

Synopsis of a Play In Three Acts.

BY MOSSBACK.

ACT I. A China passenger liner, which for convenience we will call the Empress of Japan, sails from Vancouver for the Orient with a good freight and large passenger list, among whom were several tourist sightseers.

ACT II. "Why, we see by the customs returns and other trade and shipping statistics that it is the fourth port in the Dominion."

ACT III. All are again on board the Empress, and a fresh start is made for the land of the Mikado, revelling in the recollection of the delights of the past few days, in which by a strange mischance they had been privileged to see the beauties of British Columbia's capital and enjoy the charms of its surroundings.

Competitive Plans Judges Report on the Merits of the Recent Designs By Architects.

The competitive plans in connection with the new Government House have been examined and a decision reached regarding their merits.

At a largely attended meeting of the Natural History Society, held last night, W. F. Best gave a very interesting paper entitled "The Blood, its Properties and Relation to Disease Germs."

FROM THE LARDEAU. Two Mining Men From That District in the City—They Oppose Two Per Cent. Royalty.

W. B. Pool, manager of the Great Western Mines, of Ladreau, and Trout Lake, and John J. Young, proprietor of the Calgary Daily Herald, who is heavily interested with Mr. Pool in several Ladreau properties, arrived from Vancouver last night and are registered at the Dominion.

Messrs. Pool and Young are in the city in connection with an important mining deal, and will incidentally interview the various officials of the city and the province, on the subject of the two per cent. royalty on ore.

THE FULL COURT. Unparalleled Readiness of Counsel to Proceed With Cases on Trial for Consideration This Morning.

The January sitting of the Full court resumed this morning with Judges Walken, Drake, Irving and Martin in attendance.

FRUIT TRANSPORTATION. Deputation Waited on Supt. Marpole and Dominion Express Officials—Petition to Unseat G. R. Maxwell.

Vancouver, Jan. 16.—Sult was entered in the Supreme court yesterday by J. M. Duval to unseat G. R. Maxwell, M. P., elect for Burrard. Bribery and general corruption acts are charged with no detailed allegations in the writ.

ACT II. It is night, and the previously busy, sight-seeing, bustling, human freightage has sought repose in slumber.

ACT III. The snow and rock slide near Hope was nearly cleared away at noon, and the first through train since Monday will arrive late this evening.

respiratory organs in motion again they interrogate one another thus: "I thought this boat couldn't dock here, she draws 24 feet of water."

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id to Railways and Starting Shipbuilding Industry Requested. Telegraph Line From Hazelton to Fort Simpson to Be Built in Spring.

STUDENT AND POLICE. Many Have Been Arrested. Have to Do Military Service.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—Officially fifty students recently arrested for engaging in political activities have been released.

ARBITRATOR CHOO. (Associated Press.) London, Jan. 18.—Officially made of the formal agreement between the United States ambassador and the British government in the case of the ship Kow Ching.

BOTTLED THE OIL. (Associated Press.) Beaumont, Texas, Jan. 18.—The Lucas oil geyser, which is 50 feet high since it was placed on the well to day and Cap. Lucas he is now master of an estimated 150,000 barrels of oil.

INTOXICANTS PROHIBITED. (Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 18.—The market for whisky has been prohibited by the use of employees before reporting while on duty.

RAILWAY CONCESSIONS. (Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 18.—A special committee from El Paso, Texas, to Mexico, who is attending to the railway concession for a railway across the state of Kansas City.