den; three-quarters, H. Sargison, F. Ander-

Jeffs (captain), L. Sweeney, F. Morris, W. Loat, A. Raymur, J. O'Keefe, W. Paterson;

reserves, R. McInnes, W. Sweeney.
Capt. Scholefield, of the Victoria Hockey

Club, requests all players to turn out to

practice next Monday at 1 o'clock in order

the 21st of January.

o train for the match with Vancouver on

SIX MONTHS LAST YEAR

Gain of More Than Half a Million Dol-

lars--Successful Candidates at

Civil Service Examination.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.-The customs receipts

of the Dominion for six months, ending

December 31st, 1904, were \$21,204,117, as against \$20,653,761 for the same time

in 1903, or a gain of \$550,356. For the

Passed.

\$259,323.

nonth of December the increase was

The following passed the civil service

examination last November: At Vic-toria, Robert John Herbert and Robert

G. Howell; at Vancouver, Arthur A.

Marion, E. H. Middlemiss and Morven

H. Watson, at Nelson, Edward D. Dut-

Railway Applications.

The Kettle River Valley Railway

the proposed line to Quilchena near

Company bropose to build from a point

Vernon, in a southerly direction to the

westerly and northerly to a point on the

line of the Canadian Pacific railway.

The Kootenay-Cariboo & Pacific railway

Presentation to J. A. Smart.

Deputy Minister Smart in taking fare

TREATY WITH SPAIN.

Washington, Dec. 31.-Mr. Ojeda, the

number of months. An increase in the

\$ 211.75 \$ 55,353 08

68.218 53

65,587 44

62,704 22

60,848 30

70,244 13

59,603 42

55.038 15

\$747,339 .28

Dutlable.

\$ 176,285

191,872

220,993

207,596

238,062

225.143

218,315

222,469

200,855

10 00

75 00

\$1,410 00

\$ 299 00 239 20

270 10

276 00

228 20

268 14

432 20

254 10

\$3,264 99

IMPORTS.

461 00

919: 20

179/75

233 77

50 00

\$ 60,284

69,922

56,337

31,458

13,531

64.852

31:986

31,422

15,432

\$461,441

\$ 885,75

713 85

813 30

868 57

790 35

756 30 764 40

822 00

816 90

699 60

\$9,384 82

\$2,621 14

33 00

47 00

44 00

\$ 15,561

13,894

8.731

12,859

23.085

8.005

10.288

17,978

\$159.876

\$ 2,339 00

2.333 75

3,274 37

3,707 74

3,128 88

2,500 37

2.731 88

3,212 00

2,727 00

1.971 25

\$32,226 60

1.482 76

1.347 21

3,236 93

1.837 34

1,823 47

2.198 62

1,794 56

2,650 79

ton and F. E. Pattman.

WILL PREPARE PLANS FOR FUTURE

ADMIRAL TOGO TO CONFER WITH MINISTERS

The Mikado Bestows Presents, Includ-Ing Watches Worn by Himself, on the Naval Heroes.

Tokio, Dec. 30, 10 a.m.—The Emperor including watches, formerly worm by him-

Vice-Admiral Togo has declined the repeption tendered him by the municipality of Tokio, on the ground that the time is

Vice-Admiral Togo will devote his time in Tokio conferring with Marquis It estident of the privy council; Admiral Admiral Ijuine, assistant chief of general staff; Rear-Admiral Saito, vice of marine, and other members of the imperial staff, upon the plans for future

Vice-Admiral Togo to-day attended the funeral of a number of officers and men who were killed at Port Arthur while serving under him. He read an eulogy

Vice-Admiral Togo addressed their spirits in the following words: "As I stand before your spirits, I can hardly express my feelings. Your per sonalities are fresh in my memory. corporeal existence has ceased, but your ing from this would has been in the callant discharge of your duty by virtue of which the enemy's fleet in this world been completely disabled and our combined fleet holds undisputed command

"I trust this will bring peace and rest to your spirits. "It is my agreeable duty to avail my self of my presence in this city, whithe I have been called by our Emperor, to render a report of our successes these who sacrificed their earthly existence in the attainment of so important a result as that above ren

RUSSIAN QUARTERS SOUTH OF MUKDEN.

Mukden, Dec. 31.-Nemiorovitch Danchenko, the famous Russian war correspondent, who has just returned from an inspection of the quarters occupied by the Russian officers and privates at the had I had 10,000 men instead of 400, it

"une could hardly imagine a greater contrast than afforded by the tired army after the battle of Liao Yang and the army now resting south of Mukden. The men live in dugouts, but most of the ers in huts above ground. Aside from the fact that there are only five officers to a hut, and that the latter contains more decorations, there is little difference tween the men's and the officers' quar-Everybody is well fed and com-

dugouits are all shell-proof h has a stove with sleeping round the stove. The men are with clothing, warm underostly of Chinese manufacture, tach company. The water is twice weekly. The separate

laundry houses are always supplied with the batuung quarters. "The officers and men partake of the

A ration consists of a pound of meat and two and a half pounds of bread, with tea twice daily. There are short rations of sugar, but the only shortages observable were sugar. Everyone would appreciate books and papers. Every printed bit is read, even the advertisements. The postal facilities are poor. Since the wires have been reserved for military and press use, private telegrams have all been forwarded by mail from Irkutsk.

rare taken with drinking water. There is a guard at each well. Some con used water from the Shakhe river. Water parties go to the banks unarmed There is a general truce with water par-ties of both sides, and much chaff between the Russians and Japanese is exchanged across the river. The tempera ture is six degrees below zero (Fahren-heit), and is expected to be colder."

DR CHADWICK ARRIVES. Declined to Talk of Indictment, Saying

Information. New York, Dec. 31 .- Dr. Leroy Chad-

wick, of Cleveland, who is under indictment in Cleveland with his wife, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, for uftering a forgery, reached here to-day on the r Pretoria, of the Hamburg Am-

When asked for an interview, Mr. Chadwick exclaimed brusquely, "I de-cline to talk on any subject." Later, he informed of his indictn bling markedly, Dr. Chadwick said: "I have heard nothing of this matter and will say nothing until I get some authoritative information."

HANDED TO CITY. Comptroller of Chicago Receives Money Found in the Iroquois Theatre

After Fire. Chicago, Dec. 31.-The money found in the Iroquois theatre after the fire has been turned over by City Custodian Dewitt C, Cregir to Comptroller Mc-Gann, the required year of holding for claimants having passed. The box full charred bank notes and bits of bills, ar valued at \$280, and will go to the police sion fund. Many of the coins were burned or crushed until almost unrecog-

TO FRUSTRATE A CORNER.

Agreement Reached Among Pig Iron Merchants of Great Britain. London, Dec. 31.—The pig iron me

an agreement whereby in the new contracts specified brands of American pig iron will be tenderable against speculative contracts in the United Kingdom. Fourteen American brands are listed, of which ten are from Alabama and four from Tennessee. The new arrangement will allow use delivery of American brands instead of British in the event of attempt to establish a corner in the the other side.

THE FATAL RIOT IN POLAND. Assassin of Colonel Was Shot Dead-Many Persons Wounded During Fight With Proops.

Berlin, Dec. 31 .- A letter to the Loka Anzeiger from Cracow describes the attack recently made with dynamite on the Russian church at Bazon, Russian Po-The church walls and the graves

were destroyed. A military force surrounded all the public buildings in the place within an hour and half, and a crowd, numbering 1,600 persons, gathered at the scene singing revolutionary songs. A red flag was hoisted and criew were heard of "Long live independent Poland." Pistels were

Presently a military force appeared un der the command of Col. Buletoff, who rushed in a state of intoxication from the officers' club and ordered the troops to fire on the crowd. A workingman shot the colonel dead, and the adjutants has presented Vice-Admirals Togo and bayonetted the assassin and then brainmura with a number of articles, ed him with the butts of their rifles.

Many persons were wounded, and numerous arrests were made. Order was finally restored towards morning. At Lodz and other towns troops guard

> A special to the Lokal from Cheflowa, Russian Poland, where a monument to Emperor Alexander I. was recently detroyed by dynamite, says the ferment here continues, and that the police are searching houses at night for anarchists.

> > BRITAIN AND STATES.

Russian Newspaper Comments on the Rumors of an Alliance.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.-The Russian newspapers are beginning to discuss the British and continental reports of an aldation, and that they represent more British anxiety to have it appear that to abandon her traditional policy, which renders a lasting agreement impossible. One paper remarks: "It is a touching sight to see Jonathan stretching across the sea to John, but both indulging in Mephistophelian laughter, which seems to have escaped European observation."

GENERAL UPRISING FEARED. Ex-Governor of German Southwest Af-

rica Thinks There Will Be More Trouble.

New York, Dec. 31.—A Berlin dispatch to the Times says: "Colonel Leutwein, the ex-governor o German Southwest Africa, has just arrived at Hamburg. In an interview he said: 'I am accused of too much leniency. I cannot find this wrong. I was firmly convinced that I could win the

would have been better.' "The colonel admitted that a ger uprising of the natives of Africa may b

LAND FOR FARMERS.

American Firm Buys Fifty-Four Thousand Acres Near Calgary.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.-An American firm has purchased 54,000 acres of land from the Canadian Pacific, east of Calgary, which will be settled with good farmers. company as being too high for irrigation purposes. The transaction involved \$280,000, and was purchased by a syndi-Chinese boots than can be cate headed by Mr. Belseker, president of seven different banks in Minnesota and Dakota.

A NEW COMET.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The naval ob servatory here was notified last night by cable from Kiel, Germany, of the disfare, which is distributed each day covery of a comet by Bonrelly, of Mares, ridge ascension one hour fourteer minutes south, declination ten hours : inutes. This comet was immediately Hammond and Wright, of the nava: ob ervatory. Observations will be continued every clear night.

"HER OWN WAY. Maxine Elliott and Company at the Vic tora Last Night.

A crowded house welcomed Maxine Elliott and Company last evening in "Her Own Way," a drama designed specially for that beautiful and talented actress by its author, Clyde Fitch. The parquet, balcony and gallery were packed, which indicates that good looks and nandsome gowns count for a great deal with Victoria players. But on the whole while the show was not the treat many expected, it must be acknowledged that the play admirably suits the lady for that of a year ago, but this is not sur- helped to make up for some of the de-

It is played in a novel manner. A children's birthday party is the first scene, and the effect of the bright in view of the war in the Far East, The returns for the year are juvenile chatter is altogether charming. The free and easy comments of the kiddies on their elders provokes much

"Her Own Way" is not new in its There are the two lovers just created for one another, and the scheming villain who happens to be a multiionaire. There is the temporary success of the schemer, and his ultimate utter defeat and the happy reunion of the

Maxine Elliott as Georgina Carley showed marked improvement in her act ing since her last appearance here with We Were Twenty-one." She retains the beauty and grace which have been her chief advertisement, but after all it can hardly be said that she is histrionically

strong, although very pleasing Her support was capable, James Carley as Saml. Coart, the multi-million aire, and Chas. Cherry, as Lieut. Richard Coleman, meeting the demands upon them in satisfactory style. Comedy is provided by the hair-dresser, Miss Bella Shindle, a role that was taken by Geo. Lawrence. His descriptions of Christmas bargains,

onstrations of character sketching by hair, etc., were first-class STRIKE SPREADING.

Tiflis, Trans-Caucasia, Russia, Dec 31.-The strike at Baku continues. The the electric light wires have been cut and the newspapers are not publishing.

The Pope on Friday received in private audience in his study Baroness Macdonald. widow of the late Canadian Premier. The Pontiff on this occasion spoke in French for perhaps the first time in a private audience. He asked Lady Macdonald to sit next to him, saying that her visit was an honor for him. The Pope said he knew how fairly her late husband had ever treated the Canadian Catholics, and presented the Baroness with a medal bearing the Pope's head on one side and his arms on

BY FALLING WALL

FATAL AND DESTRUCTIVE OUTBREAKS IN CHICAGO

Two Fire Fighters Were Crashed to Death-Property Loss Estimated at \$600,000.

Chicago, Dec. 31.-Two firemen wer killed and two others and one spectator were injured by the falling of a portion of the wall at the West End car shops. Another Blaze.

Chicago, Dec. 31.-A fire, which destroyed \$600,000 worth of property, started in the seven-story brick building the churches to prevent their being deoccupied by the Cash Buyers' Union. Spreading rapidly, the fire soon assumed large proportions. Fearing that the whole district was in danger, a second alarm was sent in closely followed by a series of extra calls for additional men with a heavy blow to wind. The third ganized, but in all the plans, proposed and apparatus. When the fire penetrated to the adjoining building, occupied by the Zeno Manufacturing Company, a four story building, the firemen were labeled to the fourth round that Stubbert was beaten. Elli used his uppercut with tellfour story building, the firemen were ordered to the roofs of adjacent buildings to fight the flames. Within a few minutes the flames had gutted the structure, and had spread to the Boston Rubber Paint Co. Then the flames cracking the brick walls of the building spread to 160 West Van Buren street causing leged Anglo-American alliance, but consider that they have not any solid foun-heavy damage to the Peninsular Stove Co., which firm occupied the seventh floor. So fierce would the blaze become such an alliance is in prospect than the deliberate purpose of the United States were driven far over the district, and were driven far over the district, and buildings blocks away caught fire. With a deconation that was heard for squares, an explosion in the basement of the Cash Buyers' Union building tore up the stree and sidewalk, throwing firemen into the air and tearing live wires of the Van INCREASE COMPARED WITH Buren street electric car line down. For unately none of the firemen were in ured. Crushing down through the frai walls of the structure adjoining, the owering walls of the Peninsular Stove Co. and those of the Cash Buyers' Union

cottered and collapsed. Outbreak at Little Rock. Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 31.-The Cunningham plaining mill and the Little Rock Furniture Co. building were damaged by fire early this morning. loss is \$150,000.

WILL PLANT TREES.

The Lieutenant-Governor and the Presiden of Horticultural Society to Take Part.

The board of school trustees has arranged for the planting of a few more trees on the High school grounds, and it has been decided to carry this out on Tuesday next, on the day of the reopening of the school for the coming term. Sir Henri Joly de Lottbiniere, Lieut.-Governor of the province, whose interest in forestry and arboriculture is well known throughout the Dominion, has expressed his willingness to plant one of the trees on the lawn. A request was made a little time ago that His Honor should take part in this function. To this he readily agreed, and intimated that he would gladly bring a tree of his own rearing. The offer was gladly accepted, and His Honor intimated

trees grown on the grounds of Government House from the nursery, which was the outcome of nuts planted by him. Fred. Pemberton, president of the Horti- an extension of time. cultural Society of this city, has also con-sented to provide a tree and plant it on the grounds on this occasion The ceremony will take place at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, and it has the employees.

that he would plant one of the butternut

een arranged that His Honor shall be attended by a guard of honor composed of the High school cadets, with Capt. Cobbett in mmand. The members of the corps are requested to wear their uniforms.

ing the business done in the Victoria cus-

February 55,787 15

March 67,737 53

April 65,548 34

June 60,516 23

July 62,388 41

August 70,166 28

November 57,350 41

December (estimated) 54,918 15

February 10,575

April 23,974

May 21,416

July 21,461

October 192,726

December (estimated) 85,979

Totals\$825,008

7,035 66

8.079 54

7.533 96

\$100,056 78

September

January \$ 8,254 04

February 8,130 46

September 10,440 91

December 10,475 26

March

April

June

July

October

November

The fact that the planting can be carried out in the middle of the winter in this city, while all Eastern Canada is wrapped in treaty between Spain and the United snow and frost, indicates in the clearest States, similar to those already signed manner possible the advantages which Brit- with other mations.

VICTORIA CUSTOMS AND INLAND REVENUE RETURNS.

toms house for the year just ending are having been withdrawn altogether for a appended. The total revenue collected number of months. An increase in the

will be found to be something less than | business of the China Mutual steamers

prising in view of the increase in the ficiencies thus created, and evidence is Cumese entry tax, which no Oriental has forthcoming of encouraging growth in

in view of the war in the Far East, The returns for the year are as follows:

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

ish Columbia possesses over the other prov-**EMPLOYEES WHOSE** SPORTING NOTE TIME NOW EXPIRES for Rugby Match on Monday-Collie Hill Won Friday Night's Fight.

match will be played between Victoria and Vancouver teams, commencing at 3 o'clock at Oak Bay. Alexis Martin will act as SEVEN LEFT NAVAL YARD SATURDAY referee, and the personnel of the local fit-teen will be as follows: Full back, H. Og-

son, J. Gidley, S. Nason; half backs, W. Irving, F. Nason; forwards, J. Miller, A. Also Eight or Ten Experts to Go Away -- Believed That Squadron Will Be Enlarged.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Friday night at the Savoy theatre Collie Esquimalt's importance to the British Hill, of Victoria, won from Fred. Stubbert, admiralty as a naval base of great of Tacoma, in the fifth round of what was strategical value, second to none in the When the men stepped into the ring they western hemisphere, may not yet be weighed about 120 pounds, but Hill ap- overlooked. Probably the most subpeared stronger than his opponent. He stantial evidence of this is that so far made use of a victous right uppercut which did considerable damage. In the first round honors were about equal, but the second was much in favor of the Vectoria boy. He Concentration has been the content of the station of the station has been the content of the station has been the content of the station of the station has been the station of the station of the station has been the station of the st

round was fast. Stubbert being knocked down and taking a count of four, when the reference to Esquimalt. This leads those who have been closely watching the situ-

very shortly. These are experts who had been employed in the factory. Their families reside here, so that in this respect their departure will mean a conderable loss to the community.

The local employees who will leave the yard to-day are John Robinson, a boat nilder, who has been in the yard for the last four or five years; B. Russell, Purdy and R. Logan make up the tric from the factory who have received their discharge papers, and whose time of service expires to day. Two of these served

their apprenticeship in the yard. So far there has been no reduction in the storenouse staff or in the naval ratings, and no one in either department has yet been notified that his dismissal will be forthcoming. When some weeks ago it was announced that the station would be practically abolished, all were anticipating in turn that bad news would come, but as time lapses the situation appears to slightly improve, and the seeming hesitation on the admiralty as to what disposition they will make of

Esquimalt is taken as a good sign. It was also stated a short time ago that the naval hospital would close in the near future, but inquiry at the institution to-day elicited the that so far no orders to this effect have been received. The general aspect things is therefore not so gloomy as it was, and it is fully believed that the admiralty, on deliberating further on the Esquimalt's value to the navy, will ultimately provide a bigger squadron than

ever for duty on this station. PERSONAL

PERSONAL columbia and the state of Washington; from a point on the line so to be constructed from Fire Valley to Quilchena, A. R. Watts has resigned his position on the Colonist staff and interds baying the Pespecity on a short trip. Upon his return he list, I will resume journalistic work here, H. T. Brown, of the B. C. Electric Railway. Vancouver, is spending his holidays

will apply to parliament next session for M. C. Brown. ing their holidays at Shawnigan.

well of the interior department today was presented with a case of silver from A. L. Russell, of Vancouver, is at the

by his wife, left on Thursday by the Queen Spanish minister, to-day signed with Secretary of State Har an arbitration for California. Mr. Craig until a few weeks ago conducted a carriage building and general blacksmith business in Nanaimo. Consumption in its initial stages de-

ingly, sold out his business and has left for velopment of the disease. With the returns approximated for the month of December, the figures showing the business done in the Victoria cus-J. T. Stephenson, wife and daughter, of United States and are now on their way

> A. F. Pemberton, who has been absent from Victoria for eight years, arrived family here. Since leaving there she has been in England most of the time, but lately has been residing in Windsor, N. S.

J. G. Johnston is paying his parents on the Gorge road a visit, having recently arrived from Dawson. He has been spending a month at the Kloeber hotel, at the Green River Hot Springs. He was delighted with the place as a health resort.

Thos. Kiddle, superintendent of the Tyee here Thursday evening.

SHANGHAI CUSTOMS RECEIPTS. Shanghai, Dec. 31.—The Shanghai customs revenue for the fiscal year amounts to over one and one-half million

pounds. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge on Friday presented to President Roosevelt a petition asking for an investigation by the bureau of labor and commerce of trade conditions in New England to determine what effect reciprocity with Canada and Newfoundland would have upon trade in these states The inland revenue collections for the year, ending December 31st, 1904, are as follows:

Spirits. Receipts.

1 00

56 60

60 00

18 85

97.00

600 94

44 00

123 81

291 32

\$1,149 12 \$383 50

Totals.

\$ 138,91 35

16,351 50

16,640 60

14.761 14

18,724 21

15,245 59

15,998 20

EDUCATION AND ITS ADVAN- criminally negligent in not teaching their TAGES. To the Editor: It is certainly gratifying to find that the people of Victoria

evidently taking a greater interest ation of every patriotic citizen.

I understand that the position taken

by some of the writers is to this effect: That the limit of free education shall be have no High school at all sustained upon the free education principle.

It must also be remembered that the

everage age of entrance pupils is less to day than it has ever been in the hiscory of our public schools, and this conministration and the careful selection of eachers.

If 11 years should be the limit which free education shall be given can be easily seen that the large proportion of our boys and girls would never complete the work in our public schools; r, in other words, the very elemenaries of a good education.

We must not forget the fact that many a bright boy and girl is handicapped at the very commencement of education by ill-health, and their enforced absence ing city, but rather should it be our proud. from time to time makes it impossible to reach the principal's class until 16 years | that the public school system of the Queen paratively poor parents are often kept home to assist in the house or to enter upon the struggle for a living long before the early boyhood days have passed away, and yet we find these parents pace in educational matters, and that in heroically striving (even to the measure of self-sacrifice) to secure for their own the last four or five years; B. Russell, another carpenter who has been on the staff for the past seven years, and W. Mulray and W. Wills, who have also seen long service here. H. Geke, J. The seen long service here. H. Geke, J. The second of a complete course of study of the second of the second of the second of the same line. I hope to see the day when Victoria shall also have its free technical schools are in operation in many centres, and that even in Great Britania a movement is being directed along the same line. I hope to see the day when Victoria shall also have its free technical schools are in operation in many centres, and that even in Great Britania and movement is being directed along the same line. I hope to see the day when Victoria shall also have its free technical schools are in operation in many centres, and that even in Great Britania and the second of the same line. on account of the age limit. It would be far more commendable on the part of the same advantages that others enjoy some of our large property owners to rise nobly to the occasion, and to say, that if any change is to be made that it the administration of our High schools, and shall be along the line of assisting these poorer children to a realization of their parents' wishes, and show their willingless to support such a scheme by handsomely supplying the funds for such a

noble purpose.

Mr. Editor, does anyone, wish to do prive our boys and girls of the funda-mentals of a good and wholesome education? Will anyone dare to assert that the age limit shall be the basis upon which instruction in our public schools shall be curtailed? I do not believe that any fair-minded and broad-minded citizen would vote for a return to conditions obtaining in England fifty years ago. Mr. Sorby has a right to his opinion ut I can frankly say, that he has abso-

lutely failed to appreciate the true spirit of the age, and especially along free ducational lines. The watchword of Victoria must ever The MOST DANGEROUS GAME. e "Progress," and the curtailing of any of our educational institutions will mean its inability to stand in the front line of

progressive municipalities.

There are those also who would pro vide an education compatible with the sphere in which the various pupils may vely more, and would like to the sphere of a boy or girl?

It seems to me, that in this boasted the seladang, which is fully as formidable as the Cape buffalo, and is mis-cally, Vancouver, is spending his holidays victoria with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. only be limited by his ability (strengthed the bison all over Iudia. Each of these animals is dangerous on different Eugene Miller, of this city, is going to California for the benefit of his health.

California for the benefit of his health.

Chief Justice and Mrs. Hunter are spend
try, and perchance ere long on the benefit of the thereby the description of the others, is terrifying because of his benches of the Imperial House-at West- enormous strength, which steps at no minster, and such an honor is possible Stanley Craig, of Nanaimo, accompanied the home-spun garment, that there is no ing mud, in dense cover, with the jungle

veloped and it was deemed wise that Mr. adian citizenship is not in accord with jungle he seeks when wounded, but more Craig should go to California. He accords such a distorted view of things. It is especially because of his tremendous vicharacter that makes the true citizen, the south in the bore of checking the de- and not the shekels shaken together in able, habit of awaiting the hunter on his ada can boast that in parliament, upon the judicial bench, in the ministry, at the hard shooting to bring down one of these London, Ont., are in the city. They have bar and in commercial forefront are to be made an extended tour of Europe and the found (and not a few) of her humblest. The danger of the tiger and of the lion born sons, who have striven and attained East. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson and Miss by the force of their own characters, and Stephenson intend spending several days whose ambitions have been encouraged in Victoria and are guests at the Dominion first of all by the possibilities of an education, and that upon the principle that to the poorest the same great oppor-Miss E. B. Pemberton, daughter of Hon. | tunities of making a life should be possible. The people of Victoria would be untrue to themselves if they considered ed through the eye if head on, or about on Thursday on a visit to members of the for a moment that a child should be educated according to it's sphere.

When one talks of sphere and educat-

ing the boy accordingly, it is nothing less Whitney, in Outing. than arrogant presumption, for in simple language it means that God predestinat ed that some men should always be WHY THE SALESMAN GOT MAD. grovellers, while others should be the lords of creation. The theory is crushed by practical experience, for does not his-tory show that men of low degree have tory snow that men or low degree mayers and cravats of glorious brillings. Kiddle, superintendent of the Tyee while many who have been born in luxury have become the very scum of luxury have become the very scum of the Windows!" So when Smithson Vernon. He came to the city to attend a society and a disgrace to modern civilization to walked in and requested to see that tion? It should be the boy's ambition to "bright pink and green shot with peaerican Institute of Mining Engineers held get beyond and above his early environents, and it is the duty of the state t aid him accomplish his noble purposes in

> Education can never unfit a lad for the duties of life, and any curtailment in the public schools of this city would be a The aff low to the best interests of Victoria from which it would take years to re-

The system is possible of great in ovement, but the limiting of public school instruction to either age or sphere bed of tissue-paper. "Anything else to-Mr. Sorby would have us believe that they should be home. This is an assumptaste, I thought I'd ask you to remove it, that's all. Good day." is made that hundreds of our young people who have graduated from ou public schools are occuping positions in various parts of the province and in the country to the south of us, with much distinction and credit, not only to them- had I known I was to receive such a

It is simply foolish to say that educa-It is simply foolish to say that education is responsible for the number of young people who are to be found on our streets after dark, but if Mr. Sorby had said that the home training was at fault he would be very much nearer the truth. The fact is that parents are

boys and girls the principles of morality, and it is no wonder that many of them ruthlessly throw away the golden oppor-tunities of life. If parents would but take their children into their confidence n the educational question than has regarding the dangers that confront them hitherto been the case, and I venture to in the formative period of life, and by hope that so large and important a sub-ject may receive the thoughtful consider-living, there would be but little cause to

The Editor of the Colonist would place

the limit at "certain attainment." would spell defeat to many a promising fixed according to the age of the pupil.

That is to say that a pupil shall not receive any further education after the age limit has been reached (at least at deed. Then it would be unfair from this the public expense). If such limitation standpoint that some boys, on account of be set the result would be deplorable. their greater mental ability, would be standpoint that some boys, on account of Let us take the age limit at 14 years. | through the entire course in little more Now there are children who for many than half the time taken by other pupils, reasons would be compelled to leave and therefore they would actually cost but about one-half of the amount expended school before completing the elementary about one-half of the amount expended studies, and as the average age of pupils upon the average pupil (all the better for now entering the High school is 14 the city, some will say); but why spend years it is very obvious that we would more on one than the other? No, sir, we ground. There must be no age, sphere or cation to all: so that when the High school has been successfully passed through the University may open its doors wide for for free education upon the broadest pos sible lines. If we cannot have a provincial University, let us do the next best thing: Provide the most thorough up-to-date edu cation in our own Victoria College, and let us see that it is up-to-date.

I sincerely believe that the imposition of any fee whatsoever would be very detri-We cannot afford to have it said that Vic. boast to say without fear of contradiction of age. Then again, the children of com- City is second to none in the Dominion of Canada. I am somewhat surprised to find the Colonist so luke-warm in reference to free education, for the editor must know that the United States sets the progressive many cities, not only is the College and University free to the poorest boy, but that stitutions, thus giving to our own children elsewhere. I am glad to learn from very good authority that a long wished for along the line which I have striven for, together with some of my colleagues, during the last four years.

In closing, let me say that the educational institutions of this city have been worked upon a close economic basis; that the present staff is, on the whole, the best seen by the average work in the classes and by the results at recent examinations. We can be sure of this, that many a poor boy who has won his way to fame and honor was inspired by the ray of hope that shone out from the portals of our free educational institutions, and again that an educated and consequently enlightened citizenship is the best asset that any city or country can possess.

ALF. HUGGETT.

The disturbing element in hunting, lephant or seladang or rhino, has been always, to me, at least, the feeling of uncertainty as to whether or not I could stop the animal if I wounded it, and it charged me, as it did on an average of Mr. Editor, this question; What is perfence, therefore, I should place the elephant first and the rhine third after the seladang, which is fully as formidobstacle, and the extreme difficulty opportunity in the world for them, and they must, therefore, work on in the sphere of life in which it was perhaps their misfortune to be born?

I take it, sir, that the spirit of Candian discounties are the spirit of Candian discounties. especially because of his tremendous vione's pocket. To-day democratic Can- tracks and charging suddenly, swiftly is in their lightning activity and ferocious strength; but you have the shoulder in addition to the head shot, if broadside or, if coming on, the chest, all sure to stop if well placed. The reason the rhino is so formidable is because its vulnerable spots are so hard to reach. Its brain is as small in proportion as three inches below and just in front or just behind the base of the ear, accord-

and one window was resplendent with cock-blue, in the front row," the polite shopman disarranged the front, after some considerable trouble, brought out the desired object. "Rather bold, isn't it?" remarked

The affable shopman was in complete accord. "Certainly a bit striking." "I thought so. You needn't put it "Very well, sir," and the man began

to wrap up the thing of beauty in its day, sir?"
"Oh, I don't want it," said Smithson, education is becoming a curse, and he education is becoming a curse, and he says it is so evident by the number of says it is so evident by the number of article taken from the window,' and as lads and girls parading our streets when they should be home. This is an assumption of the should be home. This is an assumption of the should be home. This is an assumption of the should be home. This is an assumption of the should be home.

Then that shopman philosophized audibly, and with much fervor. "I had no idea," he said, "that I should come to claim your offer so soon, and

selves, but to the city wherein they were unusual fee."

"No backing out now," said the law-

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