her bow high in the air and the after compartments and stern out of sight under water. He says she is apparently in no danger of breaking, as her back appears to be resting on a fairly even keel, which is badly damaged, and the forward compartment filled with water. If floated it will be by putting scows around the stern. The vessel is being stripped of guns and ammunition."

SCENE OF THE WRECK.

Village Point, where the Flora is wrecked, is a shelving rock which stands out, with a reef, from Denman Island, about four miles from the Union wharf. There is a red spar buoy moored in a depth of 21 feet at the extreme edge of the reef. Four miles further south, in Baynes Sound—the waterway which divides Denman Island from the mainland of Vancouver Island—a beacon consisting of three piles with two white discs, one showing to seaward and the other to the seaward entrance to the channel, marks Base Flats, which abuts into the channel from the mainland side.

It is this buoy, it is believed, which the navigating officer of the Flora believed was in sight when he saw the red spar buoy off Village Point, and turning to starboard to avoid that beacon as he thought, he swung the cruiser in on to the rocks of Village Point; he had mistaken the buoy and, thinking he was turning out into the channel from Base Flat, he had turned in to the rocky coast of Denman Island, instead of swinging to port to avoid the reef at Village Point, on which the warship is piled up.

There is an Indian village there, from which fact the point took its name. The rock shelves down to the water rapidly, and there are some large boulders below water there. The scene of the warship's accident is almost at the same place where the steam collier Willamette, now the Moutara—she was renamed after being repaired and lengthened at the Moran yards at Seattle—struck as she was leaving Union with a part cargo of coal on March 16th, 1901. The Willamette was caught in a similar position to the Flora, with her bow held fast by the rocks, while her after part was swayed by the tide until it settled down on a large boulder which caught her at the bilge and penetrated the hull. The Willamette broke her back, and was saved by the wreckers after being broken in two.

Village Point is two miles northwest of Fanny Bay, and a sand spit extends a short distance from this bay northward, is a good anchorage in ten fathoms known as Yachle. It is the reef off the Indian village, though, that is considered dangerous, and all vessels leaving Union wharf are warned to avoid the reef lying off the sand spit, on which the marine department has placed a red spar buoy.

Baynes Sound, the waterway in which the wreck occurred, separates Denman Island from the mainland of Vancouver Island. It is a narrow sheet of water eighteen miles long with an average navigable width of half a mile, and a general depth of from 20 to 20 fathoms, so that if necessary anchorage may at any time be secured in any part.

THE WRECKED WARSHIP.

The Flora is a steel hulled, twin screw ship, sheathed, and has a displacement of 4,360 tons. She is 320 feet long by 49.6 beam, and has a draught of 19.2 feet. Her horsepower is greater than that of the Phaeton's, it being 7,000 nominal draught and 9,000 forced draught, as against 5,000 nominal, the Phaeton's draught. She was built at Pembroke, engined at Barrow and launched in 1893. She cost £241,819 to build. She carries a complement of 312 men, and her armament consists of two 6-inch quickfiring, eight 4.7 guns, eight 6-pounders, one 3-pounder, four Maxims and four torpedo tubes. The vessel has a speed of 19.5 knots, which is considerably faster than the Phaeton's. In general design the vessel greatly resembles the Grafton, the flagship on this station. A peculiarity about her appearance are the places in her bow and stern, which were once used for torpedo openings. These have been closed up, but the square masses of metal remaining are conspicuous.

One of the two torpedo boats which were recently laid up in Esquimalt will, it is understood, be commissioned, and will be employed in establishing a rapid means of communication between the wreck and either Union or Esquimalt.

Since the arrival of H. M. S. Egeria a patrol has been started and all civilians are being kept from the scene of the wreck.

THE CRUISER'S OFFICERS.

The Flora, which was commissioned in England on November 11th, 1902, arrived here last June, and has the following officers on board: Capt. Casper J. Baker; Lieuts. (G.), Frank O. Lewis, (N.) Harold F. Grant, Philip H. Waterer, Hon. Alex. R. M. Ramsay; Lieut. R. N. R., Arthur J. Coleman; Eng. Lieuts., Sydney J. Drake, W. J. Ford; Chaplain, Rev. Charles H. Salisbury, M. A.; Staff Surgeon, Frederick J. Burns, M. D.; Staff Paymaster, H. K. Horsey; Surgeon, Percy F. Alderson; Sub-Lieut., James H. Nelld; Gunner, Thos. Sandover; Carpenter, William Marks; Midshipmen, Chas. M. Crichton, Victor R. Williams, Christopher J. F. Eddis, Owen H. K. Maguire, Knightley V. Orlebar, Ronald Hume, Bertram E. Jones, Russell A. Bell-Serr, Cecil E. Wilkins, Alfred B. Kennedy; Clerk, Harry W. Robins; Asst. Clerk William A. Lloyd.

A COINCIDENCE.

As a peculiar coincidence, it is remarked that the wreck of H. M. S. Flora occurred on the same day when H. M. S. Condor rounded Race Rocks, and ran into the heavy gale in which the vessel foundered off Cape Flattery, and the steamers Mattenwan, which was bound out from Nanaimo for San Francisco with coal, was lost.

The Flora was to have brought the new Commodore of this station to Esquimalt, it having been arranged that she was to proceed from Esquimalt to Vancouver on Friday next to bring Commodore Goodrich to Esquimalt to relieve Rear Admiral Bickford, C. M. G., who leaves for England on the 14th inst.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

The amount of ore received at the Hall Mines smelter during the month of November amounted to 3,482 tons. The bullion shipped was 538 tons.—Nelson News.

G. W. Cornish, an Australian mining expert, arrived in Nelson last night from Ottawa. Mr. Cornish came to Canada about ten days ago from England with the intentention of looking up some mining propositions in B. C. which he has been commissioned to secure by Australian capitalists. Mr. Cornish was the mining representative of the Queensland government at the Glasgow exhibition in 1901, and also at the Earlscourt exhibition. He leaves Nelson this morning for Greenwood, where he intends to make his headquarters while he thoroughly explores the country.—Nelson News.

As an instance of the improvement in business conditions in Nelson during the past twelve months, some figures shown to a reporter of the Daily News yesterday by the manager of one of the local wholesale establishments are interesting. In the month of September this firm did over $4,000 more business than during the corresponding month of the previous year, $6,000 more in October, 1903, than in October, 1902, and $5,000 more in November, 1903, than in November, 1902. Other local wholesalers have also done a much larger business this year, and from all indications the increase is steadily growing. The payroll in and tributary to Nelson is considerably more than double what it was a year ago.—Nelson News.

The action which has been taken in connection with the reduction of the expenses of the civil service, is one that will meet with hearty support from the people. It is to be hoped that what has already been done is but the beginning of such a thorough reorganization of the service, as will ensure efficient performance of all necessary duties, without the employment of a superfluity of officials.—Vernon News.

The corporation has commenced the first of the long list of actions threatened to secure the payment of delinquent taxes. Yesterday a writ was issued in the supreme court by the city against the West Kootenay Power & Light Company, and the facts in connection therewith are of special interest. The defendant company is not in the position of refusing to pay taxes, but a question has arisen as to whether these taxes shall be paid to the province or the city. In view of this point being at issue it is probable that the attorney-general will be joined as a defendant in the action. The power company has always paid its taxes without a murmur, and now stands ready to hand over the sum as soon as it shall be judicially determined which interest is entitled to receive the sums and give the company a clearance.—Rossland Miner.

The Liberal Conservative Club was formally inaugurated on Sunday evening last. The club rooms recently occupied by the government engineering staff, were full to overflowing by members of the Chilliwack Liberal-Conservative party, and great enthusiasm prevailed among those present, who were presided over by S. A. Cawley. After a full discussion as to the best method of conducting the club, the following were elected as the first officers thereof, to hold office at the annual general meeting: Hon. President, G. Ashwell; president, G. H. W. Ashwell; vice-president, A. Leslie Coote; secretary, H. H. Wilmot; treasurer, C. B. Reeves, who, with a committee of three, viz: W. A. Thornton, Samuel Ford, J. C. Bartlett, form the executive committee.—Chilliwack Progress.

Britian Cuts Gordian knot

Purchases two Men-of-War Wanted By Russia and Japan.

Battleships Among Fastest In World and Will Join China Fleet.

London, Dec. 3.—The frequent cabinet councils are now explained by the purchase of the two Chilian battleships, and congratulations from all sides are being extended to the government, not only on its acquiring such valuable and needed additions to the navy, but at the same time on avoiding what might have been troublesome incidents had the battleships been sold to either of the two powers now supposed to be on the brink of war. At the same time the purchase of the vessels at the present moment is held to prove that the British government is genuinely anxious concerning the position of affairs in the Far East.

The two battleships are among the fastest in the world. The Libertad on Wednesday maintained in satisfactory deep sea trials a speed of 17¾ knots for twenty-seven hours continuously, while both vessels are remarkable for their powerful armaments and their exceptional coal capacity. The weight of their striking powers is only exceeded by that of the latest vessels built for the United States, and their purchase brings the total of first-class battleships built or building for the British navy, up to 48. It is not unlikely that the Libertad and the Constitution will be sent to reinforce the British China squadron, for they are considered eminently suitable.

Yokohama, Dec. 3.—It is reported at Tokio that Japanese Minister Kurino at St. Petersburg twice within the past ten days had demanded of Count Lamsdorff a reply to the final proposals of the Japanese government. Count Lamsdorff proposed proceeding to Alexandrov for the purpose of securing the sanction of the Czar to the draft of the answer drawn by Viceroy Alexieff and Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, but had so far been prevented from so doing owing to the illness of the Czarina. The Emperor of Japan, it is expected, will open the Diet December 8, when it is hoped that definite developments in the Far Eastern situation may avret the impending crisis and allay the domestic impatience.

A TIMELY SUGGESTION.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy nearly as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children, for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both infants and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by all druggists and dealers.

Colonel Cortina of the Mexican army, has presented President Diaz with a saddle that cost $20,000. The Colonel has spent seven years superintending its production. It is possible that the saddle will be exhibited at the St. Louis exposition.

Augus K. Stuart, of Greenwood, who has been over in Germany and other countries on the continent for the past six months is on his way home. He arrived in Nelson last night and leaves for his home this morning. Mr. Stuart is one of the pioneer newspaper men of the Kootenays, having started his first paper within a few days of John Houston's first venture. —Nelson News.

Chinese Employed Underground

Inspector Morgan Secures Seventy-two Convictions Against Wellington Co.

Coal Shipments From Nanaimo —Harry MacIndoo Joins "the Force".

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Dec. 2.—The proceedings against the Wellington Colliery Company for employing Chinese underground resulted in seventy-two convictions today. Inspector Morgan says he will continue the prosecution of similar batches of cases unless the Chinese are removed. The company having won one case before the privy council naturally object to being disturbed until the new law is shown to be valid.

The foreign shipments of coal from this port during November amounted to 18,421 tons, a considerable increase on the average for this year. This does not include the local shipments, which run to about 10,000 tons more.

Harry MacIndoo, the popular constable, is "back to the army again." Mr. MacIndoo was one of the men whose services were dispensed with here when the government reduced the provincial police force. He has been taken on by the city, as Constable Neen, who is in the hospital, unfortunately does not look like getting better very soon. The appointment has given great satisfaction locally.

The local Odd Fellows took a leaf out of the book of their Victoria brethren on Monday evening, Centennial Lodge giving a social to which the members of other local lodges were invited. Bros. Green, Wobank, Allsopp, Ferguson, Carroll Langham, Newton and Crossan rendered an impromptu programme. Bros. Deifel, Morgan, Newton and Janey carried off the whist prizes. It is probable that the function will be repeated frequently during the winter.

The Mosquito Athletic Club, one of the finest athletic organizations in the city, a body which had its genesis a few years ago in a team of intermediate lacrosse players, have elected officers for next year as follows: President, O. Dobeson; vice president, T. Gray; secretary, W. Steele; treasurer, J. Murray; financial secretary, J. S. Hague; committee of management, J. Cully, C. Young, C. Roswell. The club will give an athletic exhibition in their hall in the near future.

Much to the satisfaction of many of the ratepayers Ald. Morgan Harris has announced his intention of again seeking civic honors. Ald. Harris has not a great deal to say at the council board, but as chairman of the Water Works Company for many years his knowledge of the system is of the greatest value to the city now that the works have become municipal property. Immediately after that event Mr. Harris was elected to the board, and has ever since given the council the benefit of his experience as freely as he did the directors of the old company.

COW ON TRACK.

C. P. R. Train on Crow's Nest Branch Derailed by Vagrant Bovine.

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 30.—The C. P. R. eastbound train on the Crow's Nest branch ran into a cow Saturday evening near Cranbrook, and was partially derailed, three cars and the engine running off The engineer was injured and other train employees and the passengers were severely shaken up. No other damage was done.

NEGRO LYNCHING.

Shreveport, La., Nov. 30.—In the presence of a crowd of 1,200 whites and negroes, Phil. Davis, Walter Carter and Clint Thomas, all negroes, were lynched today within a short distance of Belcher. The men were executed for participating in the fatal shooting of Robert Adger, a business man. The negroes confessed, and all three were hanged to a single limb of a tree. Two other negroes were released after proving they had nothing to do with the shooting.

MGR. BRUCHESI AMAZED.

On Return from B. C. Archbishop Expresses Amazement at Progress.

Montreal, Nov. 30.—Mgr. Bruchesi, archbishop of Montreal, who has just returned from a trip to British Columbia, has an interview in the papers today in which he expresses himself more than delighted with all he saw. The progress of the country amazed him.

POWDER WORKS EXPLODE.

Carthage, Mo., Nov. 30.—The mix house of the Independent Powder Company's plant, five miles southwest of Carthage, blew up this afternoon, instantly killing two mixers and seriously, if not fatally, injuring four other men. The cause of the explosion is not known.

ST. ANDREW'S IN NEW YORK.

New York, Nov. 30.—The 147th annual banquet of the St. Andrew's Society of the state of New York, was held tonight at Delmonico's, 145 being present. Bishop Potter, Andrew Carnegie, President Wilson of Princeton, Sir Percy Sanderson and Charles M. Schwab were among those present.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

Montreal, Nov. 30.—The customs report from Montreal for the eleven months ended today, total $12,336.99, as compared with $10,077,454.46 last year.

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—The customs receipts of the Dominion for the five months ended November 30, total $17,553,000, an increase of $2,949,254 over the corresponding period of last year.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

Paris, Nov. 30.—The general belief in well-informed circles prevails that the commission to pronounce upon the admissability of the request of Alfred Dreyfus for a judicial revision of his case, will submit its conclusions to the minister of justice within a week. The commission will pass on two points, the uses made of the pretended bordereaux, annotated by Emperor William, and the alleged false testimony of Czernuski during the court-martial at Rennes.

In consequence of the agitation following this action taken in the Dreyfus affair, the government has allowed the publication of the declaration made at the last meeting of the council by M. Valle, the minister of justice. The minister communicated to his colleagues the contents of the dossier and the result of the examination made by War Minister Andre and himself.

WINNIPEG CLEARINGS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—The clearing house returns for the week ending December 3, 1903, were $7,255,855; corresponding week, 1902, $5,840,316; same week, 1901, $5,870,897.

SPANISH MINISTRY RESIGNS.

Madrid, Dec. 3.—At the close of today's ministerial council the Marquis Villaverde, the premier, proceeded to the palace and tendered the resignation of the cabinet of King Alfonso.

A Heavy Collection.—Messrs. O'Connell and Booth visited the business men of Nanaimo on behalf of the hospital there and collected the handsome sum of $1,100 for that deserving institution.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Commissioner of Crown Lands and Works, for permission to purchase 160 acres more or less of pastoral and agricultural land, as hereinafter described. Commencing at a post driven in south bank of Bulkley river, at northeast corner of land staked by one R. H. Kidd, running thence southwest along said Kidd's claim 80 chains, thence about southeast 20 chains, thence back to Bulkley river, thence down said river to initial post.

ALBERT FREEMAN.

September 29, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land, situate on the northwest coast of Kai-en Island: Commencing at a post marked A. E. Johnston's S. W. corner, thence running east 80 chains thence north 80 chains, thence west to the shore, thence along the shore to point of commencement, containing an area of 640 acres or less.

A. E. JOHNSTON.

Kaien Island, Sept. 28, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase the following tract of land situated on Kai-en Island, commencing at a post marked "F. Parker's S. W. Corner," thence running east 80 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence 20 chains to point of commencement, containing an area of 160 acres more or less.

F. PARKER.

Kai-en Island, Sept. 27. 1903.

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