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More Robberies at Vancouver-Westminster Wants Mr. Davies to See "Salmon Run."

Prompt Work of Firemen-Young Men Develop Their Muscle-Mining News.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—Thanks to the tide undamaged and came up river, reprompt response of the whole fire britands to the alarm turned in from the B.

Considerable freight is being received prompt response of the whole fire brigade to the alarm turned in from the B. element was subdued before much damage was done. Had the flames extended to the mill itself, the damage would have been infinitely greater. What damage was done cannot yet be estimated, but it is well covered by the \$3,500 insurance carried on the dry kiln. Much credit is due the fire brigade for their prompt action, and they in return express their thanks to Mrs. Broderick, of Spice's mill, for very welcome refreshment provided them during and after their labors.

Two masked men held up Captain Morrison, of the False Creek coal yards, yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. Mr. Morrison had been collecting an account down Yale Town and was proceeding along Hamilton street, when he was held up and lost the \$6.50 he had just collected. The footpads will probably be disappointed when they learn Mr. Morrison had a much larger sum of money upon his person, which they overlooked. The two men can be identified by their victim, and it is hoped they will now soon be run to earth. A gymnasium school and athletic club was opened yesterday on Cordova street,

a boxing and athletic entertainment being given as an opening ceremony.

Mrs. S. R. Robinson, of Dunsmuir street, died vesterday morning. The deceased lady has been a resident of the city for the past two years, having re-moved here from New Westminster. The newly appointed accountant of the city branch of the Bank of British Columbia, Mr. H. G. Playfair, arrived

here yesterday from San Francisco, where he was previously stationed. Ald. Shaw, chairman of the board of works, has made arrangements to provide employment for all men at present out of work in his ward, and for the benefit of the men employed, it has been decided to pay all wages due in this department on Christmas eve.

Professor Hill-Tout, of Buckland college, has been appointed representative of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, in this province, and also elected a member of the committee to whom an ethnological survey of Canada is to be entrusted. Mr. Hill Tout has contributed many interesting and valuable papers to the meetings of the association, and the appointment now conferred upon him is looked upon as a well deserved honor.

In the billiard tournament at the Hotel Vancouver to-night, one of the most interesting games of the series will be played. A. W. H. Curtis' 200 being pitted against J. D. Scott, the winner of the last tournament, who is to make 280. As the tournament approaches the final stages much interest is being evinced in the games, the billiard room being crowded with spectators every evening play is going on.

George Neelands, of the Athabasca Mine Co., has paid a visit to the company's mine in Nelson district. He reports that the new 130 feet tunnel is in over 30 feet and has ore all the way. The ledge varies from 18 to 24 inches in width. While at the property Mr. Neelands made two careful samples of the ledge for the purpose of determining its value. The first of these gave an assay value of \$94.66 in gold, the second \$172.80. The ore carried considerable silver, the value of which was not com-The Athabasca company are pleased with the report, as well as the very large number of holders of stock in

concert this evening under the Y.M.C.A. who by sinking and drifting are followwas very well attended.

Robert Hamilton, of the William Hamilton Manufacturing Co., has gone East character and assays extremely well. for a six week's visit to his home in

F. Olmstead, son of H. Olmstead, grocer, was stopped in the centre of the Denero Grande in Long Lake camp, and city at 5:30 yesterday afternoon, he tells also for the cutting of about four miles the police, by three masked men. One of sleigh road into the same camp. held a revolver to his head while the other two "went through him." highwaymen secured \$125. Mr. Olmstead says he was robbed so quickly that he could not identify his assailants. The same day a vag was arrested with a loaded revolver in his possession. He The county court a evidence could be secured against him. court house, Comox, January 6. There is evidently a gang of the worst kind of criminals living somewhere in Vancouver, and the police and detectives are powerless to exterminate them. They are holding up men, women and girls in daylight. The situation is getting desperate, and the authorities are being advised very freely to run in all suspicious characters that cannot give a satisfactory account of themselves. C. L. Behnsen, of the Kurtz Cigar of construction. Company, may run for alderman in

Hon. A. G. Blair and Col. Domville, is being prepared.

forthcoming elections was not numer- returned to Rossland. ously attended last night and the meeting was postponed.

for the children on Christmas night,

city and will again captain the local the North Fork of the Salmon river. Rugby club during the coming season. Woods held yesterday afternoon, large number of the friends of the late cents. The results of recent develop Mr. Woods were present.

percentage of those who passed the ex- have but 4,000 shares left for sale locally aminations for the higher classes was

candidates for municipal honors six vein, and on Saturday this had cut five questions bearing chiefly upon the labor feet of mineralized rock, almost solid

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 18.—The final performance of the comic opera, the Little Duke," in Herring's opera house last night, passed off very successfully. The chorus and the principals received due recognition, encores being the order best effort yet put forth.

The steamer Princess Louise got aground at Ladner's on her inward trip and the steamer Transfer had to be sent down to unload passengers and mail. The Princess Louise floated off at high

C. Cooperage yesterday afternoon, four fer. The market to-day will be well streams of water being played on the dry kiln within a very short time after the discovery of the fire, the destroying the discovery of the fire discovery of the discovery of the fire discovery of the discovery of t in view of the approach of Christmas.
In the address to the Board of Trade

to Hon. Mr. Davies a cordial invitation was extended to him to visit the Fraser during the fishing season, when he would be better able by personal observation to appreciate the magnitude of the salmon catching industry.

Confirmation was held last night in

St. Barnabas church, when several candidates presented themselves, all of them ladies. The High school closes to-day for the The final exercises taking

morning. WESTMINSTER, Dec. 19 .- Six candithe Bishop of New Westminster yesterday at St. Barnabas church. The candidates were prepared by the Rev. H. H. Gowan.

In the case of the Indian shot through coroner's jury have returned a verdict of "wilful murder against some party or parties unknown." According to wit-According to witnesses, the Indian went to the door of his hut, a gunshot was heard and the deceased fell back into the house and said, "I'm shot; I'm going to die." On canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, limit-

NANAIMO

and party arrived here at 4 o'clock this shaft have assayed from \$12 to better and with the highest degree of statesafternoon. They were met by several prominent citizens and drove to the Hotel Wilson, where a formal reception was held. About twenty prominent will be pushed by hand and ore shipwas held. About twenty prominent Liberals dined with the Minister at the hotel, and later the Liberal Association presented him with an address. He leaves by boat for Vancouver in the morning. The Tynesiders met to-day to make

gathering.
A. Tranfield, of this city, yesterday recorded the Brian Boru mineral claim in the Cameron district, near Cameron

NANAIMO, Dec. 18.-Mr. and Mrs. come them at an extensive wedding de-jeuner, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Snowden. Following the dinner, the evening, until early in the morning, was spent in the usual jolly way, numerous congratulations being showered upon the happy couple.

MIDWAY.

Mr. John Douglas and associates have proving of a very satisfactory character. The Skylark deal has gone through and preparations are being made to renew work on the property on a much more extensive scale than anything yet attempted.

A deal was consummated between Mr. James McConnell and Messrs. W. Thomas and R. Wood on the coal claim at Rock creek a few days ago, whereby the latter parties become the sole participants in the lease which has been running on the property for years.
On the Gold Dollar in Atwood camp

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19.—The Christmas Mr. R. Wood has a force of men at work, ing the somewhat erratic course of the vein upon the property. The quartz on the Gold Dollar is of a true free milling Representatives of the British Columtenders for the building of cabins on the

UNION.

The county court and court of assesswas very likely a crook, but, as usual, no ment and appeal will be held at the new A warship is expected to arrive at Comox bay in a few days.

ROSSLAND. (From the Rosslander.)

Work on the Gopher will be vigorously pressed A new ore chute on the Le Roi, near

the Red Mountain railway, is in course A compressor plant will be erected on the R. E. Lee, the foundation for which

the reception of the visitors.

A meeting of the electors of Ward 4 to

A. W. Wright, after successfully float-

The Cromwell Mining and Development Company has been organized, with The management of the Alexander a capital stock of \$1,200,000, with \$500,orphanage are to give a Christmas fete | 000 in the treasury. The company has been organized to acquire and develope T. E. L. Taylor has returned to the mines in the Rossland district and on So successful has been the sale of Ali

The funeral of the late Mr. John stock in the East that the directors have A raised the price from 10 cents to 121/2 Ir. Woods were present.

The city schools closed yesterday. The vance. The Smith-Hewitt Company Some fine samples of ore were brought

ore, running high in copper, with the green stain of which it is almost covered. It is the intention of the company to sink on this.

Attention is again directed to the neighborhood of Rockford, many of the old mineral claims have been relocated and others staked out. Among the recent discoveries are two distinct ledges. each about twelve feet in with and of the evening. This production of the showing galena freely. Rockford is on operatic society is regarded as being the the road between Kamloops and Spence's Bridge, about thirty miles to the south of the former place.

The shaft on Eureka No 1, one of the claims of the Old Flag Gold Mining 35 feet, and the ore is maintaining its character with depth, apparently running as high in copper as at the surface, while considerable quartz is coming in. No assays have been made recently, nor will be until the 50 foot level is reached, when the vein will be crosscut. J. A. Campbell has the contract. H. B. Smith, C.E., has surveyed the Eureka No. 1, and application has been made for a crown grant.

A letter has been received by J. D. Sibbald, president of the Revelstoke Board of Trade, from Gen. Supt. Abbott, stating that on his trip east, in January he would bring the matter of better freight handling facilities and warehousing at Revelstoke before the annual meeting at Montreal, and try to get an appropriation for that purpose.

Work was resumed on Monday on the

Golden Drip by the company which lately acquired the property. Day and night shifts will be working. Already about \$7,000 worth of work has been place between 10 and 12 o'clock this dates were confirmed by His Lordship done, consisting of 400 feet of tunnels, drifts and uprises, exposing three ore bodies, from which average assays went from \$16 to \$176 in gold, which shows the mine to be a very promising one The company has been stocked for \$500,the lungs at Chilliwack and killed, the assessable. The first block of 25,000 shares of treasury stock is on the market, offered by A. Torrelle & Co., Stussi building, at 12½ cents. The Sunset, just above the Columbia

ed, is exploring the Sunset, two shifts being worked in the shaft, which is now down over 40 feet. Continually in three NANAIMO, Dec. 19.—Hon. Mr. Blair to five feet of ore. The daily samples taken from the last 25 feet in the Sunset

> BOUNDARY CREEK. (From the Times.)

Messrs. Sanson & Holbrook have received returns from approximately four final arrangements for their annual tons of ore shipped to the Puget Sound Reduction Company at Everett, Wash., from the D. A., one of the Boundary Creek M. & M. Co.'s properties, as follows: Silver, 74.7 oz.; gold, 4.99 oz.; lead, 1 per cent.; total value, deducting is not strong, but she is high-spirited, Charles Snowden returned from their Judging from assays made this week the determination to force a quarrel. We honeymoon trip by the Joan on Wednes- G.A.R., owned by the same company, is have hope in the firm attitude of Presiday evening. On arriving at the house of Mr. Isaac Snowden, father of the groom, they were pleasurably surprised to find about forty guests present to welcome them at an extensive wedding de-long, blende and pyrites.

also a shipping proposition, the ore from the bottom of the shaft running \$15.05 in gold and 196 4-5 oz. in silver, or \$142.-87 for all values. The vein matter is galona, blende and pyrites.

of men are to be employed to drive a tunnel from the south end of the claim, men at work on the Oro and the work is with the object of tapping the larger quartz (supposed to exist) and connecting with the main workings, gaining a epth of 400 feet.

A group of four claims in Deadwood camp, the Gem, Iron Top, Lizzie and Buckhorn, has been bonded by Mr. J. Dunn to a Mr. Elliott, representing a

New York syndicate. Sinking was started on the Oro, in Central camp, on Thursday, supplies being taken up sufficient for the winter. The ledge is four feet wide upon which the shaft has been sunk for 12 feet. The

ore is very high grade copper-gold.
Assays as high as \$50 and \$60 in gold were obtained by Mr. Turner from the Gold Drop, at a depth of 50 feet. The copper value was from 3 to 6 per cent. The vicinity of Christina lake gives promise of becoming a rich mineral producing region. Seven men are working bia Prospecting Syndicate are calling for on the Lalla Rookh, and three shifts are

employed on the Edison group.
Mr. Galloway has bought a quarter interest in the Tip Top and a quarter interest in the Sylvester K., Greenwood A mining company has been organized

[From the Union Weekly News.] in Spokane to operate in Boundary
Mr. McQuillan of Courtenay shot two tral claim, in Deadwood camp. The tunnel is now in 110 feet on the Mother Lode and assays are steadily improving. "The rock is harder than any

to be found in British Columbia." The shaft on the Nightingale is down 7 feet in solid ore. The double compartment shaft is down

45 feet on the R. Bell. Mr. Dier is putting 15 men on his newly acquired property at Fairview.

A deal is being consummated for the ransfer of a large tract of coal land at

WELL INFORMED.

Rock creek.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Herald M.P., will arrive in Vancouver on Monday. The Cliff compressor was closed down day. The Liberal Association met this afternoon and made arrangements for of a breakage in the pipes, attributed to says: A gentleman recently returned frost out of them. He had not got that the English admiralty has full tion, but fortunately doing no further harm. choose aldermanic candidates for the ing the Heather Bell Co. in Toronto, has information of all defective armor plates on our war vessels, as week a certificate of a recent assay ob-far as known, and that every struc-tural defect in any way of the vessels Diable mine, situated about three miles that can be discovered are carefully no-ted and filed away for inture use. When ed is described as "iron oxide with a the news of the recent sinking of the little quartz," and the result is as fol-Texas reached England a naval officer in high authority, in conversation with the gentleman referred to, pointed out some value per ton, \$278.72. This is a very of her detects in both armor and structure, which has since been made publis.

Aged a Hundred and Three,

Norwich, Conn., Dec. 16.-Mrs. Cath-

CUBAN RECOGNITION.

Not Much Excitement in London Caused by Difficulties Anticipated.

London, Dec. 19.—In spite of the flam-United States senate in agreeing to report Senator Cameron's report providing for the recognition of the republic of Cu- miles below the Landing. ba, has not caused any excitement in London. Most of the politicians are out of town, and the bankers and brokers were unmoved. There was a fall on the stock exchange in American and Span-Company, operating at Waneta, is down ish securities in sympathy with the downward movement reported from Wall

recovery.
The manager of the Bank of Spain in England, said he did not expect any great fluctuations as a result of the "regrettable action of the senate commitee." He added that the rate of exchange so far had not changed and remains firm, "steadied largely by the recent success of the Spanish loans." Continuing, he said: "Of course, there has been excitement in Madrid, but some action of the senate has been considered inevitable and yesterday's action was largely discounted. will no doubt increase the feelings which Spain will manifest during the next few days. But I do not look for any marked change in the financial situation.

Mr. Howard Potter, of Brown, Shipley & Co., does not consider any change in the financial situation to be imminent, and other bankers and brokers who were interviewed on the subject express the same opinion.

A leading member of the Spanish colony and a gentleman holding a high official position said: "The Spanish colony in London is too few in number to be of much importance. But our leading merchants in the cork and wine trades are greatly grieved at the attitude taken by the American business houses in regard to Cuba, and they still more egret that Americans believe the story that Antonio Maceo was assassinated. He was a brave man, as was shown by his facing the enemy, when a chance shot happily aimed by a soldier killed

In official Spanish circles in London it is not believed that any difficulty will ensue. The Spanish government, it is claimed, is acting with every prudence manship. The effect of the senate committee's action in Spain will not be known for a few days, owing to the interruption in the lines on account of severe weather and the government censorship of telegrams. Although the censorship is not rigorous at present, still a ealous eye is kept on dispatches emanating from Madrid and elsewhere.

The Evening News, referring to the Cuban situation this afternoon, says: There is little doubt as to what will be the answer when as strong a nation as

In Bartholemew, local manager for the Combination Mining and Milling Co., has returned from Spokane. He states that the company intend to thoroughly develop the property in the Providence camp this winter, carrying the present 35-foot shaft down for 250 feet, cross-cutting and drifting at respective forms and says: "If America recognition was regarded as a skilled navigator. He had only made a few voyages from the had only made a few voyages from the present monarchy will be decided next year, as it is hard to see how Spain can avoid responding to the recognition by declaring war." After was in his sixty-second year and leaves a widow and several children, towards feet, cross-cutting and drifting at respective forms. feet, cross-cutting and drifting at respectively 100 and 200 feet. Later on a force methods" in Cuba, the Sun says:

| Montreal whom is extended the sincere sympathy cable to the and Lady T 'Affairs show that America must henceforth be seriously counted on in the settlement of international questions, whenever the interests or sentiments of its people are affected.

The St. James Gazette urges Spain to remain calm and throw the odium of aggression on the other side, adding: "If she keeps quiet the United States will be in an awkward dilemma, having either to allow the recognition to remain an empty demonstration or take an offensive action, and Americans will think twice before assuming the responsibility of such hopeless anarchy as the so-called Cuban republic.'

THE OKANAGAN COUNTRY.

(From the Vernon News).

An association composed of business men and miners of Greenwood and the surrounding towns has been formed, which will assume the functions of a board of trade for that district.

A movement is on foot to start a cooperative pork packing establishment in town. Information is now being collected as to the best manner of proced ure, and we have reason to hope that the scheme will soon assume a tangible shape. We will have more to say on

this subject in a later issue.
While Messrs. R. Wilson and W. Tingley were returning last week from a point down the west side of Okanagan lake to their home at Six Mile creek, their boat capsized, throwing both men into the lake. Mr. Wilson succeeded in swimming ashore, while Mr. Tingley clung to the overturned boat till it drift ed to land. Both men, five minutes after getting on shore, resembled huge icicles, their clothes being frozen solid in that time.

What might have been a fatal accident happened last Wednesday at the Ruby gold mine, situated near the Morning Glory mine. It appears one of the men placed three sticks of dynamite on some hot stones, to take the

There was placed on our desk this encouraging assay, and the promoters of the Bon Diable Co. have every reason to feel very well satisfied with the pros-

pects of their property.

The Camp Hewitt Mining and Development Company have made a start ine Peary, the oldest woman in New on the properties, and about eight men about the average.

The Trades and Labor Council met Creek Co.'s property, near Waneta. A last night and decided to ask intending last night n

menced on the Lake View and Gladstone claims, two gangs working day and night. These claims both carry gold, silver and copper, and good re-sults are confidently anticipated by the promoters. The company has also acquired ten other claims at Camp Hewitt, ing placards announcing it, the action of and as other claim-holders intend to do the foreign relations committee of the some development work this winter, the camp will likely be pretty lively for the next few months. Camp Hewitt is sit-

CAUSED GREAT SENSATION.

Madrid, Dec. 19.—The decision of the United States senate committee on foreign relations to report Senator Camerstreet, but it was shortly followed by a on's resolution for the recognition of the republic of Cuba caused a great sensation here. The papers enlarge upon the significance of the joint, compared with the concurrent resolution, and reproach the government and especially the Spanish minister at Washington for having been over-confident. The ministers here decline to talk on the subject and it is expected a cabinet meeting will be held to-day to discuss the situation. Said a prominent politician: "The

talk of the papers of Madrid and New York cannot be accepted as representing the government's feeling. For instance, the statement that Senor Canovas has been sounding the European powers re garding the support they might send to spain in case of war with the United states is absolutely untrue. Naturally spain has the sympathy of several o the powers, as the question of United States interference in Cuba may to-morrow become a question of similar interference in Martinique, San Thomas and Jamaica. But Senor Canovas has not taken a step to seek support for Spain. He has never believed that the matter would become a uestion of war, and he and the Duke o Cetuan (minister of foreign affairs), have been acting with unceasing prudence avoiding every possible thing that migh lead to serious complications. Seno Canovas has unbounded confidence in J. S. Minister Taylor, and he has belief in the official professions of the friendship of the United States. Mr. Taylor and the Duke of Tetuan are warn friends. Fortunately the Cortes does not assemble before April, so the situation is shorn of possible embarrassments to the government from the fervidness of Spanish patriotism. The situation is not alarming, and I do not believe that the wild talk.

YESTERDAY morning Captain J. S. Bennett, formerly of Digby, Nova Scotia, succumbed to the ravages which for more han a year a cancer in the throat and of his devoted wife. The agonies which that the Canadian miller was paying the Northwest farmers a substantial advance tude, and the inability to take nourishment had worn him down and the take the consumer. Mr. Meighen said that the Canadian miller was paying the Northwest farmers a substantial advance over the prices paid in the United States, while the consumer and the consumers. was regarded as a skilled navigator. He vinced it would not be worth ten cents on the dollar if the duties were lowered. Pacific coast, but for several years was engaged at this port in the dities was done. ances. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from the family residence. Richmond avenue.

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youth who in error have dashed the cup of life to the floor. It is a fearful hofrer to be as strong as an ex to-day, to be as weak as a kitten to-merrow. It is a selemn warning; it should be heeded. Catch yourself in the nick of time If you cannot help yourself the

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Made Articles.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 19 .- A careful compilation of the capital accredited to all the chartered gold mining companies in Canada gives a total of over \$290,000,000. British Columbia heads the list in the number and wealth of its gold mining companies, while Ontario with its scarcely less extensive deposits of free milling ore in the Rainy River district, comes second. By provinces the figures stand: British Columbia, \$256,312,075; Ontario, \$32,094,900; New Brunswick, \$1,030,000; Manitoba, \$50,000.

The report is again in circulation that the civil service hours are about to be lengthened. It is also said that the ministers contemplate issuing an order prohibiting civil servants from being candidates for municipal offices. At the Customs department it is

learned that there has been many seizures of prison made articles from the United States during the past three months. The Governor-General and Lady

berdeen returned to Ottawa last night for the season, after a three months stay in British Columbia. The exports for November are well up to the average.

A number of Guelph and Toronto men are seeking incorporation as the Ontario and Kootenay Mining Co. Capt. Sinclair, secretary to the Govrnor-General, leaves for Scotland next week. He has decided to contest Forfarshire in the Liberal interest.

TARIFF ON BREADSTUFFS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19 .- At the tariff commission here, D. Robertson, flour merchant, protested against the present protective tariff on breadstuffs of 75 cents American people will go further than a bushel on wheat and 75 cents a barrel on flour. The tariff of which he complained protected only three milling

firms. Robert Meighen, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, in a forcible address, combatted Mr. Robertson's ideas. He denied that the flour tongue has been making upon his con-stitution. Indeed, the wonder is that he millers were importers, and were enrichsurvived so long, although he rcceived ing themselves at the expense of the farthe most loving and untiring attentions mer and consumers. Mr. Meighen said ment had worn him down until he had while the consumer got his flour as become little more than a skeleton. His cheap if not cheaper than the American was indeed a patient waiting for the end consumer. The effect of taking off the which came to him in a sleep. The duties would be that United States Captain was a native of Nova Scotia and trusts would put Canada at once upon was for many years in command of big vessels in the East and West Indian and adian industry. There were thirty-five South American trade. He was a man million dollars of capital invested in the Canadian industry, and he was conwas regarded as a shilled nonintent.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19. - (Special) - A and Lady Tupper have signified their intention of sailing from Liverpool on

January 7 on their return to Canada. The annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association was held this evening. The annual report shows that the income for the year was \$34,886, of which \$4,642 was paid for working expenses, and \$21,746 for benefits, leaving a surplus for the year of \$8,497 or a total surplus of \$149,595.

CORNWALL ELECTION. CORNWALL, Dec. 19 .- (Special)-The bye-election here to-day resulted in the election of Snetsinger, Liberal, by a good majority. The constituency returned Bergin, Conservative, at last election, when there was also a Patron candidate in the field. To-day the Patron vote went largely with the Liberals, electing Snetsinger. Latest figures give him about 480 majority, with two places to

hear from. Another Dismissal.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Mr. J. B. Laberge, assistant postmaster at Quebec, has been dismissed by Hon. Mr. Mulock, postmaster-general, as the result of an investigation. He was held responsible for pushing through the post Tory campaign iterature at the last election and holding back "L'Electeur" and other Liberal publications. Mr. J. B. Coanitte, of the postoffice inspector's office, has been appointed in his place.

Montreal Post Office.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Regarding the recent investigation at the Montreal post office, it has been an open secret that a number of Orders-in-Council dealing with dismissals are tied up with His Excellency. They were sent West when the Governor-General was in British Columbia, and an understanding will be arrived at when Lord Aberdeen meets the Premier. It is stated that the dismissals are of small officers, but the natter is raising much interest at the Capital.

CONNEAUT, Dec. 16.—An Italian smuggler of jewelry named Dominico Quaranto has been arrested here. He had just alighted from a train from Cleveand, and was about to take boat for Point Dover, Ont., when captured by the police. Quaranto is one of a trio of smugglers who arrived at New York on the steamer Olive from Naples in November. They had sold their jewelry and Quaranto was about to return to Naples for another supply. His two accomolices have been arrested.

FRANK COLLEY and Harry W. Welsh, two of the three candidates writing the recent preliminary examination in this city for the civil service of Canada, have passed successfully. The names of the fortunate candidates for qualification will not be known for two or three weeks