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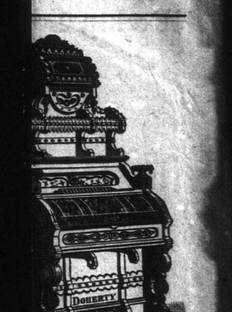

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...A HOME.—ST. JOHN, N.B., ...e steamer St John, which ...ight at 10:30 o'clock, was two ...er burned just outside of the ... Searching parties started out, ...his morning found the crew of twenty ...huddled together in the snow on the ...cks at Black Point. Their clothes were frozen to their bodies, and they were suffering terribly. Five were so terribly burned, including Captain Purdy, the commander, that they cannot live. ...John Sinclair, the steward, was drowned while swimming ashore. The rest got on land by a line carried ashore by the captain. The loss on the steamer was $20,000; insured for $6,000. The loss on the cargo is $50,000; insurance unknown.

HIXON CREEK.—Letters received from Quesnelle under date of 23rd December convey the intelligence that the mine at Hixon Creek has proved to be one of great richness and large extent. The latest news was that at a depth of 151 feet the shaft continued to run in a solid body of quartz. There was little free gold, but great quantities of gold-bearing sulphurets. From assays made of several qualities of ore good returns were secured. A picked piece showed over $170; average pieces $71.20 and $75.20; a piece of greenish clayey looking rock taken from between the vein proper and the hanging wall brought $30.20. The intention is to deepen the shaft to 200 feet before crosscutting or drifting. Parties interested in the ledge are confident that they have a magnificent property.

NAVAL.—From the *Hampshire Telegraph and Sussex Chronicle* of December 11 we glean this paragraph from the Portsmouth items: H. M. S. Cormorant, Commander Jasper E. T. Nicolls, left Esquimalt on the 28th October, conveying the Dominion officers of justice to Metlakahtla. She arrived there on the 2nd November, and remained ten days, in readiness to use force to assist the civil power if necessary. Sub-Lieutenant St. John was sent in charge of the Bishop's yacht to convey dispatches to the various surveying parties up the Simpson river, a very onerous piece of navigation performed in spite of the remonstrance of the Indian pilot's objection to facing the weather. The Cormorant experienced very heavy weather in Queen Charlotte's Sound on the return journey. She arrived at Esquimalt on the 20th November, and brought back eight Indian prisoners sentenced for rioting, highway robbery, and maiming.

INCENDIARISM.

The Nanaimo *Free Press* publishes the concluding testimony taken at the inquiry into the recent fire as well as the verdict and "rider" of the jury. It says: The verdict says that the fire in W. Akenhead's building on December 5th was caused by the action of Geo. Milne, and that the insurance company offered a premium for incendiarism by the lax manner in which the risk was taken for much beyond the value of the stock.

Immediately on the finding of the jury, Mr. Walter Akenhead came out and information before Mr. J. P. Planta, S.M., charging George Milne with arson—*i. e.*, that he set fire to the building owned by him (Akenhead) on Sunday, Dec. 5th. The warrant was placed in the hands of City Constable O'Connell, who at once executed it, but as George Milne was sick in bed, he has not yet been removed to the jail, but is in custody at his room in the Miners' Exchange Hotel.

The preliminary examination will be held as soon as Milne is able to appear in court.

LATER.—Mr. Milne had sufficiently recovered his health yesterday to be removed to the jail, where he will await the preliminary examination.

NEW YEAR'S.

The New Year's weather was quite in contrast with that of Christmas. While the latter was a reminder of the old-fashioned Christmas "back east," the former was typical of our own usually mild and pleasant winters. Calling was indulged in to some extent, and the visitors at Government House were quite numerous. A reception was held at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A.; and the following ladies, viz: Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Clyde, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. J. Fletcher, Mrs. Penwell, Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Jenkins did the honors. Some two hundred guests were received and a very pleasant afternoon had. On the whole the day was a very delightful one and each, in his own peculiar way, "celebrated." One very pleasant feature of the first day of the year was the almost total absence of drunkenness—in somewhat striking contrast to "the days of old." A true New Year's spirit seemed to pervade all hearts and everybody wished everybody else "A happy New Year!"

A LARGE PROFIT.

Mr. W. A. Baillie-Grohman returned direct from British Columbia by the Umbria. He reports great progress in all matters connected with this interesting corner of North America. Several branch lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway into the interior are projected, particularly to the Kootenay country, to tap the mineral deposits on Kootenay Lake and in the upper Kootenay valley. Mr. Baillie-Grohman, who represents an English syndicate which has received important concessions in the Kootenay district from the British Columbia government, reports that he has sold 6000 acres of land at an advance of 150 per cent upon its cost.—*Canadian Gazette.*

DEATHS.

Mrs. O'Brien, gaandmother of Mrs. Luke Humber and Mrs. John Duncan, was found dead in her bed yesterday morning at the residence of the latter lady. The deceased was aged 77 years.

The funeral of the late Miss Helen Louise Jack, daughter of the late Captain Jack, took place on Sunday from the family residence, Superior street. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: A. C. Mount, H. Young, C. Spring, H. Cameron, T. Triedman and Mr. McCulloch.

Coun. Humber received a telegram on Friday telling him of the death of his mother in Essex Co., Ont. The deceased lady had reached the ripe old age of 77 years.

DRAWING FOR OIL PAINTINGS.

Mr. H. Gribble held a drawing for oil paintings at his store yesterday which resulted in the following persons winning: No. 74, Thos. Kennedy, 1st prize; No. 203, T. C. Jones, 2nd prize; No. 373, Capt. Smith, 3rd prize; No. 163, J. Poy, 4th prize; No. 121, Mrs. Dr. Jackson, 5th prize.

Capt. Revely and Mr. R. H. Brown ...ducted the drawings, and the former's ...boy was blindfolded and drew the ...ing numbers out of a box.

NANAIMO ELECTION.

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CABLE NEWS.

Lord Iddesleigh and Viscount Cross Implored to Stay in Office.

Canada's Former Governor-General Asked to Accept a Place in the Ministry.

Chamberlain Summons a Meeting of his Friends—The Irish Question to be Discussed in a Gladstonian Spirit.

Prorogation.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The prorogation of parliament until January 27th, was gazetted to-day.

Round to Rome.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Bishop Watterson, of the Roman Catholic diocese of Columbus, Ohio, has arrived at Venice. He is going to Rome.

Salisbury to Lansdowne.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Lord Salisbury has sent a cable dispatch to the Marquis of Lansdowne, governor general of Canada, asking him if he would be willing to join the ministry.

To Meet in Venice.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Emperor and Empress of Austria will meet the King and Queen of Italy at Venice in March on the occasion of the unveiling of the monument of the late King Victor Emanuel. The remains will be transferred to the Pantheon.

The death at Stuttgart of Princess Marie of Wurtemburg is announced.

A Liberal Conference.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Birmingham *Post* announces that Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Lord Herschell, Morley, Chamberlain, and Sir Geo. Trevelyn will meet, probably next week, to discuss the Irish question in the spirit of Gladstone's letter. It is proposed, says the *Post*, that the subject should be discussed in the freest possible manner, Gladstone will take no personal part in the conference.

Forgers Arrested.

A gang of forgers were arrested while engaged in forging international revenue bonds, machinery and false coupons to the amount of $60,000.

Northbrook Joins Goschen.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The cabinet council has been postponed until Saturday. The whole influence of the Carlton club is being exerted to pursuade Lord Iddesleigh and Viscount Cross to remain in office. Lord Iddesleigh said he was in ill-health and unable to sustain the fatigues of the foreign office and he will persist in his determination to retire. Viscount Cross is undecided as to what he should do. The only positive result announced to-day is the Earl of Northbrook's consent to join the Goschen cabinet. It has not yet been decided to whom the portfolio will be given. The conservative opposition is mainly directed against Lord Northbrook, partly because he is suspected of sympathizing with Mr. Gladstone and partly because he had been adverse to Lord Salisbury's foreign policy when Salisbury was in office in 1875. Lord Northbrook resigned the vice royalty of India because he differed from Lord Salisbury regarding his Afghan policy. If Goschen insists on nominating two candidates to the cabinet the conservatives propose the Marquis of Lansdowne. Gladstone in a letter commenting on Chamberlain's recent speech addressed to Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, concluded with the intimation that the recipient could make what use of it he liked. Chamberlain has summoned a private meeting of leading members of the liberal Union to consult on the terms of compromise. No party however believes that the conference will result successfully. The Parnellites are supreme and will not accept anything short of submission. Mr. Chamberlain speaks to-day. At a meeting of the National League at Dublin, distrust and hatred of Chamberlain were the prevailing sentiments.

Will be There.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—It is expected Prince Bismarck will be in Berlin when the Prussian diet opens on the 15th inst.

Thirty-Seven Persons Killed.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 4.—Thirty-seven persons were killed by an explosion in a coal pit at Mons.

Land League Ridicule.

DUBLIN, Jan. 4.—The fortnightly meeting of the executive committee of the league was held here to-day. The different speakers ridiculed the idea that Mr. Goschen's acceptance of the chancellorship of the exchequer would be the means of saving the present conservative ministry. The treasurer reported the receipt of $25,000 in donations to the league fund during the past two weeks from the United States.

For Alleged Conspiracy.

DUBLIN, Jan. 4.—The trial of the case against Messrs. Dillon, O'Brien, Sheehy, Harris, O'Reilly and Redmond for alleged conspiracy in receiving rents and acting as trustees under the "plan of campaign" was resumed to-day. All the defendants were present except Redmond and Harris, both of whom were absent on account of sickness. Mr. Harris, who is the Parnellite member of parliament for East Galway, is suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs which has assumed a dangerous phase. The Crown closed its case and the trial was adjourned.

Two Women Honored.

DUBLIN, Jan. 4.—Two women who were imprisoned at Ballahune for assaulting bailiffs while serving writs were released to-day. They were met at the prison doors by a great crowd, carrying banners and accompanied by bands of music. Commoners Crilly and Mayne participated in the demonstration.

Cardinal Jacobini's Ailment.

ROME, Jan. 4.—A surgical operation was performed to-day upon Cardinal Jacobini's throat. The operation was successful, but the cardinal was left very weak.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Rock Hands Strike.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 4.—All the collieries in this region engaged in shipping over the New Jersey Central railway were idle to-day except two, on account of a strike of the rock hands at Port Townsend. The closing of the mines means a closing out of six hundred men and boys at Hanover; three hundred and fifty at Red Ash; three hundred at the Bennet companies, and five hundred at the Parrish companies' mines.

Burned at her Prayers.

MARYSVILLE, Ky., Jan. 4.—Miss Kate Nicholson last night was about retiring and knelt in front of the fire to say her prayers. The clothing took fire and she was badly burned before the flames were extinguished. Medical aid was summoned but the injuries were fatal and she died at 10 a. m.

Rowan County Terrors.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—A special from Moorehead, (Ky.,) says: Last night Judge Keeton, who had seen his rival, John Rogers, dance with Miss Martin, to whom he had been paying attention, followed Rogers into the street where Rogers saluted him. Keeton replied with a revolver shot which took off one of Rogers' fingers. Keeton then ran into an open door but not soon enough to escape a volley from Rogers' friends who had seen Keeton shoot. Keeton was instantly killed by men belonging to the opposite faction who have kept Rowan county in terror for a long time.

Great Snowfall.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan.—A special from Arcadia reports the heaviest snow storm ever experienced.

Long Overdue.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The English steamer Cranbrook, Capt. Smith, has not yet arrived. She left Newport, England, on Nov. 30th with a cargo of iron, and is believed to have gone to the bottom with all on board, numbering twenty-five persons. The vessel and cargo were valued at $100,000; both insured.

Swallowed Prussic Acid.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—A boy 17 years of age, employed by Jacob Hinke, printer, as collector, was charged by his employer with having embezzled money. The boy promptly acknowledged it and asked that his father be sent for to make it good. While waiting for his father to come young Watkins swallowed prussic acid and in less than two minutes was dead. The boy had no bad habits and was said to have used the money in buying books and slates. His father is a resident of Bond Hill and would readily have made good the deficit. The boy had two vials of poison in his pockets.

He Drowned Himself.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The body of Major Rybert Beck, who disappeared on Dec. 23d, was found floating in the bay this morning. For some days before his disappearance Major Beck was noticed to be acting strangely. He had been a sufferer for years from rheumatism and neuralgia, and it is supposed that, rendered insane by his troubles, he wandered away and drowned himself.

Terrible Railroad Casualty.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Jan. 4.—Muinetings Station was the scene of a frightful railroad accident at an early hour this morning. The Modoc train, from Albany, approached the depot an hour behind time, and running at the rate of about thirty-five miles per hour, when within a few rods of the depot five of the six cars in the train were thrown from the track by a broken wheel. The under baggage car, engine and express car were kept on the main track but the baggage car was thrown against the engine of the local bound freight train which had just pulled in, and was standing on the west-bound track. The freight engine was thrown on its side and was completely wrecked. The baggage car and the day coach immediatly took fire and were consumed. When the cars could be searched, the charred remains of a man burned to a crisp were found. The only means of identity was "U. S." on his cap. An hour later half of the burned corpse of Mr. Jinks, of Ludlow, was found, and an unknown body, believed to be that of a soldier who was on the train and who has not been seen since.

The Cholera Scourge.

VALPARAISO, Jan. 4.—Telegrams from Buenos Ayres of January 3rd received today announce during the past 24 hours 56 new cases of cholera, 20 deaths; during the last month 700 cases, 452 deaths; in Mendoza during the last 25 hours, 42 cases and 23 deaths.

PERSONAL.

L. Redon and Alex. Dunsmuir were passengers by the steamship Geo. W. Elder to San Francisco on Saturday.

W. H. Kinross has been elected director of the choir of the First Presbyterian church, Oakland.

The many friends of S. Perry Mills, will be sorry to hear that that gentleman has been confined to his room for a week. We are happy to state that Mr. Mills is now in a fair way of recovery.

R. W. Nuttall arrived from San Francisco by the steamship Mexico yesterday.

Mrs. Bowker was a passenger by the Mexico yesterday from San Francisco.

M. Lumby left by the Louise this morning for Okanagan. Mr. Lumby will go over the proposed line of the Shuswap & Okanagon Railroad.

Jas. A. Laidlaw left for home by the Louise this morning.

E. Adams, late of Maple Bay, returned yesterday from New York by way of Panama and San Francisco.

Geo Henderson, mining expert, left for the Foster M. & M. Co.'s mines this morning by the Princess Louise.

H. Bell, city editor of the *Daily Columbian*, spent New Year's in the city.

Moses Lenz was in New York on Saturday last and was to leave the same day for England.

A. C. Perry, of Vancouver, left for San Francisco by the Elder on Saturday.

James Wilson, district superintendent of the C. P. R. Telegraphs, is in the city.

Messrs. S. P. and E. H. Palmer, of the type-foundry firm of Palmer & Rey, arrived in the city yesterday from San Francisco.

Chas. Semlin, M. P. P. for Yale, arrived down on Sunday night from Cache Creek and is at the Driard.

Dr. A. MacSwain will leave on Saturday's steamer for Southern California, where he will spend several weeks. His health has lately been poor, owing to constant application to his profession.

J. Gordon, manager of the Hamilton Powder Co., left for the mainland on the Louise this morning.

C. D. Rand returned yesterday from a visit extending over some months to Eastern Canada. The greater portion of the time was spent with relatives in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick whom he had not seen for some years. He looks well after a most enjoyable trip and came back, contrary to general expectation, *alone*.

Mr. Charles Hayward, jr., is rapidly regaining his health.

A. C. Couves will be about once more in a few days.

J. Fannin returned from the mainland last night.

Governor Swineford of Alaska has gone to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. de L'Aubimere are at Roccabella.

J. R. Tait and wife arrived down from Vancouver last night.

Capt. John Irving arrived from the mainland last night.

N. P. Howe, representing the Pyke Opera Co., is at the Driard.

A. C. Gamble and Wm. Power came down on the Louise last evening.

W. Bennett, H. F. Keefer and E. H. Merrill were passengers from the Inlet last evening.

F. X. Martin, W. Humphries, and J. Gilmer were passengers by the Louise last night.

E. C. Neufelder, I. Oppenheimer, Capt. Jennett, C. G. Major and G. E. Corbould were passengers from the mainland yesterday by the steamer R. P. Rithet.

Mayor Beaugrand will shortly deliver a lecture before the Club National in Montreal on the Northwest and British Columbia, giving his impressions of the country as formed during his recent visit.

Col. Herchimer, of the Northwest mounted police stationed at Calgary, arrived in the city yesterday by the R. P. Rithet. The colonel will leave for Portland to-morrow morning, where he will take the Northern Pacific railway for the east.

Wells, Fargo & Co. Withdraw.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31st.—Wells, Fargo & Co., which withdrew from the Northern Pacific Railroad on the announcement of the decision of the United States Supreme Court that a common carrier must provide express transportation, and that it had a right to say who should furnish it, have withdrawn from the Portland and Seattle steamers and all railroads operated by the Oregon Railway & Navigation company in Oregon and Washington Territory. This leaves the Northern Pacific Express Company in undisputed possession north of California, on the Oregon Short Line, Northern Pacific Railroad and Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. Wells, Fargo & Co. will still continue to operate the Oregon & California Railroad and its branches.

HUMBOLDT STREET.—As James Bay bridge is to be closed to-day and Humboldt street and round the bay road utilized, the attention of the mayor and street committee is called to the muddy condition of Humboldt street. The services of the corporation workmen should be immediately directed there.

WAR PREPARATIONS.

That exist Only in the Imagination of an American Writer.

How Canadian Garrisons are Being Fortified According to a Washington Paper—Some Stories for the Marines.

(From the Washington Sunday Herald.)

"There is trouble all around us. A prominent Canadian, who was a member of Lord Dufferin's Cabinet when that gentleman was Governor-General of Canada, said to me in New York the other day, "Our people are furious at the tone of the President's message in his allusion to the relations now existing between us and the States, and the sentiment is strengthened by the publication of your Minister's (Phelps) letter to Lord Salisbury upon the fishing question. We know we are weak, but your Government should go very slowly. It is a case where *festina lente* is a wise injunction. We intend to maintain our rights whether the New Englanders like it or not.' 'But,' said I to him, for I saw he was very much in earnest, 'we must protect our fishermen, whether they are New Englanders or not.' 'You will see what will come of it,' he replied. And sure enough, I do see, I noticed an order of Council that early in 1887 the entire Canadian coast is to be examined in regard to its fitness for defence. Fortifications are to be repaired and new works constructed wherever they are needed. They have a route of their own across the Continent now, and are strengthening British Columbia, especially that part near New Westminster. And this is not all—for the first time in twenty years *Canada is being garrisoned* by line regiments from England.

Since 1870 there has been no military force in Canada but the militia. At Halifax they had usually one battalion of infantry alone. But when the Conservatives came into power in England they recalled Gen. Sir Patrick McDougall and appointed Gen. Lord Arthur Russell, Commander-in-chief of the forces in North America. He has there now a force that would be able to hold the Canadian coast for three months against all the militia in New England. Let me tell you just what troops are there," and opening his *escritoire*, my friend turned over some papers until he found what he wanted. "Now listen. There are at Halifax the following troops: First, Lieut.-Col. E. D. C. O'Brien, Royal Engineers, with four companies of trained troops of that corps. He has besides one company—the Fourth—of the famous 'Submarine-mining Battalion' of the English army, perhaps the most intelligent and carefully trained corps of the rank and file in any European army. Very lately Capt. J. W. Sills' company of Garrison Engineers has been brought to Halifax. In artillery two batteries from the First Artillery Brigade of the best gunners England has—the Fifth, Maj. Stephen Simpson, and the Sixth, Maj. W. V. Gregory—have been ordered over to Halifax, so Gen. Lord Arthur Russell's express request. The English batteries are commanded by majors, as ours ought to be. The rank is none too high for the commander of six guns and over one hundred and fifty men.

Now let us see how much infantry Gen. Lord Russell has on hand. For years, as I have just told you, there has never been any force at Halifax but one battalion of infantry, but at present there is the Second Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment (formerly the Eighty-fourth Foot), Lieut. Col. J. M. T. Simpson commanding, and four battalions of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, which is made up of the late Thirty-third and Seventy-Six regiments of Foot, each being two battalions strong. The Third Battalion is commanded by Col. F. C. Wemyss, a cousin of Lord Elcho and Mr. Earl by marriage, the Fourth, by Col. G. Stanfield; the other two battalions, by Col. Caw and Maj. J. M. Low." I could not help showing some astonishment in my face as I said: "Why, how in the world did you get such exact information, and for what purpose?" "Let me tell you why I got it," said he with earnest thoughtfulness in every word. 'I am a representative in Congress from an important constituency; one that would be most seriously affected by a sudden outbreak of hostilities between us and any foreign power. I am a member of a very important committee of the House. My colleagues on that committee are mostly from interior States of the Union. They act as though they never dreamed that *we might have a rupture* at any time with some other nation, possibly with England. One of these gentlemen said to me the other day, 'Why, England could not live a month without our food supplies.' 'Just take that table,' said I handing him a table of abstracts from our export trade, 'and see.' 'By thunder', said he, 'I notice that our exports of wheat alone have fallen off 90,000,000 bushels in four months.' 'Yes, said I, 'they have a through line of rail from sea to sea now, and are carrying their own colonial wheat to Liverpool, while speculators cut off our tracks by a circuit from New York by adding a shilling a bushel to the price of wheat to swell their own profits, thus bringing the actual trade in wheat for Europe to a standstill. These fellows in Chicago could sell for ten cents a bushel less than they now ask, and get thirty per cent more for grain than they paid the farmer who grew it, cut this they won't do.

But to answer your question. I felt that I could not do my duty to the country and my people unless I had some information touching this movement of English troops so much in excess of the usual garrison. The War Department don't know why it was, or at least I could not get it if they really did. Not a word of what I wanted to know, or information as to the reasons for strengthening posts or garrisons, is permitted to be telegraphed abroad by the British War Office. So I had to go about getting the facts I have read you, and much other matter of the same import, in another way and it cost me quite a sum. I discovered that England for some reason had quietly reinforced Canada with a full brigade of her best troops at a cost of almost $500,000. England is always practical. She sent troops to Halifax because she believed they might be needed there. Their was but one reason for their being wanted. You can see as well as I. Another regiment of Foot will be added to the force at Halifax early in 1887. The question between the nations relative to the fisheries are still unsettled. This is difficulty number one, which the State Department has to meet."

CIVIC ELECTIONS.

EX. COUN. Braden has announced himself as a candidate for councillor for Yates street ward.

Coun. Humber will seek re-election in Johnson street ward.

Coun. A. J. Smith issues an address to the electors this morning and offers himself as a candidate for the mayoralty.

It is understood that H. F. Heisterman, who was defeated in Johnson street ward last year, will try it again at the coming election.

C. P. R. TELEGRAPH OFFICE.—In a few days the telegraph office of the C. P. R. will be moved to the corner store in Allsop & Mason's new block, corner Government and Broughton streets. The new premises are larger and better in every way, and will no doubt meet with general approval, though a more central location might have been secured.

CHRISTMAS SUN.—This bright and newsy paper got out a 16-page Christmas number filled with splendid groups of the various rowing, snow-shoe, cricket and other athletic clubs of the city, with names of members and a variety of city views. The various full page and other groups were from photographs of Hall & Lowe, Winnipeg and Victoria, and reflect credit alike on the firm and the paper that has reproduced them.

POLICE NOTES.—Thos Rogers, vagrancy, fined $50 or three months....Ah Jou in unlawful possession of a blanket, remanded until Thursday....John Redmond, drunk, discharged.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The adjourned meeting of the city council was held last evening. Present—His Worship Mayor Fell, and Couns. Grant, Smith, Styles, Robertson, Vigelius, Higgins, Lipsett, Humber, and Barnard.

The following communications were read:

From Hugh H. McDonald asking for permission to close James Bay bridge on Wednesday next owing to the tide being favorable for the work of construction, and requesting that notification be given the public to the effect that the bridge will be closed from that time to foot passengers until completed. Received and recommendations ordered to be carried out.

A letter from Mayor Beaugrand to Mayor Fell, thanking him and the councillors for their kindness to him while he was in Victoria.

BETTER RESERVOIRS.

The special committee—The Mayor, Coun. Smith, City Engineer Leech—appointed to interview the applicants for the position of water engineer, presented their report enclosing credentials of applicants. Report received and credentials ordered to be read.

A ballot for engineer was taken, which resulted in a tie between Messrs. Hargreaves and Mahood. The ballot was again taken, from which Mr. Hargreaves received five votes to Mr. Mahood's four. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Hargreaves be notified of his appointment.

THE POLICE.

The following report from the police committee was read:

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 3, 1887.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council of Victoria, B. C.

GENTLEMEN:—The police committee submit the accompanying report from the superintendent of police respecting the disgraceful conduct of Special Officer Geo. Connor while on duty. Recommend that Connor's authority as a constable be summarily withdrawn and the police officially notified of the fact; also that the said Connor be notified to deliver to the superintendent of police the corporation property now in his possession.

The committee further report:

That through the exertions of Sergeant Shepherd, part of the property stolen by burglars from the premises of David Green has been recovered; and the committee beg to mark their appreciation of the sergeant's ability and energy.

The committee further report that a prisoner who had been arrested for felony escaped from the gaol yard on the morning of the 1st inst. under circumstances which point to gross negligence on the part of Officers Lindsay and Smith. The committee recommend that the superintendent of police be instructed to suspend the said officers pending an investigation of the committee.

D. W. HIGGINS,
R. LIPSETT,
M. HUMBER.

The report was adopted and the council adjourned.

UNION TEMPERANCE MEETING.

In response to the invitation issued by the W. C. T. U, and Blue Ribbon Club, Temperance Hall was filled to overflowing on New Year's night by a large and intelligent audience. After singing "Rescue the Perishing" and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ladner, President Gray requested the Hon. Jno. Robson to take the chair. Mr. Robson after returning thanks for the honor congratulated both the White Ribbon and Blue Ribbon workers on the evidences of the success of their labors in this great reform, and hoped the large audience was an omen of the greater interest that was being taken in temperance work and an indication of the increased prosperity that would attend the prohibition party the coming year. The Misses Edwards then sang a duet, which elicited well-merited applause.

Rev. Dr. Reid being called on delivered a very interesting address, illustrating his remarks with pointed anecdotes, showing the danger of using alcohol either in moderation or as a medicine. He also spoke of the great influence the whisky rings exerted in politics in the United States, and exhorted the Canadians to prevent the liquor interest from becoming as powerful in the Dominion. Throughout his address the doctor was listened to with deep attention and was frequently applauded.

Miss Russell sang "Far Away" in a very clear manner, and she must have been pleased by the reception accorded her. Miss Hyam in a distinct voice and with proper gesture recited "The Frenchman and the Flea Powder," and being rewarded with an encore she treated the audience with a "Leap for Life," which was highly applauded. Mrs. Wright, from Seattle, and Mr. Miller delighted the audience with a duet, "The Musical Trial," and being heartily recalled they replied with "When ye gang awa Jamie," which was as well received as the other.

During recess Hon. Mr. Robson urged the young men to come and sign the pledge, to which quite a number responded.

Mr. Archer sang "The Village Blacksmith," and receiving an encore recited the "Lay of the Last Minstrel," Rev. Mr. Ladner made a short but effective speech, proving by facts that prohibition does prohibit and that the cost of repressing and providing for the sufferers from the liquor traffic was far greater than the revenue derived from it.

The Misses Cusack in correct time and expression rendered "Silvery Echoes," a charmingly arranged duet for the piano. Mr. Miller sang "A Guid New Year to ane an' a'," which pleased everybody. Mr. Miller and Mrs. Wright deserve special mention for the way they filled their part of the interesting programme.

Mr. Rudge now came forward, and reading the following address, presented President Gray with a "Sleepy Hollow" chair.

ADDRESS.

Will you confer upon us the great pleasure of appropriating to your own use the accompanying gift; it is presented by your many friends of the White Ribbon Club as a slight token of the very high esteem in which you are held by the people as our worthy president, trusting that its acceptance will afford you as much pleasure as it gives us in presenting this to you in behalf of the Blue Ribbon Club as a New Year's gift.

C. T. Gray thanked the club for the unexpected present, and expressed his determination to still carry on the work till prohibition should become the law of the country. Mention should be made of Miss Cummings, who accompanied the various singers on the piano, contributing much to the evening's programme, and also the Blue Ribbon band, who played some choice selections.

THE COMING OPERA SEASON.

The Pyke Opera Company, which begins a five-night engagement at The Victoria on Monday evening next, will doubtless be one of the best operatic treats we have ever had. Miss Winston, who is the bright particular star, since her visit here some years ago, has become one of the greatest attractions in comic opera upon the American stage. Two years ago she opened the Casino at Portland, Oregon, and played six consecutive months, making a small fortune for her manager. The season previous to that she played one of the most successful seasons ever known in Baltimore, Md., clearing $25,000 in four months for her managers. This summer she played a most successful season in Washington, D. C., and at her final performance was presented with one of the most magnificent floral displays ever seen upon a Washington stage. A picture of Miss Winston surrounded by these offerings is now on exhibition in this city. This will show how immensely popular Miss Winston is in the American capital. With such an artist surrounded as she is by an array of talent, Victoria should not fail to recognize that there is a great treat in store. Next to Miss Winston comes Miss Louise Manfred, who, it may be remembered, appeared here with the Portland company last July, and made such a splendid impression upon our theatre-goers who had the good fortune to hear her. She is now Miss Winston's main support, and great things may be expected of these two. Miss Evans is also highly spoken of by the press of Portland. Mr. Pyke was also here in July, and was much complimented upon for his splendid singing and acting. Mr. DeLange, the comedian, is said to be exceedingly clever, in other words, *immense*. Mr. Keene is the basso, and a good one. The balance of principals are said to be very good, as also the chorus of twenty. The company carry their own orchestra, under the directorship of Mr. Oscar Herald. As there will likely be a great attendance, we would advise those who intend going to secure seats early.

THE C. P. R. EXTENSION.

Counsel for Railway Will Move To-Day That all Injunctions be Dissolved.

A number of legal and other gentlemen interested in the cases of the property-holders along Burrard Inlet against the C. P. R., arrived in the city yesterday to be present at the supreme court to-day. Counsel for the railway company will move that the injunctions in all cases be dissolved, and thus allow the railway company to proceed with the work of extending the line to Vancouver. The hearing will be had before his lordship the chief justice.

It will not be uninteresting to the public to know the grounds upon which the supreme court of Canada decided exactly opposite to the supreme court of this province, and below will be found the full text of the judgment given by Sir W. J. Ritchie, C. J., at Ottawa:

Canadian Pacific Railway *vs.* Major—The real and only point in controversy in this case is, as to the right of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. to extend, or to make branches extending their line in British Columbia beyond Port Moody. The Canadian Pacific railway claim the right to do so under their special act of 1881 s. 22, of that act, first schedule, is as follows: 22. The railway act of 1879, in so far as the provisions of the same are applicable to the undertaking referred to in this contract, and in so far as they are not inconsistent herewith or inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of incorporation to be granted to the company shall apply to the Canadian Pacific railway.

And under the title "powers" in the schedule annexed it is provided by section 17: "The Consolidated Railway Act, 1879," in so far as the provisions of the same are applicable to the undertaking, authorized by this charter, and in so far as they are not inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions hereof, and save and except as herein provided, is hereby incorporated herewith.

"Therefore, the provisions of the Consolidated Railway Act of 1879, as far as applicable, must be read as in aid of the undertaking authorized by the act of 1881, and as subordinate thereto, and be held to operate in so far as they are not inconsistent with, or contrary to, the provisions of the act of 1881; and when they are inconsistent or contrary the provisions of the act of 1881 must prevail. It is therefore, to the act of 1881 that we must look to ascertain what the Canadian Pacific can do with reference to branches or extensions. The grave mistake into which, with all respect, I think the learned chief justice has fallen is, in my opinion, in not reading the Consolidated Railway Act as entirely subordinate to the Canadian Pacific Railway Act of 1881. This is strongly indicated in the view which the learned chief justice expresses with reference to the right of the Canadian Pacific Railway to construct branches. He thinks the railway is confined to six miles by virtue of the act of 1879. But by section 14 of the contract included in and part of the act of 1881 it is provided:

"That the company shall have the right, from time to time, to lay out, construct, equip, maintain and work branch lines of railway from any point or points along their main line of railway, to any point or points within the territory of the Dominion. Upon a most careful and extraordinary anomaly if the company could run a branch starting at any point along the railway, say one, two or half a dozen miles from Port Moody to Coal Harbor or English Bay and could not construct a branch from Port Moody to the same place, both being practically extensions of the railway to the same point; in other words, that they could start from any and every point along the railway and could not start from any and every point on the railway, a distinction, I hardly think, without a difference. So in like manner I cannot accede to the learned chief justice's construction of section 15 of schedule A in the Act of 1881.

"By section A of the Incorporation Act it is provided that all the franchises and powers necessary or useful to the company to enable them to carry out, perform, enforce, use and avail themselves of, every condition, stipulation, obligation, duty, right, remedy, privilege and advantage agreed upon, contained or described in the said contract, are hereby conferred upon the company, and the enactment of the special provisions hereinafter contained shall not be held to impair or der