VICTORIA IN GRIP OF WINTER

BUSINESS PRACTICALLY SUSPENDED IN CITY

Schools Are All Closed—Police Wear Caps by Order.

Victoria is experiencing ..
weather she has had for many years. In common with the rest of the Pacific Coast the city is held in the throes of a most severe storm. Commencing on Monday with a low temperature and a high gale conditions have not improved since. To-day the temperature is lower, although the wind is not quite so high. At the present time no moderation appears in sight, and business is partially suspended. The ice king seems to be taking a terrible vengeance upon the much-vaunted climate of the Pacific Coast.

From 16 above zero at noon yesterday the thermometer took a drop this morning and reached 9 above at 5 a. m., with a twenty-four-mile-an-hour wind blowing from the northeast. At five o'clock this morning there was half an inch of snow on the ground.

A further drop in temperature occurred about eight o'clock this morning, when the mercury settled down and rested at 7.3 above zero, which is by far the lowest point reached this winter for Victoria.

The High school opened this morning and remained open until noon, when it was closed for the day. All other schools did not open this morning and will remain closed until the temperature rises.

The ice at Beacon Hill this morning was lumpy and tough, but did not deter a number of skaters from going on it.

Chief of Police Langley this morning told the constables to provide themselves with caps with ear protection flaps attached for use during the cold spell. The officers complain it is impossible to face the wind on their beats in the regulation helmet, the chin strap of which will freeze to their faces, while protection against the wind is needed for their ears.

Water pipes suffered last night, and the plumbers are to-day reaping their harvest, working under the most trying conditions. Fortunately the fire brigade has not been called upon to face any serious fire.

The brigade was called to 931 Fort street to-day about 1 o'clock, where it was found the occupant had attempted to thaw out the water pipes with hot ashes, placing them against the side of the house. The woodwork caught fire, but did not gain sufficient hold to do much damage before the time the brigade arrived.

The meteorological office reports the following:

Victoria, at 8 a. m., 7.3 above, the lowest point reached during the storm; noon, temperature 9.3 above zero; northwest wind, 20 miles.

Portland, 5 a. m., 16 above; snowing.

Chicago, 5 a. m., 4 below; 9 a. m., 4 above.

Havre, Mont., 5 a. m., 26 below; northwest wind, 18 miles; snowing.

Memphis, Tenn., 9 a. m., 18 above.

San Francisco, temperature 50; light rain; pleasant warm weather.

PRAIRIE CLUB OFFICERS.

Annual Meeting Was Held Last Night in Club Rooms.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The Prairie Club held its annual meeting last evening in the club rooms. There was a good attendance and an enjoyable smoker was held. The officers elected were as follows: H. C. Revercomb, president; D. J. England, vice-president; R. W. Coleman, secretary-treasurer; W. C. Sheldon, Wm. Oliphant, C. A. Gass and Chas. F. Lay, members of executive committee.

An entertainment committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Switzer, J. Johnston, D. Stewart, W. Oliphant and J. Thompson. A games committee composed of Messrs. W. Muns, W. C. Sheldon, Wm. McKay, J. Graham and J. A. Turner was also appointed.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

John Henderson is Being Held at the City Lock-Up.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

John Henderson, formerly an employee of Bullen's ship yards, Esquimalt, is being held at the city gaol for safe keeping, having made an unsuccessful attempt to take his life. Henderson inflicted two gashes across his throat which required several stitches. His injuries are not serious. Before making the unsuccessful attempt to end his life Henderson had been drinking heavily. He lodged at Day's hotel, Esquimalt, and was found with two gashes across his throat by the people of the hotel who were attracted by the man's groans.

Dr. Robertson, who was summoned, attended to the wounds and Henderson was then taken to the police station and locked up. He will remain there until he comes to his senses and recovers from the effects of the drinking bout.

WILL SELL RACE TRACK.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 7.—A resolution to sell the race track at Readville was passed by the New England Horse Breeding Association to-day. Less than $40,000 of the $100,000 bond issue needed to prevent a sale has been subscribed for.

A Few Pre-Inventory Offerings

Before taking stock we wish to reduce. Not shop-worn goods, but new, seasonable, and of the highest quality.

SOME OF THE SAVINGS.

ENGLISH FLANNEL SHIRTS, $2.50, for $1.25
ENGLISH OXFORD SHIRTS, regular $2.00, for $1.35
ENGLISH OXFORD SHIRTS, regular $1.75, for $1.25
CRAVENETTE OVERCOATS, a splendid lot to select from, in greys, browns and fawns, neat and dressy, regular $20.00, for $15.00
ANOTHER LINE that regularly sells at $16.00, for $10.00
MEN'S UNDERWEAR, good value at $1.50, to clear at $1.00

FINCH & FINCH
HATTERS
1107 GOVERNMENT STREET.

OFFICERS OF EAGLES.

At the meeting of the Victoria Aerie, No. 12, F. O. E., last night, the officers were installed by Past Pres. J. M. Hughes and Grand Con. Geo. Cain. The new officers are as follows: P. Shandley, W. P. pres.; Frank Le Roy, W. pres.; W. H. P. Sweeney, W. V. pres.; Geo. W. Moody, W. chaplain; J. M. Hughes, secretary; J. H. Penketh, financial secretary; D. T. Barnhardt, W. treasurer; Chris. Hogan, W. con.; A. Randolph, W. inside guard; P. Christenson, W. outside guard; W. Blair, trustee; Dr. Geo. Hall, aerie physician; F. Billingsley, aerie musician.

The aerie is making arrangements to hold its annual ball in February.

WEDDED AT RECTORY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Miss Truran and ... Lindsay United in Marriage Last Night.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The wedding of two native Victorians, members of pioneer families, took place last evening, when Miss Constance Truran, only daughter of Mrs. Edward Truran, and Mr. Walter E. Lindsay, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lindsay, of Colquitz, were married. The ceremony was performed at St. John's church rectory by Rev. Percival Jenns.

The bride looked charming in a travelling suit of blue, with a hat to match. She was attended by Miss Ethel Casey and Miss Margaret Heaney, who were both in white. The groomsman was Mr. George Wilson.

After the ceremony a reception and supper were held at the home of the bride's mother, 328 Michigan street, only immediate relatives being present. The rooms were prettily decorated and an enjoyable time was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay left on the night boat for Vancouver, where they will make their home, amid the good wishes of their friends. The bride, who is very popular among a large circle, was the recipient of a great many handsome gifts.

CHIC AFTERNOON COSTUME.

For this attractive frock soft prune colored cashmere was used. The skirt is plain and long and the illustration shows the unique girdle effect which accentuates the fashionable short-waisted line. The square cut bodice with kimona top sleeves is worn over a cream net guimpe. Lace frills border the sleeves and make the jabot fastened at throat which passes underneath band of Persian embroidery as indicated.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, January, 1909.

Date.	TimeHt	TimeHt	TimeHt	TimeHt
	h.m. ft.	h. m. ft.	h. m. ft.	h. m. ft.
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3	.... ..	11 04 9.7	19 38 1.8	.... ..
4	.... ..	11 31 9.8	20 16 1.3	.... ..
5	.... ..	11 55 9.8	20 52 1.1	.... ..
6	.... ..	12 22 9.7	21 27 1.0	.... ..
7	.... ..	12 39 9.4	22 03 1.2	.... ..
8	.... ..	12 50 9.1	22 40 1.7	.... ..
9	.... ..	9 00 8.8	.... ..	23 18 2.3
10	.... ..	8 40 8.7	.... ..	23 57 3.0
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15	.... ..	9 25 8.9	17 58 6.0	.... ..
16	.... ..	9 42 9.0	18 06 4.1	.... ..
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18	.... ..	10 17 9.7	19 07 2.2	.... ..
19	.... ..	10 45 10.0	19 45 1.4	.... ..
20	.... ..	11 27 10.2	20 26 0.8	.... ..
21	.... ..	.... ..	12 15 10.2	21 08 0.5
22	.... ..	.... ..	13 09 10.0	21 51 0.5
23	6 47 8.3	9 44 8.2	14 08 9.5	22 35 0.9
24	6 44 8.4	11 00 7.7	15 12 8.9	23 20 1.6
25	6 53 8.5	12 10 7.1	16 26 8.0	.... ..
26	7 06 8.7	7 25 8.6	12 22 6.4	18 03 7.2
27	7 32 8.9	7 58 8.7	14 34 5.4	21 12 6.6
28	1 30 5.2	8 26 9.0	15 42 4.5	.... ..
29	.... ..	8 55 9.1	16 46 3.6	.... ..
30	.... ..	9 22 9.3	17 43 2.9	.... ..
31	.... ..	9 50 9.4	18 31 2.3	.... ..

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

Esquimalt (at the dry dock).—From observations during six months, in 1900, compared with simultaneous observations at Victoria: Add to the time of tide at Victoria: For high water 14m. For low water 17m.

—In chambers on Wednesday before Mr. Justice Irving, W. C. Moresby asked for an order approving of the sale of property belonging to the estate of the late Charles P. Nordstrom. The father died intestate, leaving two sons and a dead daughter's child. For their benefit an advantageous offer was seized of selling a piece of property on the West Coast. His Lordship approved of the action of the administrators and the necessary order will issue.

SECOND MEETING HELD BY W. C. STEWART

Ex-Mayor Morley Given an Opportunity to Speak Last Night.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

W. C. Stewart, candidate for alderman for Ward 1, held a meeting last night at the North Ward school house, Douglas street, and made a short address to the small body of electors who were present. The weather doubtless accounted for the small attendance. He said he was glad to see some had come out in response to the call he had made. He wished the ratepayers to elect him as alderman of Ward 1. In the course of his speech he said: "I wouldn't ask you for the job if I wasn't sure I could do it right. Elect me and if I don't suit you this year turn me out next year. I don't believe in second terms. I'll go down to that city hall and tell them what we want up here. You know I believe if a fellow wants a job he's got to go after it. I'm not going to talk to you people much to-night. I could talk to you for two hours. I've been round among the people, and what they want is sewer connections. They haven't had fair play, but I'm going to get it for them. The council should have put more work in on streets than on boulevards. Bill Stewart knows every street in this city, and Ward 1 has not had its share this year.

"Then they've been chewing the rag a lot about dog by-laws down at the city hall. Fancy paying $2 to keep a dog on a chain all day, and they don't collect half of them. A lady came down Government street the other day with two dogs on a chain, and she tripped me up. She tripped up lots of others.

"I believe I'm going to be elected. I'm not going to talk much to-night. I'm going to get down to work. I don't believe in giving $7,500 to the Tourist Association. I think $3,000 is any amount. The school by-law and the sewer by-law are the ones we should vote for. I won't keep you long as there is no stove here, and there is not a hole in the wall to put a stove pipe in. I was round here to-day and I'd give $50 to heat this room for you folks to-night. Yes I would.

"You'll have a chance to hear Bill Stewart again. I expect to live years yet. I want to hear some of the ratepayers. I have made enough money to live thirty-five years more, and I don't have to work, so I want to do something for Victoria. I like Victoria and I'm going to stay right here.

"Now you dare not say this city is a sanitary town. You have to get your sewer connections in right, and it will be the best advertisement you can have. I find lots with those ideas. Then the vice in the city must be cleaned up. My voice has been heard in this matter for thirty years."

Joseph Peirson, who presided, spoke shortly in opening the meeting and introduced the candidate to the audience. He called on J. H. Todd, formerly of Chicago, who recently came to Victoria to reside, for a speech. Mr. Todd then attacked the school trustees because the school in which the meeting was held was not sufficiently heated. He said his children had been sent home yesterday at noon, and he had found the temperature of the school at that time to be an avgrage for each class room of 44.7, going from 34 to 58. He said the trustees had no excuse, and then complained that the school walls needed painting. He had discovered the walls had not been treated to a cleansing for fifteen years. He supposed the trustees were responsible.

Later in the evening Trustee Staneland made a satisfactory reply to the complaint, and urged all to vote and work for the school by-law, that the conditions might be bettered.

The chairman called on A. J. Morley, who was present. Mr. Morley announced a meeting on Thursday night at the Victoria theatre, saying he was prepared to keep his speech till then, when he promised to tell of some of the things done by the present mayor and council that Mr. Morley said are now kept from the electors.

Continuing, he said: "In the absence of the mayor I will not attack him, but what he told you all at the meeting in the city hall was just what he wanted you to know. The other things are what I will tell you Thursday night. If Mayor Hall can prove to you after I have spoken that he had been a good servant and done his best I will hold up both hands for him for a second term. I am in the campaign for the good of Victoria only. The mayor must not be put in office on sentimental lines. Business is not carried on on sentiment, and Mayor Hall should not be given a further term on sentiment. A week ago the mayor was asked to agree to joint meetings, but the request has not been replied to. I am afraid we will not get the joint meetings we used to have before."

Miss Lawrence rendered several pretty violin selections before the meeting commenced.

SHIPPING REPORT.

Tatoosh, Jan. 7, noon.—Light snow; wind E. 64 miles; bar., 29.60; temp., 16; passed out, tug Hercules at 9 a. m.

Esteyah, Jan. 7, noon—Clear; calm; bar., 29.63; temp., 23; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo, Jan. 7, noon—Light snow; wind, N. W.; bar., 29.70; temp., 14; sea, moderate; at 11.45 spoke S. S. Chicago going through Seymour Narrows northbound.

Point Grey, Jan. 7, noon—Clear; wind, N. W.; bar., 29.62; temp., 12; passed out, Princess May at 8.55, Iroquois at 12.55, Princess Victoria at 1.40; passed in, Joan at 9.40, Camosun at 11.40, and Iroquois at 10.30.

Common crash, bleached or unbleached (the latter is better), makes nice, durable laundry bags, or wall pockets for dust cloths, and are easily laundered. Pieces, with ends fringed or hemstitched, make good common scarfs for bureaus or stands. Nothing is better for kitchen or baking aprons, and when no longer needed as aprons, they make the best kind of soft dowels. It makes serviceable cushion covers, and pretty ones when a design is outlined in marking cotton or wash silks. It is excellent for morning waists or dressing sacques, as they are none the worse for frequent washings, and the dirt drops out without much rubbing. Trim them with red or blue liner

FULL COURT FINDS IT COLD

THREE JUDGES SIT IN SPACE FOR ONE

Adjournment Had to Be Taken Owing to Counsel Not Arriving.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The cold weather is invading the courthouse and has driven the members of the supreme court bench from court to court in search of warmth. When the full court opened on Tuesday it was in the usual full-bench courtroom. Frozen out of there the assize courtroom was tried yesterday, but it was only a little better and this morning was like a refrigerator. For to-day the county court room was taken and there bench and bar found warmth and comfort. By the irony of fate, however, there were no cases ready to go on with and the court was not able to enjoy the luxury of heat enough for long.

The quarters are rather cramped for the judges although everyone else has room enough. Three of them have to find room where there is space provided for only one, and as their lordships laughingly remarked, they will have to agree. In fact, the two on the outside dare not shift their chairs or they will topple off the bench. It was nearly noon before the court, constituted of Chief Justice Hunter, Mr. Justice Irving and Mr. Justice Morrison, met.

An Important Case.

The first case called was that of Lilly vs. Johnston, one of great interest to the commercial community. The Lilly Company of Seattle secured a judgment for $12,000 in the Seattle courts against the Johnston Fishery Company of Nanaimo, in connection with a shipment of dog-salmon to Japan. In the British Columbia courts the Lilly Company sued to enforce this judgment and obtained a decision. Against this the defendants appealed and at the sitting in Vancouver last month it was argued on their behalf that as the Lilly Company was a foreign corporatoin which had never been registered in British Columbia it could not legally sue or enforce a judgment in Canada which had been obtained in another country.

The full court upheld this contention but agreed to allow the matter to be re-opened for further argument here.

W. J. Taylor, K. C., for the defendant-appellants, this morning asked for a few days' delay in order to make himself acquainted with the facts of the case, he having only just returned from England.

J. A. Russell, Vancouver, for the Lilly Company, had no objection but urged an early decision in view of the very important commercial bearing of the case. He mentioned that it has been discussed by the boards of trade of Montreal, Toronto and elsewhere.

The case was set down for argument peremptorily on Thursday next.

The delayed train service on the mainland is responsible for two cases having to be put over till to-morrow on account of the absence of S. S. Taylor, K. C., and W. A. Macdonald. These gentlemen are expected here this evening.

Anderson vs. Noyes has been put at the foot of the list, as a settlement is pending.

STORM RAGING OFF FLATTERY

(Special to the Times).

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 7.—A terrific wind and snowstorm is raging off the Washington coast and at the entrance to the Straits of San Juan de Fuca, lashing the waters into an angry fury. The wind at noon was reported to have a velocity of 60 miles an hour off Tatoosh Island.

MARRIED AT SOUTH SAANICH.

Mr. F. J. Sluggett and Miss Young Were Joined in Wedlock.

The marriage took place at South Saanich yesterday of Mr. Frederick James Sluggett and Miss Esther Rozella Young, both residents of the district. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. Letts, at the home of the groom's father, where Mr. and Mrs. Sluggett will make their future home. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. J. W. Sluggett, and Miss M. B. Young, sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid. The families of the principals in this happy event are both well and favorably known in South Saanich where they have resided for a long time.

GUAM ISLANDER MURDERER.

Seattle, Wn., Jan. 7.—Jose Nicholos, the Guam islander, who killed a man and child and seriously wounded a baby at Port Blakeley on December 29th, and trailed by blood hounds and arrested at Port Orchards two days later, was taken to Kitsan county this morning for preliminary examination. It was discovered to-day that the murderer's skull had been fractured in a fight the day before the killing, and he has received no medical attention to date.

$30,000,000 FOR WEST.

Vice-President White to Ask C. P. R. for a Big Appropriation.

(Special to the Times).

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 7.—Vice-President Whyte, of the C. P. R., when he leaves for Montreal this week will ask for a thirty-million dollar appropriation for construction work on the western lines.

DISMEMBERED BODY STUFFED IN CHURCH STOVE

Ghastly Crime in Michigan Township—Doubt About Victim's Identification.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 6.—With rumors and stories of all sorts floating about the countryside to-day, near Columbus township, where a dismembered body was found yesterday afternoon stuffed into the Methodist church stove, there is no positive development toward solving the mystery which shrouds the crime.

Suspicion of the accuracy of the identification of the body as that of Rev John H. Carmichael, of Adair, developed to-day. Another man is missing from the neighborhood, Gideon Browning, a carpenter, who lived near the minister. Only the trunk of the victim's body, part of the jaw bone and the false teeth, are left to offer a possibility of identification. The identification as the Rev. Mr. Carmichael was largely based on the fact that bloody clothing belonging to the minister and other possessions of his, including his spectacles, were found in the church. But the sheriff said to-day that he did not consider this necessarily positive proof that it was the minister.

There had never been any trouble between Browning and the minister, so far as is known. On Tuesday afternoon Browning left a Grand Trunk train at the nearby village of Hickey and inquired the way to the Methodist church in Columbus township. He said to two different men that he had an appointment there with a man. No reason is known why the Rev. Mr. Carmichael should have gone to the church unless he had an appointment there

FASCINATING EVENING COAT.

The above attractive evening coat was made from pale gray faced cloth with a heavy interlining to waist line. A piping of black satin about collar and cuffs furnishes a pretty touch and it is trimmed in front with silver cord put on in design and ending in a huge tassel. Seams and openings on sides are also edged with silver cord.

BOWLING MATCH.

Scores of Teams Which Competed at Elite Alleys Last Night.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

On the Elite alleys in the house league last night Askland's team and Wilson's five bowled against Holden's team. Holden's five will play later. The scores follow:

		Total.	Ave.
Askland		468	153
Burley		457	152
Hurst		328	109
Symons		271	90
W. McNair		300	100
		1814	604
		Total.	Ave.
Wilson		474	158
Schenk		487	162
Pauling		310	103
Heathcotte		514	171
Breckenridge		300	100
		2085	694

Schenk had the highest score of 183, and Heathcotte had the highest average of 171.

LLOYDS AGENT HERE TO BE NORMAN HARDIE

Appointee a Well Known Victoria Shipping Man.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Norman Hardie is the new agent for Lloyd's. The appointment came last night and was made by J. Gardiner Johnson, the agent for British Columbia. Since the death of Capt. J. G. Cox the work has been done temporarily by Frank Adams, of the firm of E. B. Marvin & Co., but the office will now be moved to the board of trade building. Mr. Hardie is agent for Dodwell & Co., and also for Frank Waterhouse, and is well and favorably known in the city. There were a number of applicants for the position, among them being George H. Courtney, J. J. Shallcross, Frank Adams and J. K. Rebbick.

When it is difficult to remove a label from a bottle, soak the label thoroughly in water, then hold for a moment over a gas flame, and the steam generated will loosen the label so it can be stripped off without trouble.

Upon taking a cake from the oven, set the tin on a cloth wrung as dry as possible from luke-warm water. Let it stand on the cloth about five minutes and then it can be easily removed from the tin without breaking or sticking.

AT DEATH'S DOOR

Doctors Had to Give Her Morphine to Ease the Pain

Five Boxes of "Fruit-a-tives" Cured Her

Enterprise, Ont., Oct. 1, 1908.

For seven years I suffered with what physicians called a "Water Tumor." I would get so bad at times that I could hardly endure the pain. I could neither sit, stand nor lie down. Hypodermics of Morphia had to be given me or I could never have borne the pain. Many physicians treated me, but my cure seemed hopeless, and my friends hourly expected my death. It was during one of these very bad spells that a family friend brought a box of "Fruit-a-tives" to the house. After much persuasion I commenced to take them, but I was so bad that it was only when I had taken nearly two boxes that I commenced to experience relief. I kept up the treatment, however, and after taking five boxes I was cured, and when I appeared on the street my friends said, "The dead has come to life." And this seemed literally true because I certainly was at death's door. But now I can work almost as well as ever I could, and go camping and berry-picking with the girls.

MRS. JAMES FENWICK.

I will be glad if you will publish this testimonial, if it will further the interests of "Fruit-a-tives." They should be in every household. Yours very truly,

MRS. JAMES FENWICK.

Through the whole country around Enterprise, Ont., people are talking about this wonderful cure. By their marvellous action on the Kidneys, "Fruit-a-tives" cured Mrs. Fenwick when the doctors said she could not be operated on and was doomed to die.

"Fruit-a-tives" cured Mrs. Fenwick when all else failed. Try them for your trouble. 25c and 50c a box, at dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price. Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

BOOM OF LOGS LOST NEAR TRIAL ISLAND

Tug Acates Escaped to Dungeness With Much Difficulty.

At the time of the big storm the beginning of the week shipping men were rather expecting that some accidents would be reported, but until to-day all has been reported well. Now comes word that the tug Acates was coming from San Juan to Anacortes with a big boom of logs with something like 700,000 feet of lumber in it and just got opposite Trial island when the wind struck them. They ran before the gale for some time, but the boom could not hold together and now the logs are all over the straits and washed up on a hundred beaches. The tug ran for shelter, and although she got into Dungeness without harm she had a very narrow escape.

GEORGE JAY MAY YET RUN FOR TRUSTEE

W. McKay Announces That He Will Be a Candidate at Election.

There is a prospect that Chairman Jay, of the school board, may yet be a candidate at the forthcoming election for trustees. While he had made up his mind not to be a candidate, the many kind things said with reference to his services and the general demand that he again run has made him hesitate about finally refusing. He appears to be almost persuaded to again allow his name to go before the electorate.

W. McKay, president of the trades and labor council, announces that he will be a candidate for school trustee at the coming election. Mr. McKay is well known in the city and has been a contestant before.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—Owing to the inclement weather the concert which was to have been given by the Ladies' Musical Club on Saturday afternoon has been postponed. It will be held the following Saturday.

—The annual Christmas entertainment of the St. John's Sunday school was held last evening in the schoolroom of the church. The prizes for the successful contestants in each class were distributed by Bishop Perrin. Noel Robinson made a good Santa Claus, and presented each scholar with a suitable gift.

—Building permits issued yesterday to Robert Hetherington amounted in value to $6,950. He will build one dwelling on Chester avenue to cost $1,650, one on Battery street to cost $2,600, another on Caledonia avenue $1,800, and the fourth on Work street to cost $1,700. The total value of permits issued so far this month amounts to $16,430.

—At half-past seven last evening an Outer Wharf car lost its trolley pole at the corner of Menzies and Superior streets, and was stalled until another car came along and pushed it down to the terminus. The roadway is very bad at this point, as it is at another busy junction, Pandora and Douglas streets. Usually the tracks are covered with mud, and this is now frozen into them so that cars bump along uncomfortably at the crossing. A worse bump than usual threw the pole off the wire, and it was caught and pulled out of place as the car was carried on by its own impetus.

—The B. C. Poultryman, a journal published under the editorship of W. Baylis, has extended the scope of its work. The January number, which has just appeared, is considerably larger than it formerly was. In addition to the poultry department Mr. Baylis has added an horticultural section, and will give valuable information along that line. The editor is well qualified from long experience to conduct the horticultural side of the paper, and will give each month hints to gardeners and others with respect to seasonable work to be done. In the January number the magazine advocates the introduction of the teaching of agriculture in the schools of the province.

—Owing to the state of the grounds at Oak Bay the Victoria-Vancouver Rugby game for the McKechnie cup, scheduled for Saturday next, has been postponed.

—Steamer Kumeric, which left Yokohama on December 30th, is due here on the 14th with 300 tons of freight for this port. The Tymeric is coming north to Comox for bunker coal, and she will then load in this neighborhood.

—At the annual Christmas entertainment of the scholars of Christ Church cathedral Sunday school, which was held last evening, Bishop Perrin presented the prizes which were taken from the back of a real donkey, belonging to Mrs. Miles. A number of children took part in an interesting comedy. Tea was served and the entertainment proved a great success.

—Arthur McLaglan, the heavyweight boxer, who beat George Paris here May 26th last, arrived in town again yesterday and is on the lookout for a match. He is willing to box any heavyweight and is trying through his manager to fix a match with Nick Burley, who is in Vancouver, or with Alex McNamee. McLaglan's weight is now 195 pounds, while McNamee weighs 175. A meeting is being held this afternoon to discuss the matter with the officials of the Victoria West Athletic Club.

—The Seamen's Institute and the Lifeboat and Life-saving Association of British Columbia desire to call the attention of the public to the opportunity which has generously been afforded by the C. P. R. through Capt. J. W. Troup, to view the interior of the new steamer, the Princess Charlotte. From 7 to 10.30 on Saturday night the public will be admitted to a full inspection. The Fifth Regiment orchestra will be in attendance. An admission fee of 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children will be charged. Hot soup (suitable for the chilly snap) and crackers will be served at moderate charge. Visitors may rely upon it that the Ladies' Guild will see that everything will be as comfortable and happy as possible.

—A. R. Macdonald, of Francis lake, who is president of the Lake Settlers' Association, is in town at the Dominion hotel. He will wait on the provincial government on behalf of the association in reference to obtaining an appropriation for roads in the district. He will wait on the government this week.

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