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THE CITY.

In Liquidation.

The Gazette yesterday contained the official notice of the minute passed by the shareholders of the B.C. Deposit and Loan company. Mr. J. Keith Wilson is the liquidator.

The Milky Way.

A horse attached to a milk wagon ran away on Douglas street yesterday noon, but did no damage other than by spilling the milk and breaking a few straps belonging to the harness.

Government Appointments.

Yesterday's B. C. Gazette contains official notice of the appointment of Henry Joseph Sharp and Francis William Hartley, as clerks in the Land Registry office, Vancouver. The resignation of E. B. Bushnell, who was a clerk in the same place, has been accepted.

On Pleasure Bent.

The latest addition to the society roll is the Cowichan Pleasant Evening Association, formed some short time ago with the object set forth in the title. Headquarters are at Duncan's, where last night a very pleasant time was spent, opening with a concert and winding up with a dance. The association is a very popular one, and is faithfully fulfilling its mission.

Yale's Great Coach.

One of the passengers on the City of Kingston, yesterday, from the Sound, was Mr. Walter Camp, one of the best-known men in America in Rugby circles on account of his connection as coach with Yale University team. He has been spending his Christmas on the Pacific and, along with Mr. W. B. Thatcher, another Yale man, returned this morning via the C.P.R.

W. C. T. U. Refuge Home.

The committee thankfully acknowledge the following Christmas donations to the Home: Mr. Porter, turkey; Mr. G. Walker, apples; Mrs. Bullin, box of oranges; Mrs. Carne (Angel Hotel) fruit cake and mince pies; Mrs. J. Flett, plum-pudding and fruit; Mrs. Wm. Grant, fruit, nuts and candy; Mr. Elford, bag of apples; Mrs. J. E. McMillan, ham; Mrs. D. Spencer, numerous gifts of clothing; Mr. Cameron, fruit, candy and nuts.

Election of Officers.

The regular fortnightly meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, A.O.U.W., was held on Wednesday evening last, when the officers for the ensuing half year were elected: Bro. Keeler, master workman; Bro. Russel, foreman; Bro. Dunn, overseer; Bro. Church, guide; Bro. Jewell, recorder; Bro. Davey, financier; Bro. R. S. Williams, receiver; Bro. Gowley, inside watchman; Bro. Banfield, outside watchman; and Bro. Andrews, organist.

Teague—Lazenby.

At the Metropolitan Methodist church, Pandora avenue, yesterday morning, Rev. Coverdale Watson united in the bonds of holy matrimony Mr. John Teague, architect, of this city, and Miss E. Lazenby. Both the contracting parties are well known here, and their many friends will wish them a long, happy and prosperous journey through life together. The wedding was quite a private affair, only a few of the intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom being present.

Odd Fellows' Friends and Families.

A most enjoyable time was spent last night under the auspices of Fernwood lodge, C.O.O.F., at the hall, Spring Ridge. The spacious building was crowded, the members of the local and city lodges, with their families and friends, attending in strength. A concert of merit opened the proceedings, followed by a Christmas tree laden with toys for the amusement of the children, and as the little ones tired of their games their fathers and mothers, big brothers and sisters, etc., tripped the "light fantastic" until after midnight.

Gazette Notices.

Yesterday's issue of the Gazette contains notice of the assignment of John B. Johnson, of New Westminster, to Robert G. Gordon, for the benefit of his creditors.

Drake, Jackson & Co. gave notice that they will apply to the Legislature for an act confirming all deeds of land in the city of Vancouver made prior to August 1, 1892, by Sir Donald A. Smith and R. B. Angus to H. Abbott, J. M. Browning and Charles Drinkwater.

Harris & Macneil, solicitors, of Vancouver, will ask for an act to incorporate the British Columbia college.

Sale of Church Property.

At the conclusion of the usual weekly prayer meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last evening, those attending remained for the purpose of formally endorsing the action of the Board of Managers in disposing of the old manse house and the old St. Andrew's church building. A resolution to this effect was moved by Dr. Milne, the amount of the purchase money to be $24,000. Messrs. Brydon-Jack and McLean did not consider the arrangement altogether satisfactory, and as bondsmen asked to what the amount realized by the sale was to be devoted. It was explained that some ten or eleven thousand dollars would go to clear off interest on the church mortgage (which at present amounts to $42,000), and the rest would go to reduce the debt. After a good deal of discussion the motion carried, the managers undertaking to report again.

Another Railway in Kootenay.

In yesterday's Gazette Wm. Baillie, for the applicants, gives notice that at the next session of the Legislature he will apply for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, operating and maintaining a line of railway from a point on the international boundary line, at or near the point where it intersects the Kootenay river, and on the western side of the river; thence in a northerly direction, crossing the west arm of Kootenay lake at or near Balfour; thence northward up the west shore of Kootenay lake to a point at or near Kaslo City; with power to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with and along such railway; also to acquire lands for terminal and other purposes, and all other usual and necessary powers, rights and privileges.

A Railway to the Boundary.

J. H. Bowes of Nelson gives notice in the Gazette that application will be made to the legislature next session, for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate a railway from a point near the international boundary line, at or near Bedlington, in British Columbia; thence following up the Kootenay river to Kootenay lake; thence along the west shore of Kootenay lake to its northerly extremity; with power to construct branches to the headwaters of the Lardeau and Duncan rivers, and to construct telegraph and telephone lines, and to equip and operate the same, in connection with the said line of railway; together with the usual powers to acquire lands, privileges, bonuses, or other aids from the Dominion or Provincial Governments, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other usual and necessary powers, rights and privileges.

The New Bishop.

The Nanaimo Free Press says: The new Lord Bishop of Columbia, whose appointment by the Archbishop of Canterbury was briefly announced yesterday, is a comparatively unknown man. Rev. William Wilcox Perrin, rector of St. Luke's, Southampton, Hampshire, is an M.A. of Trinity College, Oxford, having graduated as B.A. in 1870, taking his M.A. degree in 1873. He was appointed to his first curacy in 1872, and has for a long time past been rector of St. Luke's. Rev. G. H. Tovey, rector of St. Alban's, was at one time in the same diocese as the new bishop, whom he knew to be an active, hard-working parish priest, neither a high nor a low churchman.

Christmas at Gordon Head.

Last night a Christmas tree celebration was held at Gordon Head school, when the residents, assisted by the Victoria Glee club (Messrs. Watson, Gould, Grant, Moir and Kinnaird) with other friends, gave an excellent programme of songs and recitations. The programme was made up of songs, duets, readings and recitations, the performers outside of the Glee club being Messrs. Betters, Warwick, Landells and Aitken, the Somers. boys, Master James Todd, Miss Grant, Mrs. Moir and the school children. Refreshments having been served and the children's presents distributed from the Christmas tree, dancing was kept up till an early hour, when the pleasant gathering broke up.

Christmas at St. Saviour's Church.

The performance given for the Sunday school children of St. Saviour's church in the Victoria West hall, last evening, was a fitting inauguration of the season's social events. A Christmas tree, presided over by Mrs. Russell, was tastefully arranged on the stage, and the prizes hung thereon were varied and many. The evening's enjoyment commenced with a unique programme, which was rendered as follows:

Carol.....Children's Choir
Recitation.....Edith Atkins
Song.....Mary Crocker
Carol.....Children's Choir
Recitation.....Dora Harper
Song.....Minnie Farrell
Dialogue.....Maggie McKay, Lily Russell, Mary and Minnie Crocker, Alice Nicholson, Samuel Crocker, John Davis and Frank Jenkins
Song.....John Davis
Minstrel Negro Farce (Dr. Photophen).....W. J. Cave, A. E. Cave and J. Collidon

At the conclusion of the programme addresses were delivered by Rev. W. D. Barber and the venerable Archdeacon Scriven, after which the children received their presents and had Christmas tree treat. Mrs. McKay superintended the refreshment tables.

THE INTERNATIONAL DINNER.

The Ladies' Aid of the Pandora-Avenue Methodist Church Score a Success.

The International Dinner, given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Pandora-avenue Methodist church, in the lecture room last night, was a brilliant success. The rooms were beautifully decorated with national flags and bunting arranged in artistic combinations very pleasing to the eye. The platform was covered with an immense Japanese umbrella, under which was a tea and coffee stand, from which the guests were served by a bevy of beautiful young ladies in full Japanese costumes. The names of these were: Misses A. McDonald, N. Luney, A. Davey, N. Cusick, S. Durham, E. Elford, N. Lilley, A. Millette, V. Luker, M. Kinsman, B. Mugford, A. Butler, F. Honor, M. Dinwill, J. Spencer, L. Watkins and M. L. Spencer.

The tables were as follows: The American, presided over by Mrs. Siddall and Mrs. T. Hooper, with Consul Myers as the guest of honor; The Canadian, Mrs. C. Watson and Mrs. F. Adams, Mr. Thos. Earle, M.P., at the head; The Scottish, Mrs. Pendray and Mrs. Wire, Magistrate Macrae at the head; The English, Mrs. Goodacre, Mrs. J. W. Williams, with Mayor Beaven in the place of honor; The Irish, Miss Erskine and Miss O'Neill; The German, Mrs. Critchley; The Chinese, given by the Chinese Christians of the church, and presided over by Tom Chue.

Each of the tables was handsomely decorated with appropriate flowers and banners, and the waiters wore the national colors of their respective tables. The tables were set for 150 guests, and some idea of the number present may be gained by the fact that the covers were relaid three, and in some cases four times before all had been given a chance to partake of the beautiful spread of good things provided by the ladies.

At the close of the banquet a short programme was rendered by those who kindly volunteered their services. The following were the numbers:—

English Song.....Mr. W. J. Kkline
American Song.....Mrs. Bartlett
Irish Song.....Miss O'Neill
German Song.....Mrs. Critchley
Recitation.....Miss Penwell
Vocal Solo.....Miss Baker
Medley—Characteristic National Songs.....Young ladies in Japanese costumes

The Sunday school orchestra rendered a number of selections during the evening. The services closed with the National Anthem.

Take it altogether the evening was a success and the ladies in charge are to be congratulated on their enterprise. A good substantial sum was netted for the church fund.

The Snohomish Indians.

The Snohomish Indians are preparing for a big potlach to be held, according to present arrangements, on the 3rd prox. The Hudson Bay store presented a lively scene yesterday as the "old folks" still go there for their supplies, many of them remembering the time when the Hudson Bay fort was their only source of supply.

Christmas Amusement.

There was a very pleasing Christmas entainment given in the Victoria West Baptist Mission Church last evening. A tree laden with presents for the Sunday school children was arranged for the occasion, which was made still more attractive by the renditon of the appended programme:

Address.....Chairman
Opening chorus.....School
Recitation.....Fred Wilson
Solo.....Mattie Andrews
Recitation.....Edith Pointer
Duet.....Alice and Marion Smith
Reading.....Mrs. Dougall
Recitation.....Percy Wilson
Solo.....Miss B. Mould
Recitation.....James Pointer
Solo.....Ethel Wilson
Recitation.....Gertie Knoppett
Reading.....Mr. Huggett
Duet.....Gertie Knoppett and Dorothy Few
Solo.....Mattie Andrews
Address.....Rev. Mr. Coombes
Duet.....Misses Clyde and Steele

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THE CITY.

In Holy Matrimony.

Mr. Hugh Milne and Miss Alice Cutler, both of Sooke, were united in marriage yesterday morning at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. D. MacRae.

A New Home in Alberni.

James Redford, of Alberni, and Mary Davidson of this city, were united in marriage on the 29th inst. by Rev. John Campbell, D. D., of the First Presbyterian Church.

Lumber for Port Pirie.

The Vancouver tug Active towed the British ship Abeona, 979 tons, Capt. Black, to sea on Thursday last. The Abeona is loaded with 775,140 feet of rough lumber from the Hastings saw mill for Port Pirie.

Waldeck's Case.

A letter received yesterday by Chief Sheppard from Detective Anthony, San Francisco, announced that the case of Waldeck alias Wolffe, had been fixed for the 27th inst., and that the embezzler was still in custody.

Their Names Omitted.

Unfortunately the names of Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. Allan were omitted in the report of the International Dinner given in yesterday morning's issue. These ladies were among those who presided over the Canadian table.

St. Paul's Church Has a Bell.

Rev. D. MacRae received, a day or two ago, from Mr. John Weir, West Flamboro, Ont., his brother-in-law, who visited Victoria last summer, a bell for the use of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West. The bell will call the congregation together for the first time for divine service on New Year's morning.

Second of the Series.

The St. Andrew's Choral society, whose recent sacred concert in the new cathedral was very much appreciated by the music-loving community, will give a secular concert in Institute hall—the second recital of their season—on the evening of January 18, the programme being made up of the works of Schubert, Dudley Buck, Mendelssohn, Flotow, and Verdi.

To Change Offices.

Superintendent F. S. Hussey, of the Provincial police, has decided to have his headquarters office moved from the Attorney-General's department across the Bay to the court house. The Superintendent's office will be the one adjoining the present Provincial police office, an entrance to the latter being made at the end of the hall. The new arrangement will afford much more convenience than the old one did.

The Mayoralty.

A requisition was in circulation Thursday and yesterday in favor of Mr. William Dalby, and up to last evening had been signed by over four hundred ratepayers. An hour before leaving for the North, Mr. Dalby was called upon, and consented to stand for the mayoralty if the electors desired him to do so. He will, therefore, enter the field against Mayor Beaven, and his advocates are confident that he will be Victoria's mayor for 1893.

Of Interest to Victorians.

The following clipping from the Portland Oregonian's criticism of a recent production of the "Bohemian Girl," by amateur talent, will interest Victorians: "Miss Anna Shaw made a stately gipsy queen. The score is well suited to her admirable voice, and her acting was at times remarkably fine, particularly in the passionate lyric, 'Bliss Forever Past,' and in her scenes with Devilshoof."

Spokane and Great Northern Mining Co.

Mr. A. B. Keeler, vice-president and treasurer of the Spokane and Great Northern Mining Company, is in town on business in connection with his company. In order to conform with the requirement of the law, he will establish an agency for the company at this point. This company have some very good claims in the Boundary creek district, and propose to do some extensive work in that section during the coming season.

Another Dead Chinaman.

The Chinese "hospital" has added another to its list of victims. The latest arrival, Chin Toi Hou, died a short time after being brought to the place. The first knowledge of his arrival was gained by Sanitary Officer Bailey, who discovered him Thursday afternoon. The man was then in a dying condition and expired shortly afterward. Dr. Duncan, city health officer, was notified of the death, and having satisfied himself, from the information received from Officer Bailey and Undertaker Story, that the man did not die from any contagious disease, issued the usual certificate to the City Clerk for a burial permit. This was issued and the man was buried yesterday.

New Officers.

The following is the list of officers of Western Star lodge, No. 7, A.O.U.W., for the year 1893: E. J. Salmon, Past Master Workman; J. W. W. Cherry, Master Workman; C. W. Kirk, Foreman; J. H. Hughes, Overseer; F. Shakespeare, Recorder; A. Clunk, Financier; A. Kirk, Receiver: A. Semple, Guide; W. Sommerville, Inside Watchman; G. Fagan, Outside Watchman; Grand Lodge Delegate, J. H. Hughes. The new officers will be installed by Grand Master Leiser on Monday, the 9th prox. This meeting will be largely attended, no doubt, as all Workmen in the city have been invited to attend for the discussion of matters of grave importance to the order at large.

A Programme That Pleased.

The South Saanich lodge I.O.G.T. held another of their enjoyable socials at the Agricultural Hall, South Saanich, on Wednesday evening. A large and varied programme was gone through. Mrs. Robinson ably officiated at the piano, Mrs. Oates rendered two songs in an effective manner. the Misses Roberts sang in their usual excellent style. Recitations by Miss E. Oates were very good, as also were those by Messrs. Mitchell and Snyder and Miss Matthews. The Victoria lodges were well represented. Mr. Watson, of Perseverance lodge, was enthusiastically received in his song, "The Little Hero," which was loudly encored, as was also Miss Banfield, of Spring Ridge, in her splendid recitation. Songs by Messrs. Christmas, Tanners, Mitchell, Cox, and the Misses Mills, Miss G. Oates and Miss Matthews were heartily applauded. A sketch, entitled "A Bachelor's Wants," by Messrs. Mitchell, Matthews and Dean, was very amusing. The event of the evening, a farce entitled "That Dreadful Dog," the characters in which were taken by Messrs. Tanner, Stewart, Gale and Miss Oates, was uproariously encored and replied to with an old favorite, "McGinty's Employment Agency," the local hits in which took well. The audience, which was the largest on record, did justice to the refreshments served by the ladies of the lodge. The singing of the National Anthem concluded a most enjoyable evening.

Juvenile Thieves.

The police are on the trail of the youths who broke into the factory of Messrs. McKillican & Anderson on Sunday last. One of the foxy boys has been traced, and he is liable to squeal on his companions.

Bonded for $50,000.

It is understood that a deal was completed yesterday by means of which Dr. Milne's property, on the corner of Douglas and Broughton streets, was bonded for 60 days by an English syndicate. The price was set in the neighborhood of $50,000.

Col. Prior's Brigade.

The current number of the Canadian Military Gazette contains an excellent portrait of Lieut.-Colonel E. G. Prior, M.P., heading a historical sketch of the British Columbia Brigade of Garrison Artillery, which he commands. The sketch is No. II of a series intended to include each corps in the Dominion.

Santa at Spring Ridge.

The holiday entertainment prepared for the children of the Sunday school at Spring Ridge in connection with the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church, was enjoyed by the little ones and their friends last evening. Mr. McIntosh, the superintendent, presided, the singing being under the direction of Mr. F. Watson, and Santa Claus himself distributed the gifts from the Christmas tree, which bore something for each and all. The programme discussed during the evening was a good and well varied one, comprising songs, recitations and two or three excellent instrumental duets.

At St. Paul's, Victoria West.

Last evening's performance in the Victoria West hall will no doubt be remembered for many a day to come by the Sunday school boys and girls of St. Paul's Presbyterian church. The presents which Santa Claus handed out from the pretty Christmas tree erected on the stage were such as would greatly please the older scholars and charm the juveniles. Tea was served in the hall from 4:30 o'clock until about three hours later, when a programme of an enjoyable character was presented, the different numbers of which were as follows:

Sunday School Volunteer Song by the School.
Recitation.....Jennie Torrance
Recitation.....Tenie Todd
Recitation.....James Anderson
Violin Duet.....Miss Russell and H. Welsh
Recitation.....Verna McLaren
Recitation.....Jennie Anderson
Class Song.....Miss Semple's
Recitation.....Maggie Tagg
Recitation.....Pearl Welsh
Dialogue, by Alice McArthur, Maggie Cessford and Georgie Cavin.
Recitation.....Nellie Russell
Recitation.....Jennie Tagg
Song.....T. Cessford and R. Welsh
Recitation.....Viola Semple
Recitation.....Eliza Skinner
Recitation.....Tommy Cessford
Concertina Solo.....H. Bruce
Class Song.....M. McLennan's
Recitation.....Ralph Welsh
Recitation.....Annie Anderson
Swedish Recitation.....Emma Lind
Song.....Mary Burnett
Recitation.....Hilda Young
Recitation.....Nellie Anderson
Class Song.....Miss McKay's
Recitation.....Ethel Carol
Recitation.....Harold Russell
Recitation.....Helmar Jacobson
Closing Piece....."God Be With You"....School

Unclean Chinatown.

Although upwards of one hundred nuisances in Chinatown have been abated within the past 30 days, there still remain many yet to be dealt with. Dr. Duncan, health officer, and Officer Redgrave had this thoroughly impressed upon them early yesterday morning when they made a tour of "the quarter" and made discoveries which will be quickly followed by police court prosecutions. None but those familiar with the dark and unwholesome corners and crannies of Chinatown could imagine how filthy and how villainously unhealthy some places, not fifty yards from Government street, are. In one of the shacks visited yesterday morning, the health officer and his party were made the victims of an unkind practical joke. They had just been steered through a maze of dirty alleys into the back premises of a suspected house, which they inspected and then prepared to return to the street. What was their surprise to find that retreat had been cut off by the closing of numerous doors and the drawing of many bolts. On investigating their surroundings they found themselves all but afloat on a sea of mud and filth, while in its centre rose ghastly and smoking in the moonlight a little mountain of decaying and vile smelling refuse of every imaginable description, upon which the rats were holding high carnival. In this noisome dungeon, perched on improvised rafts, the prisoners gazed at the four back walls which bounded their prison, until one brave soul succeeded in scaling the slimy pyramid of roofs and rousing a couple of friendly Chinamen, who showed a dark and mysterious, yet welcome path out of the kingdom of the Dirt ruler.

Donations for '92.

The treasurer of the Refuge Home thankfully acknowledges the following donations for the year 1892: Hon. John Robson, $50; R. Dunsmuir, $25; City Council, Christmas gift, $25; Rev. Canon Paddon, $20; A Friend, $20; Bishop of Columbia, $15; Turner, Beeton & Co., $15; Colbert & Warner, $12 50; B. C. Land and Investment Agency, $15; Fell & Co., $10; T. Earle, $10; Mrs. Capt. Grant, $10; Dr. Helmcken, $10; Green, Worlock & Co., $10; A. C. Flumerfelt, $10; Sisters of Rebekah, $10. The following have each contributed $5: Mrs. W. Dempster, Mrs. A. N. Richards, Mrs. J. E. Gardner, J. P. Matthews, Mrs. D. A. McTavish, Mrs. Ashdown Green, Mrs. A. Munroe, Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. C. Scriven, Mrs. Erb, Mrs. R. Finlayson, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. M. M. Waitt, Joseph Nicolaye, John Weiler, W. J. Pendray, A. R. Milne, A. W. Vowell, Mrs. White, Mrs. E. Turner, Mrs. C. Holland, Mrs. Elford, Mrs. Crease, W. C. Ward, J. Boscowitz, A. B. Gray, P. McQuade, E. B. Marvin & Co., E. B. Carmichael, E. G. Prior, J. Gosnell, W. Walker, H. J. Scott, Mrs. Carne, C. N. N. Stewart, G. H. Burns, Dr. Crompton, J. E. Crane, A. G. (Bank of Montreal), C. Hayward, Brackman & Ker, E. E. Wootton; and T. Trounce, $4. The following have each contributed $2 50: Geo. Powell & Co., Mrs. G. Rudlin, Mrs. C. Marshall, R. T. Williams, N. Shakespeare, J. Hutcheson & Co., Sehl-Hastie-Erskine Co. A Friend, Mrs. H. O. Tiedeman, Mrs. A. J. Bechtel, Mrs. J. Crowthers, Mrs. W. J. Dowler, C. Kent, J. P. Pelletier, J. Doherty; and Mrs. Heisterman, $3. The following have each contributed $2: Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Mrs. M. I. Higgins, McMillan Bros., Mrs. A. J. Clyde, John H. Simpson, A Friend, Mrs. Kirkland, Mrs. Flett, D. C. Johnson, $1 each. Mr. Carter, Friend, Cash, C. Hackett, Mrs. F. Sehl, King & Minor, Mr. Colvert, A. M. Leitch, A. Lee, Dr. Hartmann, S. Hanson, A. Campbell, G. Jay, Mrs. Close, A. Clay, Shore & Anderson, Mrs. Story, Mrs. Jordand and friends. G. L. Simpson, $3.50.

THEIR ANNUAL TREAT.

The Children of the Protestant Orphans Home Enjoy a Visit From Santa Claus.

Speeches by the Visitors, Songs and Recitations by the Children and General Happiness.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment in connection with the Protestant Orphans' Home was held last evening in the large dining room of the old building on Rae street—the last event of the kind likely to be held there, as by the time the holiday season comes round once more the new Home will probably be in use.

As on previous occasions, for many years, the chair was occupied by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, of the Reformed Episcopal church. There were present a large number of ladies and gentlemen who take an interest and contribute to the support of the institution, among the latter being the President, F. H. Worlock, Messrs. A. B. Gray, Jas. Hutcheson and J. P. Burgess. The lady visitors and teachers occupied seats on one side of the room, and just across on the other side was the huge, prettily decorated tree in one corner, and the score of bright happy faces around it—a scene of pleasure and of mirth that will be long remembered by those who were present. There was nothing missing, nothing wanting, and nothing overdone. The little ones, under the guidance of their good matron, Mrs. Walker, had provided a most excellent programme, and one and all deserve unbounded credit for the heartiness with which they worked to make the event so completely successful. The programme was as follows:

Christmas Carol.....Children
Recitation.....Flora St. Clair
Recitation.....Catherine Smith
Christmas Carol.....Children
Recitation.....Louisa Christopher
Recitation.....Annie Phillips
Recitation.....Hannah Smith
Christmas Carol.....Children
Recitation.....Ada and Helen
Recitation.....Dolly Perkins
Christmas Carol.....Children
Recitation.....Arthur St. Clair
Recitation.....George Brown
Christmas Carol.....Children
Doxology and Benediction.

When all the numbers of the programme had been gone through except the last carol, the chairman called upon Mrs. Kent to distribute the presents and assisted by the teachers of the Home, she did so, delighting the hearts of the little ones by many gifts of toys and useful articles and candies. There was an abundance of everything—not too much, for that could hardly be, but enough to provide each with something, while a few of the more lucky ones got two presents.

When this had been done and before the last carol, the chairman called on Mr. Worlock, who made a neat speech congratulating the children on having spent a merry time, thanking them for the entertainment and finally proposing three cheers for the friends and donors. The little ones responded with a will. Afterwards Messrs. Gray and Hutcheson made short and suitable speeches.

In responding to the thanks of the Board conveyed through Mr. Worlock, the chairman recalled the occasion some twenty years ago, when the proposition had first been made to establish the Home and after very little talk, it was done. Since then it had grown and prospered, and in course of another year would get another advance when the new building would be in use.

The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of another carol, the doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction by the Bishop. The ladies of the institution, during the evening, served light refreshment. Everyone had a jolly time, and many little hearts are cheered and made happy by the effort put forward by the friends of the Home.

CHRISTMAS

A Celebration at the Kuper Island Indian Industrial School.

Thanks to the generosity of the Rev. Father Donckele, principal, and the officers of the above mentioned school, the little wards of the Dominion government were not forgotten on the Christmas festival that brings joy and happiness to all children. On the eve of Christmas a very interesting programme was credibly executed by the pupils, after which Santa Claus distributed to the boys and girls of the school the many and valued presents with which the Christmas tree was laden.

The programme of music, speeches and recitations was given in presence of the parents and friends of the pupils, who showed great delight and surprise at the wonderful progress made by their little ones, and expressed, after the entertainment, to the officials of the school their sincere thanks for the care taken of their children.

Following is the programme executed under the supervision of Professor Wm. Thompson, musical director and assistant of the school:

Welcome Song.....Chorus by the Pupils
A Word of Welcome.....Speech by ....Master Celestine
Overture by Blanco.....The Band of the School
Choice of Trades.....Dialogue by Six Boys
Calisthenic Soug.....The Boys and the .....Girls of the School
The Song of the Bell.....Recitation by .....Master Donat
Once I Saw a Bird...Recitation by Miss Lizzie
The Eye of God.....Recitation by Miss Julia
The Boys' Chaistmas Polka.....The Band .....of the School
Legend of the Infant Jesus..Recitation by .....Master Simon
Christmas Wishes..Dialogue by Six Little Girls
Avant Garde Marche.....The Band
Little Bird.....Recitation by Miss Madeleine
Pretty Bee....Dialogue by Misses Mary .....and Josephine
Come, Tell Us How the Bread Is Made.... .....Calisthenic Song by all the Pupils
Work While You Work....Recitation by .....Master Samuel
My Pet Dog.....Recitation by Master Francis
Reverie Musicale, Waltz.....The Band
All is Good....Recitation by Little Mary Simon
Do All the Good You Can.....Recitation .....by Miss Sophie
Comic Song.....The Girls of the School
Home, Sweet Home.....The Band
Santa Claus Distributing the Gifts Hanging on the Christmas Tree..Master .....Harry (attired in proper disguise)
God Save the Queen.....The Band

Mixed Relations.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says Justice Neagle's court was the scene, on Wednesday morning, of a hearing in which the original charge was almost lost in the complexity of the matrimonial interests developed. Mrs. Emma Lamont had Mrs. Lizzie Daniels arrested Tuesday for throwing stones at her house on University street, and before the hearing had gone far yesterday in court it became apparent that Fred Daniels was the husband of one, or both or neither. Daniels, whose name the defendant bears, married Mrs. Lamont some time ago, but they did not agree, and a divorce was obtained from Judge Lichtenberg last June, and within a short time after Daniels' divorced wife married a man named Lamont in Victoria. Daniels, not to be behind, married the woman who now goes as Mrs. Lizzie Daniels. Since the last two marriages, Daniels has visited his divorced wife, known as Mrs. Lamont, by permission of the court, to see his children. In the face of the mixture of matrimonial relations, Daniels was called as a witness and objected to as being the husband of Mrs. Daniels. The justice held that, as he was legally divorced from his first wife, Mrs. Lamont, and had married the woman known as Mrs. Daniels before the expiration of the six months limitation, he was not the husband of either, and could testify. In the same connection he held that the marriage of Daniels' divorced wife to Lamont in Victoria, being within the six months' limitation, was also null and void. On this point the Justice held that the contracting parties did not avoid the laws of Washington by going to Victoria. Summing the matter up, there appears to have been one legal marriage, one legal divorce, one illegal marriage in Seattle and one in Victoria.

DIVORCE SUIT.

The Son of a Paterson, N. J., Silk Manufacturer Seeking Divorce From His Wife.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Millie Pelgram has filed suit here for absolute divorce from her husband, Charles Rogers Pelgram, and claims $10,000 from her mother-in-law, Mrs. Eliza M. Pelgram, for alienating the affections of her husband. Annie Amelia Hall, a handsome girl of 30 odd years, was living in the town of Magog, Quebec, two and a half years ago. Her cousin, Charles Rogers Pelgram, whose father had been a member of the firm of Pelgram & Co., silk manufacturers, of Paterson, N. J., and died seven years ago, leaving $1,000,000, came from Paterson, accompanied by his mother, to visit her father, Judge John H. Hall, then magistrate of the district.

Charles was not 19 years old, but he fell in love with his cousin, Annie Amelia, or Millie as she was usually called. About the latter part of November, 1890, Miss Millie says she received an invitation from Charles' mother to visit her in Paterson. Charles Pelgram was at the depot with horse and carriage, to meet her. Their attachment some became evident. Mrs. Pelgram opposed the match. She told her son that he was too young to think of getting married, and she also said his cousin was much too old for him.

In a short time Miss Hall started to return to Canada, but she stopped in New York. Here Charles met her on December 6, 1890, and they went to St. George's church and were married. Charles bade his wife farewell at the depot; she went home to her parents, while young Pelgram returned to Paterson. Some days later he told his mother. She was surprised and grieved.

Sometime later Millie asked her husband to support her. He never replied to her letter, she says, nor did she come to Canada. Finally, when it became known last spring that Mrs. Pelgram was about to sue for divorce, his mother sent him to Europe. He returned two months ago, and negotiations were reopened. Now Charles is in Europe once more and Mrs. Pelgram, jr., is ready to sue for divorce.

The suit for divorce against the husband is brought on the statutory grounds, while in that against her mother-in-law, Mrs. Pelgram charges that immediately after her marriage, while she was living with her husband, Mrs. Pelgram, senr., tried to alienate his affections. Mrs. Pelgram, jr., also charges her mother-in-law with circulating the most infamous stories about her. Mrs. Pelgram, jr., swears that her mother-in-law endeavored in every possible way to obtain witnesses to attack her character and commit perjury in order that an action might be taken by her son.

The Empire's Rough Passage.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The steamer Empire, which sailed from Nanaimo on the 20th inst. and got in last night, reports: Sailed from Departure Bay December 20, at 5 p.m. At midnight it was snowing hard, with strong easterly weather. Passed out of the Sound at 3:30 p.m. the following day. The wind then increased to a gale, accompanied by heavy snowstorms and frost. The ship was covered with ice and the men suffered considerably. On the 22d the wind increased to a southeast gale, and a heavy sea commenced to run which, from time to time, broke over the ship. At 2:15 a.m. of the 24th inst., in 45 degress, 12 minutes north, and 125 degrees 2 minutes west, we shipped a heavy sea, which completely submerged the vessel. It smashed in the bulkheads and pilot house, the engine-room doors and skylight, and let a great body of water into the fire room, flooding it to a depth of two feet. It was very interesting in the engineer's department for a short time. Dry fuel was passed out by hand and the steam was kept up. The pumps soon cleared the vessel. Other seas came on board which carried away our boats, smashed in the saloon skylights and carried overboard the butcher-shop and companion hatch and completely flooded the saloon. All hands worked with a will and soon cleared away the wreckage. On Christmas day we ran into another southeaster, which compelled us to heave to for 14 hours. The Empire presents a battered appearance, and Capt. Moa's report underestimates what his vessel had to come through.

Foster and Harrison Disagree.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Times states that Secretary of the Treasury Foster's trip to this city was not on private business as given out officially, but for the purpose of consulting Wall Street magnates on a proposition to relieve the money market and check the export of gold by having a government issue of $50,000,000 to $100,000,000 of bonds. The President's co-operation has been counted on, but this was suddenly discovered to be delusive. The President not only refused to approve the deal, but went further and declared that he could see no excuse for issuing bonds and he did not propose that any should be issued while he was President.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Old City Council Meet and Help to Clear the Slate.

The By-Law Regulating Connections of the City Sewerage System Passed.

The last meeting this year of the City Council was held yesterday evening, His Worship the Mayor