

THANKSGIVING DAY.

This is Thanksgiving Day. Have Canadians as a people anything to be thankful for? They have. Peace and plenty have been vouchsafed to them.

The blessings of plenty are many and great, and we Canadians enjoy a very large share of them. The harvest has been abundant and the great body of the people have either directly or indirectly participated in its benefits.

Our country is, in spite of all the croakers say, prosperous. The people of Canada are not sluggards. They are, on the contrary, industrious and energetic.

Individually people have their troubles and their losses, their sorrows and their bereavements, but when they think over their condition by far the greater number of them will gladly admit that they have much to be thankful for.

THE ADMIRALTY HOUSE.

The Grand Jury directed attention to a matter of great public interest when it recommended the erection of an Admiralty House. Such a house must of necessity be in Esquimalt.

The Province undoubtedly derives many advantages from having one of its ports made a naval station, but it would, we think, be altogether unfair to ask the Province to take upon itself the whole burden of the construction of the Admiralty House.

The city, which doubtless derives the greatest number of direct advantages from having the naval station in its vicinity, should contribute its share towards making the Admiral of the squadron comfortable while on the Pacific Coast.

that if the Province, the city of Victoria and the Dominion Government each did its part as promptly and cheerfully as it ought, a suitable residence for the Admiral would soon adorn the shores of the harbor of Esquimalt.

THE KAISER AND KRUGER.

It now appears that the congratulatory telegram sent to President Kruger by the German Emperor, on the occasion of the defeat of Dr. Jameson's raiders, had no hidden significance. It was what it appeared to be—a message congratulating the President at having defeated an invader and escaped what at a distance appeared to be a great danger.

CORRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR:—A clerical error appears in the second line from the top of page 432, of my History of British Columbia, relative to the land grant to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway.

DUFFERIN AT BELFAST.

Lord Dufferin was entertained on Wednesday at a banquet by the Lord Mayor and citizens of Belfast. In responding to the toast of his health he alluded to the repeated occasions on which he had enjoyed the generous hospitality of the city, and said the present was "positively his last and final appearance" on the stage of official life.

"I do not hesitate to assert that as a race we are undoubtedly a genial, kindly, and benevolent community. (Hear, hear.) Indeed, it is our humanitarian enthusiasm that proves such a stumbling block to the foreigner. Our natural instinct is to regard our countrymen with a lazy kind of good will, to be rather glad than otherwise at their well-being, and to sympathize very kindly with their calamities and to saluate their excellencies with ungrudging applause.

Every well educated Englishman appreciates and admires the civilization of France (hear, hear), the amiability, the wit, the gaiety, and the emotion in the fields of literature and art of the French people (hear, hear); and between the Irish and the French there must always exist the sympathy born of their ethnological affinity. ("Hear, hear," and laughter.) Then the Germans—for years past we have been taught to regard them almost like our own kith and kin, possessors of the same burly, genial, beer-loving laughter, industrious, practical nature as ourselves, Austrians and Englishmen always get on together, as we do also with the Hungarians, our common love of horses and sport invariably proving a never-failing source of sympathy and comradeship.

To provide a site for such a building as the Grand Jury suggests would not, we think, be a very difficult business. The difficulty and the delay would commence after the site is obtained. Who is to erect the building and make it suitable for the residence of a gentleman occupying the high position of Admiral? If Her Majesty's Government would take upon itself the expense there is no more to be said. But in comparatively small matters like this Her Majesty's government is at times wonderfully economical. We cannot help thinking

the salvation of the Armenians cannot be found in any special geographical region to be applied to them alone, which would be a physical impossibility; but in such reforms as would protect their lives, liberties, and property of all the Christian subjects of the Porte, as well as those of their Moslem and fellow-countrymen.

This state of things Lord Dufferin attributed in part, with Mr. Curzon, to our detachment from the anxieties and political problems which trouble most of the continental states, and partly to the sudden impulse towards expansion which had brought France and Germany into collision with our claims and interests at various points.

The second conviction that had been borne in upon him during his long contact with the outside world was that force, and not right, was still the dominant factor in human affairs; and that there was a necessity to maintain in full vigor, both by sea and land, the prerogatives necessary for our own preservation. But there had recently dawned above the horizon a consolatory idea—that of erecting the principle of arbitration into a permanent and abiding instrument of peace and conciliation.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

For the man of limited income there have been many unpleasant changes in the markets this week. First and foremost flour has advanced fifty cents on certain brands, and gives promise of a still further rise; all creamery butter has gone up ten cents in the scale of prices; hay is becoming scarce and expensive, and the same upward tendency is noticeable in all feed stuffs.

After commenting on the fact that every post to which a man could honorably aspire within the gift of the Crown was placed within the reach of any Irishman who was anxious to devote his talents to the service of the Queen, Lord Dufferin proceeded to give his hearers some impressions derived from his experience in the diplomatic service. One of them was that Great Britain, though her relations with nearly all the other Powers were friendly and her feeling towards them one of almost unqualified goodwill, was by no means popular in Europe.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Flour, Oats, Corn, Wheat, and other commodities with their respective prices per unit.

DEATH FROM SUFFOCATION.

Almost a Fatality But for Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart—Strange Story of a Northwest Lady. A death to be dreaded is that from suffocation, and yet that is one of the usual phases of heart disease.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

The Countess of Aberdeen in Vancouver—A Missing Man—Accidentally Shot.

Cold Weather Up Country—That Highwayman—Among the Mainland Miners.

VANCOUVER. VANCOUVER, Nov. 24.—H. A. Jones left for Kootenay to-day. He will embark in the real estate business there.

Mr. John Crane and Miss Lizzie Thomas were married yesterday in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary.

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A. C. Stewart, a well known school teacher of Mount Pleasant, was accidentally shot yesterday and may die.

Mr. Stewart was in Bickett's tobacco store on Cordova street and was talking to the proprietor about the recent hold-ups, and the conversation naturally turned to revolvers. Mr. Rickett reached for his revolver and was about to explain how he would use it on a highwayman, when Mr. Stewart said "Take care, it might go off." Rickett then cocked the revolver and, as he thought, emptied all the cartridges with the ejector.

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A letter was read at the city council last night from the Northern Pacific road saying that the company would not assume the contract between their road and the projected B. & F. V. road.

NEW WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 24.—Kamloops jail is so full of prisoners that it has been decided to transfer five of them to Westminister, two of them being in for murder.

By-law granting free water and exemption from taxation to the project of the Automobile Road Company has been passed by 158 majority.

The Royal City Opera Company will produce "The Little Duke" at Herring's opera house on Wednesday and Thursday.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, Nov. 25.—The Fall Court of Assize was opened before Mr. Justice Walkem yesterday.

Judge Harrison drove out to Alberni on Tuesday to hold a Court of Revision there.

The following claims have been returned from Texada Island, Magnan Rodum, located by Mr. W. C. Creighton, of Vancouver; and the Great Copper Chief and Gladys, located by Mr. J. C. Lessard and three others.

GOLDEN. (From the Golden Era.) Hon. Col. Baker arrived from Ottawa on Friday of last week on his way to Victoria. In the evening he addressed a meeting of his constituents in the Queen's hotel.

The largest snowfall in the history of the country took place the latter end of last week, these being over three feet on the level.

CARIBOO. (From the B. C. Mining Journal.) About three feet of snow is on the ground at Quesnelle Forks and work still continues at the big dam.

Hugh Keefer and Robert Skinner from Vancouver have been up Cayoase creek and seem favorably impressed with mining prospects. Capt. Tatlow was also up Cayoase creek looking after some claims he owns, doing assessment work.

About fourteen men have been working on the Golden Cache trail, but will have to quit on account of the heavy snow fall. It was expected that machinery would be brought in for this mine this winter.

The ice in the Fraser river above Soda creek is solid and has given the steamer Charlotte considerable trouble. Unless a thaw comes she will have to be tied up for this season.

J. D. Prentice, manager of the Canada Western Ranching Company, arrived in town Monday evening, with over 800 steers to be shipped to the coast.

Sydney Williams, surveyor, has returned from a successful trip to the Chilooten, combining business and sport. He secured four big horns and a couple

RUGBY FOOTBALL JERSEYS—Just to hand. MACKINTOSHES—Warranted Waterproof. OVERCOATS—Best Make and Finish. UMBRELLAS—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and upwards. B. WILLIAMS & CO., 27 JOHNSON STREET.

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of deer. The largest specimen of the big horn measured fifteen inches. Last week the remains of Dan McDonald, a carpenter and resident of this place for some years, were buried in the cemetery at Quesnelle. He had been at Alexandria on Sunday, and was returning late at night, when near the house of Mr. Andre he stumbled over a trough by the roadside and fell headlong a distance of four feet. Next morning Mr. Andre found his lifeless body lying face down. Dan McDonald was much respected, and it is said he came to this country from Owen Sound, Ont.

EXPLOSION AT ROSSLAND.

ROSSLAND, Nov. 25.—An explosion occurred in the Alfie mine this morning. Two men, A. McDaniels and D. Patterson were thawing powder about five feet in front of the mouth of the tunnel, both being knocked senseless by the explosion. The powder was in a tin can, and the explosion was caused by the tin can being struck by a rock.

A company has been formed to drive a big tunnel through Red Mountain. J. E. McLaughlin, W. A. Campbell and J. J. Moynahan are the promoters. The scheme is an old one but is the first that has taken definite shape.

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CHIEF OF POLICE. MEAFORD, ONTARIO

Reports the Wonderful Cure of His Wife.

FOR YEARS A SUFFERER

From Stage to Stage of Bright's Disease of the Kidneys—Another Victory for Dodd's Kidney Pills.

MEAFORD, Nov. 23.—(Special) Mr. R. Dealy, Chief of Police of this place, whose character as well as position would stamp his statement as credible, was seen by your correspondent and in speaking of his wife's sufferings and cure said:—"My wife had been for years a victim from stage to stage of Knight's disease of the kidneys."

"This went on in spite of the best medical treatment as well as other prescribed medicines until we lost all hope. At last I was told of the wonderful cures made by Dodd's Kidney Pills and I concluded to procure a box and give them a trial."

"From the first box we could see improvement, and only three more boxes were required to complete her cure." "I am not surprised to hear and know of so many cures made by Dodd's Kidney Pills since so serious a case as this has been claimed to disappear when they are used."

BIRTHS. NIXON—On the 20th inst. the wife of J. Nixon, Victoria West, of a son.

DIED. KIRBY—At the residence of Mr. Theophilus Kirby, No. 34 St. Andrew's Avenue, on the 20th inst., Robert Kirby, a native of Devonshire, aged 78 years.

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Collector of Customs Appointed. WINDSOR, Nov. 24.—A report is current that William McGregor, M.P. for North Essex, will resign his seat and take the position of collector of customs here. Mr. Martin, the present incumbent, being superannuated.

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