

THE CITY.

The large Christmas cake raffled by Messrs. Kepper & Botsford Thursday evening was won by Miss Stella Wilson with ticket No. 46.

A DESERTING bandsman from the flagship was arrested yesterday by Provincial Constable Beaven and handed over to the naval authorities.

A MEETING of the electors of South Victoria is to be held at the Cedar Hill schoolhouse on Tuesday evening for the further consideration, besides other matters, of the petition to the government for a reduction of assessments.

PETITIONS are being circulated for signature by those approving Mr. Sorby's harbor improvement project. The petitions when signed will be sent to Ottawa, asking the Minister of Public Works to give the scheme his favorable consideration.

THE funeral of the late Mrs. Clunes took place yesterday from the family residence on Johnson street, Rev. Dr. Campbell officiating at church and cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. H. Smithurst, H. Hornbrook, T. Farrell, W. Johnston, C. Hughes and W. Stoddart.

ALL that was mortal of the late Mrs. W. J. Deasy was laid at rest in Ross Bay cemetery yesterday morning. Rev. Fathers Nicolay and G. M. Smith conducted the funeral services, and those who acted as pallbearers were Messrs. D. Henry, D. McDonald, W. P. Smith, Thos. Kinsey, James Hay and Charles Bush.

The second Victoria company of the Boys' Brigade will give a concert in their hall on Kingston street Tuesday evening, for which an excellent programme has been provided, the principal items being drill by the boys, a farce and instrumental music. The Central Presbyterian Sunday school's annual Christmas treat will also be held the same evening.

THERE was a fair attendance at the Y. M. C. A. concert last evening, the programme furnished being as follows: Solo, Mr. Rowlands; solo, Miss Dora Wolf; solo, Mr. Epper; solo, Miss Penketh; club singing exhibition, Miss Emma Wolf; recitation, Miss Nicholls; vocal solo, Mr. Wheeler; reading, Mr. Jackson; solo, Mrs. Rowlands, and solo, Mr. Rowlands.

"THE NEWPORT," one of Yates street's fashionable lodging houses, was the scene of a small fire last evening, with the loss of a good carpet as a result. The cause of the blaze was the careless handling of phosphorus, but thanks to the presence of mind and energetic action of Mr. Frank Sherborne it was extinguished without the calling out of the fire department being necessitated.

THE fifty-eight children of the British Columbia Protestant Orphanage will have their usual activities, including a mammoth Christmas tree and a real live Santa Claus, on Thursday afternoon next at the Home, Hilleide avenue. Donations will be thankfully received, and if at R. Porter & Sons' stores will be delivered free of charge. The ladies' committee will be pleased to welcome all the friends of the institution.

Every boy and girl belonging to St. John's Sabbath school is looking forward to their Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening with anticipations decidedly pleasant. Elaborate preparations are being made for the event, and as everyone who attended is promised a brick—one of the many that will go to make up Santa Claus' chimney—containing something in the shape of a present, there should be very many in attendance. The programme is to be presented under Mrs. Beaven, and will conclude with the amusing little farce "Granny Cringle's Christmas."

THE Onward case was taken up by the Behring Sea Claims Commission yesterday. This schooner was the third of the British vessels taken in 1886, the United States cutter, the patrol vessel, on August 2. The Onward was built in California in 1871, and was registered afterwards as a British vessel in 1878. Several witnesses were called as to the vessel's value. It is stated that in 1886 she would have been worth between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Orlando Watson agreed with this opinion, and Alexander Watson gave \$4,325 as the vessel's value. Walter Wilson valued the schooner at \$4,000, and Samuel Sea at \$5,500. Charles Spring, who fitted out the Onward for her Behring sea cruise in 1886, testified to this fact. He gave the cost of provisioning the Indians at \$5 a month, and stated that if the schooner had not been seized she would have remained in Behring sea until September in 1886, as he had given the captain directions to that effect before she sailed. The cross-examination of the witness by the counsel of the United States was reserved, and after Hon. Mr. Peters had put in the inventory taken by the United States officials after the seizure, and extracts from the Onward's log, the commission adjourned till tomorrow.

THE Sandon Paystreak, in its issue of the 19th inst., has the following in reference to the bonding of the Victoria claim, of which D. G. McMartin, a former Victorian, is one of the owners: "Yesterday the negotiations for the bonding of the Victoria and Elvira, that have been pending for some time, were brought to a conclusion and the property bonded for \$25,000 to Thomas Clarke, who is representing English capital. The payments cover a period of nine months and are as follows: \$5,000, \$7,000 and \$13,000, at intervals of every three months. This being two-thirds of the sum, the D. G. McMartin and B. M. Walton, is situated only a short distance above Sandon and is a very valuable proposition indeed, both for the value of the ore that has been exposed to view in the recent developing operations, and on account of its proximity to the railroad, which places the cost of transportation at the very lowest figure. It will be energetically worked this winter a force of six men having been engaged to go to work immediately, besides, the contract for 250 feet of tunnelling will be let in the course of a few days. D. G. McMartin, to whose energy the closing of the deal is to be attributed, will take the management of the property and he intends to do everything in his power which will tend towards the placing of another shipper at our very doors."

TO PLAY SAN FRANCISCO.

A Chess Match Over the Wires Arranged for New Year's Day—Football of Yesterday.

An international chess match has been arranged to take place on New Year's between the San Francisco Mechanics' Institute Chess Club and the Victoria Chess Club. This match is for the purpose of deciding the tournament held by telegraph last season, in which San Francisco and Victoria won one game each, leaving the match a tie. Mr. Piper will be in charge at the Victoria end, and an interesting game may be looked for. The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s telegraph and the Pacific Postal Telegraph Cable Co. will give the free use of their wires for the occasion and a direct wire will be run into the Driard, where the match will take place. This match is the result of a challenge sent from Victoria, the reply coming yesterday to Mr. William Christie, local manager of the C.P.R. Telegraphs, as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26. "The Mechanics' Institute class room will have a table ready January 1 at 7 p.m. The Examiner will appoint a timekeeper." (Sd.) JOSEPH MCCUMMIN, Secretary.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

THE Rugby match played at the Canteen grounds yesterday afternoon between the V.R.F.C. and the navy turned out a victory for the club after a decidedly rough game, which will leave several of the players feeling rather sore to enjoy their holiday season. Scholefield, of the Victorias, had a couple of sinews in his arm injured, and Miller is enviously looking at Scholefield's swing and wishing he could carry his swollen leg around as easily. One of the Navy men is reported to have a broken collar bone, but the city men can gaze back with satisfaction on the bloody field and proudly remember they did up the salt water men by eleven points to a duck's egg.

JUNIOR WANDERERS DISAPPOINT.

The Wanderers failed to "show-up" at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon to play out their engagement with the Y.M.C.A.'s, so the Columbians played in their place, the result being a draw, 2 to 2, after a very close game. Both teams were in excellent trim, the Columbians showing great improvement from their last match.

The match at the Canteen grounds Thursday between the Navy and the Nondescripts resulted in a win for the Navy by one point. The ground was very muddy, but good plays were frequently made on both sides. In the first half the Navy failed to score, while Goward and Foulkes each scored a try for the visitors, the first being converted. After half time the Navy forwards brought the ball to the visitor's quarters, and so irresistible were their rushes that they quickly placed three tries to their credit.

GOLF.

MONTHLY MEDAL HANDICAP.

The monthly medal handicap events of the Victoria Golf club were played yesterday on the Oak Bay links, the weather being delightful for the games, and the meeting being large, and the games well contested. In the B class events Mr. G. V. Cuppage scored highest, his record standing thus, 111.7-104. In the A series Mr. Harvey Combe went to the front with a score of 88.2-86. Mrs. Combe came next in the order of medal winners of the day, following the lady handicap with a score of 67.

HOCKEY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—(Special)—Yesterday the Victoria hockey team left on their journey to Winnipeg to do battle for the Stanley cup. The members of the team are in perfect condition, and while confident of victory, do not underestimate their Winnipeg opponents. The team will be as follows: Goal, Gordon Lewis; point, H. Henderson; cover point, M. Grant; forwards, Shirley Davidson, Ed. Macdonald, Graham Drinkwater. President Edward Wilson and Secretary Paul de Sternick accompany the team to Winnipeg.

FIFTH REGIMENT NEWS.

The Band Benefit on Tuesday—A Camp of Instruction to Be Formed Next Year.

The public have a chance to enjoy themselves and to swell the Fifth Regiment fund by attending the general Webbing Sisters' entertainment at the drill hall on Tuesday evening. A stage has been erected and seats will be arranged for 1,000 people, the admission being 25 cents to the party of the hall. Besides the clever Webbing Sisters, Bandsman A. P. Freimuth will make his debut as a violin soloist, and the ever popular regiment band will be heard in new popular and classic music, "Rigoleto" and the Introduction and Grand Chorus from Wagner's "Lohengrin." The concert is under the patronage of the Lieut.-Governor.

The champion field gun detachment of No. 1 Company, Fifth Regiment, have been photographed for the purpose of sending the picture and the record to the Navy and Army authorities. It is understood that arrangements will soon be completed for the employment of a qualified instructor in the Drill hall gymnasium.

The new commanding officer and the adjutant are giving things a general overhauling in connection with the interior of the First Battalion. Big gun practice is one of the probabilities for the year 1897; a 64-pounder being mounted at Finlayson Point.

It is the intention to mobilize the entire Fifth Regiment during the approaching season, so that all hands may have the benefit of a course under Lieut. Colonel Rawlstone, R.M.A. and his staff of instructors. Reculpy Point is the proposed camping ground.

THE J. B. A. weekly whist tournament will take place on Wednesday evening next, and not on Thursday, on account of the latter being New Year's eve.

HAMILTON, Dec. 24.—Thomas Hall, a miner, attempted to commit suicide by taking laudanum.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 24.—Ira Vanderlip, of Langford, was found dead yesterday. QUEBEC, Dec. 24.—August Gavel, of St. Antoine, Baie Ste Paul, has been frozen to death.

DETERMINED TO DIE.

Poison and the Knife Resorted to by a Despondent Visitor to the City.

His Name and Circumstances Unknown, and Likely so to Remain.

There is an element of mystery at the present time unsolvable in connection with the tragic death of a staid-looking German who was a passenger to this city from San Francisco by the last direct steamer, and whose funeral takes place to-day. "Louis Ila" was the name under which he registered, in handwriting unmistakably that of an educated man, and "San Francisco" appears on the hotel book as his place of residence. Whether or not the name and address are genuine is, however, matter of mere conjecture; the question of who the stranger was and whence he came forms part of the mystery, as inexplicable at present as the reasons that prompted the deed of death.

It is, if that be the name of the unfortunate, attracted the attention of his fellow-passengers on the Walla Walla during the journey north, by his very apparent melancholy. He discovered his affair with no one, although several endeavored to cheer him up by engaging him in conversation—and so far as known mentioned his name to none. Thomas Randall, who perhaps saw more of him than anyone else on the voyage, gathered that he was on his way to Spokane, and that he had more than his share of trouble and ill health of late. He went to the same hotel on reaching here, but once taking up his quarters in Victoria saw little of either.

On Christmas day the hotel porter became somewhat alarmed, as the taciturn German guest had not left his room for several days. He went to his door and looked through the transom, after knocking repeatedly at the door, and to his horror discovered the dead body of the visitor. It was in a standing posture, the hands were upon the breast, and a large clasp knife being held in the left hand. Everything about was saturated with blood, for the knife had been drawn across the throat in a hideous zig-zag fashion, which meant almost immediate and horrible death. It was evident, however, the suicide had determined to make assurance doubly sure, for an emptied laudanum bottle was standing close at hand, and subsequent investigation showed that before using the knife the man had taken an excessive dose of the poison.

The police were, of course, notified at once, and a coroner's inquest was held yesterday. The officers made a careful examination of every scrap of clothing in the value or on the person of the unfortunate. They found, however, no single scrap of paper that would give a clue to his identity. The laudanum bottle was covered with glass in a G. C. Brooks of Red Bluff, Cal., a druggist in the value indicated that the poor fellow had been "doctoring" for some time. The coroner's inquest was held yesterday, and the jury returned a verdict of suicide, in accordance with the meagre facts available.

It is, if that be his name, was a well-built, thick set man, of between 40 and 50 years; 5 feet 7 inches tall, and quietly but well dressed. He had lost two joints of the index finger of the right hand, and several reddish tattoo marks on the forearm may also serve as a clue to the esoteric of his identity. To the casual observer he was a well-to-do respectable, fairly well-to-do mechanic, unmistakably German, and of perhaps more education than the majority of his station in life.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Election of Officers and Christmas Entertainment of the Central Association.

At the last regular meeting of Loyal Daughters Lodge, C.O.O.F., degrees were conferred, one by membership received, and the following were elected for the ensuing term: Noble grand, A. Neal; vice-grand, H. Waterman; corresponding secretary, Hansen Church; financial secretary, James B. Churton; lecture master, J. W. Regan; conductor, Walter Noble; treasurer, T. Pearce; warden, Samuel Fulker; and representatives to Grand Lodge, I. T. Pearce and James B. Churton. The officers were installed by D.D.G.M. J. Walsh, in a very impressive manner, he giving the officers some very good advice in the hope they should conduct their respective duties to the satisfaction of their Deities.

The Ladies of Hope lodge No. 1, Degree of Honor, hold their "Farewell to Leap Year" social dance on New Year's Eve, in the A.O.U.W. hall. "Leap year" rules will be enforced by the committee until midnight, when an excellent supper will be provided by those in charge.

At the regular meeting on Monday evening last, Victoria Lodge, No. 83, Daughters of St. George, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term by the Worthy District Deputy, Mrs. G. Penketh: W. President, Mrs. Churton; Vice-President, Mrs. T. Bradburn; Chaplain, Mrs. Brakes; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Mulcahy; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nun; Treasurer, Mrs. Greenhalgh, and First Conductor, Mrs. Durium & Bro.

The election of officers for the ensuing term will take place at the next regular meeting of Seghers Council, No. 85, Y. M. I., to-morrow evening. The Council will hold the sixth of their whist parties next Wednesday evening in their hall on View street.

The Daughters of England have arranged to give another social and dance in the A.O.U.W. hall on January 1. The best local talent will be engaged and Hon. Col. Prior has consented to act as chairman. The Wolf orchestra will be in attendance.

The Companies of the Forest, ever on the alert for something new and attractive, promise that the Surprise ball to-morrow evening will eclipse any former effort. The secret of the surprise still

remains carefully guarded by the committee, but it will be all the more pleasant. A pretty soiree will be received by every guest and a nice luncheon will be spread. The hall will be decorated for the occasion, and a great source of pleasure will be the music of a carefully arranged programme by Wolff's orchestra of seven instruments. The committee, composed of Companions Miss Sinclair, Mrs. Trace, Mrs. Dudgeon, Mrs. Hawk and Mrs. Lang, assisted by Mr. Trace, Mr. Snider and Mr. Rennie, all well known workers in the society, are leaving nothing undone to make the affair most pleasant to all who attend; and everyone will be sure of an enjoyable evening.

BRAVERY REWARDED.

Two Young Victorians Presented With the Royal Canadian Humane Association Medals.

A Large Gathering at the Drill Hall Cheer the Gallant Lads.

Robert McLean and William Laing, the two young men who so gallantly saved the lives of three people from drowning a year ago, were presented last night with the medals of the Canadian Royal Humane Association. The ceremony took place amid the plaudits of a large crowd of people, at the Drill hall, at the Fifth Regiment band concert.

Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney, who made the presentation, was accompanied on the platform by Mrs. Dewdney, Hon. Col. Baker, Miss Allison, Lieut.-Col. Gregory and Mr. Herbert Kent, acting for the association.

The two young men who were to receive the medals stood modestly in the background, while the Lieutenant-Governor briefly told the story of the medals. His honor was, he said, glad of the opportunity of presenting to the two young Canadians, born in British Columbia, the medals, which had been won by their bravery and pluck at the risk of their own lives in saving three of their fellow-citizens from drowning. He thanked Lieut.-Col. Gregory for allowing the medals to be presented on this occasion, as the Canadian Royal Humane Association were most anxious to have the presentation made as publicly as possible. The association, he might, perhaps, say, as it is not yet well known to many out here, is a young one, only formed in the spring of 1894, and was first called the Canadian Humane Society, but was afterwards allowed by Her Majesty to include the word "Royal." The president was Mr. Adam Brown, of Toronto, who was noted for his humane feelings and views. Many of these present knew him well. Some assistance had been given the association by the Dominion government and the Ontario government, and he wished to make these remarks now for the purpose of giving application for a small grant would be made at the next session of the legislature. The association had already presented medals and he would add that its officers are honorable. The medals which he had now the pleasure of presenting were special ones given by two ladies of Ottawa, Mrs. J. Billings and Lady Grant, in recognition of a special occasion.

The governors of the association had considered several cases, and from the information they had received determined to present them to Messrs. McLean and Laing. His honor briefly referred to the circumstances which had led to the brave young fellows their medals. It was on the afternoon of November 10, 1895, that two men and two boys started in a small sailboat from the outer wharf, which had gained the San Pedro a strong breeze sprung up and in endeavoring to put about the boat was capsized, throwing the occupants into the water. Three managed with difficulty to get to the bottom of the boat and the fourth was drowned. Several other accidents from shore and, heedless of the high wind and rough sea, McLean and Laing rushed to a boat house, broke it open, secured a boat and, at the risk of their lives, set off to the rescue, and succeeded in saving the three people who but for them would have perished.

William Laing was then called forward amid the cheers and applause of the crowd, and presented with his medal. In handing it to Mr. Laing the Lieut.-Governor said he had great pleasure in presenting on behalf of the Humane Society the special medal given as a reward for extra courage and daring in the rescue. Further meetings with the endeavor to save the life of fellow men. Robert McLean was presented with his medal in somewhat the same words, the crowd cheering him as lustily as his companion. These rousing cheers brought the interesting little ceremony to a close.

The medals are of silver, the obverse featuring a crown, with the words "Royal Canadian Humane Society" surrounding it, the reverse bearing the inscription of the act for which the medal was presented. McLean's medal was the one given by Lady Grant, Laing getting the one Mrs. Billings contributed.

PROPOSED NEW STEAMERS.

Within sixty days Victoria's fleet of tug-boats will be increased by the addition of a little new-knot steamer which will be up to date in its every appointment. The contract for its building has been awarded to the Albion Iron Works, and construction will be immediately commenced. The new owners will be the British Columbia Cable Company, representing by Findlay, Durium & Bro. the city, who will employ the vessel in tending to some of their Northern canneries. Over all will have 13-foot beam. Her engines are being compounded, 7 1/2 x 14, with a 12-inch stroke.

MARINE NOTES.

Plans are being prepared, it is said, for a new steamer to be built here in the near future. The vessel will be larger than anything yet turned out of a Victoria shipyard.

The latest charter reported by the Shipping Guide is that of the American barkentine Addenda, at Astoria, from Chemainus to the Government steamer Quadra will go out of commission for the winter months. Her crew are now engaged re-painting some of the Royal Roads, the Barks Chehalis and Harvard, the last arrived at Victoria on the 23rd inst. and will be chartered to load grain on the Sound.

IN THE FATHERLAND.

Christmas Celebrated by the Army—Allegiance Again Pledged to the Kaiser.

New Artillery Arm—Political Libels—Dockers' Strike—Comments of the Emperor.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Christmas eve, which is the principal festival of Christmas in Germany, was celebrated in the usual quiet manner. There were Christmas trees not only in every family but in the hospitals, public institutions, asylums, prisons, soup kitchens, casualty wards and barracks. Snow fell and made the streets indescribably filthy. Business has been remarkably good and a thorough festal mood was manifested, with an absence of the note of uneasiness and dissatisfaction usually present in the press.

At the new palace of Potsdam the festivities began with the Emperor and children presenting gifts to the servants. The Christmas trees for the court were lighted up at 5 o'clock in the beautiful hall of shells. At one end of the hall stood the Empress at a table, whereon were many works of art, and near by was the Emperor's table, on which were presents, including a tall carved clock from the Grand Duchesse of Baden, a goblet and wine jug of very finely carved silver. The children's tables, standing at the other end of the hall, had over them their trees, the smallest for the Princess Victoria and then each a little higher were tables and trees for each of the Imperial children up to the Crown Prince, who had the highest. The tables were crowded with playthings, books and useful presents. The Emperor was somewhat serious in his demeanor, but the Empress was in good spirits and the children were full of delight.

In the barracks everything was as stir. After religious service the officers entered, the men sang in chorus and each soldier received a present. In some regiments they were allowed to choose pipes, clothing, writing desks, purses, etc., and each man also received a basin of "goodies" and some cigars from his commander. In each barracks the commander spoke as follows to the soldiers: "The soldier shall also know that Christmas is a festival of love. What you had at home with your parents you have also with the troops. In the face of these brightly burning candles and gifts of love, remember each of you his oath which he swore to his Emperor and each renew this oath to be an obedient, zealous soldier, upon whom the commander-in-chief can fully rely."

The announcement in the French press that the Conseil Supérieur had decided to reorganize the French artillery has caused considerable sensation here, and if the news is true Germany will proceed to substitute for the present field artillery a gun equal, if not better, than the new French arm, which is recognized in Germany as being far superior to the present German weapon, in range, quickness of fire and general efficiency. The sum of 200,000,000 marks will be required for this re-organization of the German army, which is intended to be accomplished by 1899. If France re-arms, Germany, it is stated, will do so at once.

In spite of the Christmas truce, the political controversy and social bickering arising out of the Von Tausch trial is still the center of interest. The preliminary enquiry into the conduct of the former commissioner of detectives, charged with libel and fourfold perjury, is assuming considerable dimensions. The case of Von Bruzowitz, (the lieutenant who killed a peaceful pleading mechanic for accidentally knocking against his chair in a cafe) been forgotten, particularly in view of another case of military brutality reported from Starobin, Pomerania, in which an officer who, according to his own account, was attacked by street urchins, drew his sword and chased the children. One of them stumbled and fell and was hacked to death by the officer. The boy in question is now suffering from concussion of the brain and severe scalp wounds. The affair is causing the liveliest indignation.

References to the dockers' strike at Hamburg occupy a prominent place in the reports of the press. Strike meetings were held at Hamburg yesterday, and the Socialist deputies, Molkenburg and Sereno, urged the men to continue the fight. Further meetings with the same object in view, were held to-day. The dispute seems to be taking a turn less favorable to the employers than appeared likely a week ago. In view of the holiday, a number of workmen have taken the strikers' places here and Hamburg, and it is now said they will not return. In consequence, some of the employers are trying to come to terms with their own men.

Considerable irritation continues everywhere at the utterances attributed to the Emperor in regard to the strike. His Majesty is credited with having expressed, at Prince Hohenlohe's banquet, his pleasure at the attitude of the Hamburg employers, in "staunchly resisting the unjust demands" of the dockers, and to have dwelt at length upon the idea of founding a coalition of employers, adding that "such a step upon the part of employers would be a blessing for the seduced workmen and enable them to resist the incitement of hatred within the world of labor." It is probable now, however, that some agreement between the employers and strikers will be reached within the next few days.

The Washington correspondent says: "The Washington government has been confidentially informed, although in very friendly terms, that the European powers would not remain passive should the United States recognize the Cuban insurgents. Intimation is further given that Spain is quite ready, even now, to take Spain's side should the United States show a disposition officially to side with the rebels. Advice from Lorenzo Marques, Portuguese East Africa, announces that a Portuguese warship there has saluted with twenty-one guns the German war vessel Condor, which replied in kind. In addition the district governor called

Act on the Liver and the Kidneys—

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NOTICE.

Assessment Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows: For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City and Canada:—At 46 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 29th inst., at 11 o'clock a.m. For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday the 12th day of December, 1896, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon. For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday the 18th day of December, 1896, at Henry Price's Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m. For that portion of the Electoral Districts of Comox and Quadra Land Districts:—At Esquimalt, on Monday the 22nd day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon. For that portion of the Electoral District of Victoria known as Barclay and Claydon:—On Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m. Dated at Victoria, this 24th day of November, 1896. S. PERRY MILLS, Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal. del-3rd&w

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NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

QUEBEC, Dec. 26.—The large barns and stable of E. Abbott Johnson were burned this morning. Godfrey Allard perished in the flames.

WALKERTON, Dec. 26.—F. C. Messner, a private banker here, whose solvency has never been suspected, has assigned. The liabilities are believed to be \$80,000, and assets \$40,000.

COBourg, Dec. 26.—Richard Horne, one of the oldest residents, is dead, aged 87.

QUEBEC, Dec. 26.—A mandement, signed by five bishops, forbidding the faithful from reading L'Electeur, will be read in all the Catholic churches tomorrow.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Before the tariff commission on Monday and Tuesday, the 4th and 5th of January, some of the leading lumbermen will be examined.

QUEBEC, Dec. 25.—The death is announced of Lorette of Grand Chief Bastien, of the Huron Indian tribe. The deceased has been ill for some time and was aged 76.

A TOTAL FAILURE.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 26.—An official report to the government says that the herring fishery at Fortune bay, mainly undertaken by American vessels is a total failure, and that thousands of people along the harbours in the vicinity of the herring are usually caught and estimated that about 4,000 people are injured and that most of the number will become a burden upon the colony.