

A CHANCE FOR BORDEN.

The Conservative party in the Dominion has a splendid opportunity to furnish evidence of the good faith of its professions. There are ten or a dozen elections to be held within a month.

We observe that the enthusiasm of the Conservative press has, for no apparent reason, subsided perceptibly. A few weeks ago the whole party was represented as bubbling over with anticipation.

THE MAYOR'S CHAIR.

The evil example of the McBride government in undertaking to seat one of its supporters in the Legislature who had forfeited his right to sit there was not long in bearing fruit.

There are sensitive souls in the world who can discover objections to all forms of sport. Lacrosse and football are so rough that he who enters into them is in danger of life and limb.

THE LILLOOET SEAT.

It is reported that the McBride government has decided to drop its Enabling Bill and that the opposition has consented to support a measure which will relieve Mr. McDonald in sitting and voting in an Assembly in which he had forfeited his membership.

QUEEN CITY FROM THE WEST COAST.

With between thirty and forty thousand feet of lumber from the new mill at Quatsino, the steamer Queen City arrived from the West Coast Thursday afternoon.

UMBRINA SECURES AN INDIAN CREW.

The Queen City, under command of Mr. McDonald, secured a valuable Indian crew for her voyage to Alaska.

SEALERS RETURN.

Four of the men who left Halifax on the schooner Agnes G. Donahoe, of the Balcom sealing fleet, last summer for the Falkland islands and seal grounds, returned home on the 17th inst. somewhat unexpectedly.

THE GRIP AGAIN.

This dangerous epidemic has made another appearance. A suggestion as to how to guard against the trouble and its pernicious after effects.

UNITED IN WEDLOCK.

Mr. Alex. Peden and Miss Violet Robinson joined in Bonds of Matrimony Thursday Evening.

INSPECTED WHATCOM.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer of yesterday's date says: 'The steamer Whatcom, ex-Majestic, of the Puget Sound Navigation Co., which has been long rebuilt and equipped for the Victoria run to replace the ill-fated Clallam, is expected to be ready for her run on February 4th.'

SUCCESSFUL SHOW OF LOCAL KENNEL CLUB.

The parlor show held Thursday under the auspices of the Victoria Kennel Club was a great success. There was a large attendance and the judging was followed with interest by spectators.

THE COAL TRADE.

In his report of the coal business for last year, J. W. Harrison, coal broker of San Francisco, says that the quantity of coal imported during 1903 amounted to 230,044 tons less than the previous year.

SEA-LOIN IS SAFE.

The anxiety over the safety of the steamer Sea-Loin, which was eleven days overdue on the run to Sumatra and way ports, was relieved last evening about 9 o'clock when her familiar whistle sounded as she neared the dock.

RECORD SILK SHIPMENT.

'Raw silk and silk goods to the value of no less than \$1,932,000 are on route across the Pacific on board the Empress of China, due to arrive on February 3rd.'

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CONTRACTS AWARDED FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Important Meeting Held by City Council—Successful Tender for Supplies—Other Business.

THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of Margaret Isabella Gill, Deceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrator's Act.

ARTIST'S MODEL DEAD.

New York, Jan. 29.—William Webb, the oldest artist's model in this city, has been found dead in his room from heart failure.

HOW DR. VON STAN'S PINK PILL TABLETS GIVE INSTANT RELIEF.

They're handy to carry—take one after eating—or whenever you feel stomach distress coming on—sufferers have proved it.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE DAY GIVEN UP TO PRIVATE MEMBERS. Committee After a Long Session.