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### NYE'S NEW COLUMBUS.

#### Short History of the Great Discoverer —The Way He Started Out

#### How He Occupied Himself Besides Thinking About Discovering America.

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The great demand for more and more Columbus literature has brought out many new facts regarding the great discoverer, and yet many inquiries are received at this office every day regarding the personal history of Columbus, his education, etc., notwithstanding the fact that every newspaper and magazine for the past six months has ransacked the Old and New Worlds for data regarding him.

It may not be out of place, therefore, to summarize regarding the great navigator for the benefit of those who have no time to read voluminous biographies, but who are in search of something terse, yet trustworthy.

Columbus was the eldest son of Domenico Colombo and Susanna Fontanarossa, and he was born, it is thought, in 1456, at Genoa. He died May 20, 1506, at Valladolid, from collapse and some brought on by having tried to resemble his different portraits.

The most reliable biographer of the great admiral who so soon noted the value of America as an opening for the soiled and oppressed of the Old World, where they could come and bring their cholera with them, was Fernando Colombo, the son.

Christopher Columbus was educated at the normal school in Paris, where he stood well in mathematics, and especially in trigonometry, or the science of trig.

Antonio de Terzaggo was his tutor, it is said. De Terzaggo was the originator of the mathematical discovery that in addition a great saving of time and also greater accuracy may be secured by tracing down the right hand figures and carrying the tens to the next column.

At the age of fifteen Columbus became a sailor and began sitting for his picture. There were three sons in the Columbus family and one daughter, who married a butcher. Her brother, it is said, on his first voyage brought with him from America a dozen softshell crabs and a diamond back terrapin for his sister's husband, but no one would purchase them, and they perished on his hands.

Columbus was once placed in command of a cruiser and visited the archipelago. He also went to Iceland, hoping to find an open polar sea. This is not generally known, but I find it pretty straight and have no reason to doubt it.

He visited what was then called Frisland, or Ultima Thule, from the Latin tongue, and signifying the jumping off place. It was what is now called Iceland, and Columbus was one of the earliest navigators to penetrate the region of the pole and leave a pantaloon button on the axle of the world. On his return he said that the only thing in favor of that country as a home was that there were neither mosquitoes nor malaria there. He stacked off a town, but the claim was jumped by a polar bear and reverted to the original owners.

Las Casas describes Columbus as having a long face, ruddy in places; an aquiline nose, clear gray eyes, a quick, commanding glance and light hair, which had begun to grow gray at thirty.

He fell in love with a married Filipa Monis de Palestrello, who was in the convent where he used to pray of a morning. Her father was very poor, being governor of Porto Santo and trying to live on his salary. This had never been tried before and has not been attempted since.

we delay. England will do it and get her name in the papers. At the present time I am out of employment, and could go if I had the means. I have a chart left by my father-in-law which I am sure will aid me in discovering America and making of it a popular resort for sporadic cholera and any overproduction of leprosy or crime which may be seeking an outlet in a new country.

If you should not see fit to aid me in opening up a new world, which will hold its position in Chicago, I hope, I shall happily apply to John II, who has already partially promised to fit me out and also to keep my family in groceries during my absence.

Trusting that you will take hold of this matter, authorizing me not only to discover America, but anything else I can lay my hands on, I remain, your obedient servant.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.  
Care Lotos club, Genoa.

The senate fooled along from day to day with this matter, tabling it, referring it, postponing it, referring it, and so on, until it was referred to other committees till Columbus got weary and went to John II, who treated him the same way, only worse, inviting friends in on Columbus days to hear this great original "rainbow blarney" go on about what he could do if he could get money enough to discover America.

Let us pass over this sad era in the life of Columbus. It is too pathetic to discuss. He was on his oars, as Tascarelli said at the time, and earning nothing. He was well fitted for the position, but which he aspired, but there was so little demand then for discoverers that he was well nigh discouraged. This should teach us that we must fit ourselves for something for which there is a demand.

It is true that the glory of discovering a world is something, but it comes too late to be used as collateral at the bank. To have a large variety of attention four hundred years afterward is a good thing—better than to be forgotten—but it does not surround the children with all wild underwars at the time.

Judging at Portugal, and left a widow at an early age with one son and no money whatever, this sorrowful advance agent of freedom and prosperity—this eyed prophet of happy and well protected industry—dropped down hopelessly in the Franciscan Convent of St. Mary of Rabida, in Andalusia, worn and weary, sorrowful and despondent.

The prior, who was leading a very busy life absolving Ferdinand and Isabella twice a week, took Columbus to these monarchs and also put him up at the club for two weeks.

Columbus spoke about how well the queen's dress was draped, and admired it so much that he was asked to come and drive with them on Friday and meet a well known English author, who was in town over night with a view to writing a book out.

The great navigator made a good impression on both sovereigns, and ere long they had agreed to fit out three catboats for the voyage.

Ferdinand had no means at hand, however, except an English breechloading gun, a set of armor and a pair of high rubber boots. Isabella also reported the treasury to be insolvent, but she was a woman of great resources at such times, and although, as a matter of fact, the very throne she sat on was being paid for in weekly instalments, she gave music lessons, gave readings from her own works and ran errands till she had the money.

### Special to the Colonist.

#### FANCIES FOR THE FAIR.

#### Dancing Among the Masses—Aristocrats as a Rule do Not Dance Well.

#### Fleeban Feet are the Lightest—An Epidemic of Tartan Plaids.



### REDFERN FASHIONS.

NEW YORK, Oct., 1892.

When you are in Rome it is an understood thing that you do as the Romans do. That is if you don't want to be dubbed as a pedant or a fossil. So, although I know sufficient of waltzing to get round an aristocratic ball room in Portman Square or Belgravia, with a speechless English debutante, nervously counting her steps—and have even figured in a gay French assembly or two; though I have watched the picturesque Norwegian dances, and had to acknowledge that the Russians are as clever at this art as any other, I must confess that American dancing is baffling to me and until the other night I had never seen it done with elaborate conscientiousness.

But I suddenly made up my mind to get to know how to do it. We know that the lower classes are the best dancers and the reason why, it is difficult to determine. The limbs of the delicately nurtured should be just as supple. The blood should be just as full of life. But still, be that as it may, while those who bear the stamp of "Vere de Vere" make a waltz an exertion, and not always a pleasant one either, and have no memory for what comes next, in the Lanciers and Caledonians—"the masses" are delightful to watch as their elastic feet keep time to the music—and they rarely make a mistake in a figure.

I applied to a place where the terms were low, and the society not ultra-refined. I always look for what authors call local color, and think that if I get that, trifles that jar on the refined senses invariably accompany it. At least this is true of the cheap dancing Academy.

The ruling spirit of the domain was small and dapper. He might have been a waiter or a barber, having some of the points of both, among which was a voluble urbanity and fertility of language that is generally credited to the latter. He said that Americans danced better than any other nation, *cela va sans dire*, and spoke of a gentleman from the other side whom he had instructed, asking us if we knew him. He seemed surprised, very surprised, when we said we didn't. There is no ignorance so complete as the well-



### LE BARON DR. BREMONT.

#### AN EXPLANATION.

TO THE EDITOR:—In your editorial of the 21st, regarding the evidence of A. B. McKinnon before the Commission, you state that while ill with the disease, and after having had medical attendance, his room was open to messenger boys and his friends, and that, with a medical attendant, he went out to a barber's shop and had his hair shaved. Now, while this is perfectly true in the facts, from the questions put to me yesterday by several persons, your editor seems to have impressed your readers with the fact that while knowing myself to be suffering from smallpox, I allowed messengers and friends to see me, and even went to a barber shop for a bath and shave. Such an unjust impression I wish to emphatically deny.

To do New York lower class American's of the size and population of other countries. He said that he was going to give a grand dance on the night of the Columbus Parade. "What happens then," I said. He kindly explained that Columbus discovered America on that day in 1492. It was not my intention to say for that information, I happened to have heard the fact before, but the dancing master seemed to consider it a thoroughly natural thing that anyone from the other side should be limited to knowledge of "the other side" exclusively. He then gave me a circular, and said that I could look on at the dance, which would be in full blast by 9.30.

So I waited until the "blast" became full, which was a very gradual process. The host was not in evening dress and the feminine portion of it chewed gum vigorously. The music was of course from "A Trip to China Town." The lady pupils were very varied in appearance. Many of them I recognized as "cashers" or whatever is the correct name for those prematurely aged girls, who nonchalantly get your change and criticize your style at the large dry goods stores.

### NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

#### Japanese Miners at Nanaimo—Petition for Commutation—Second Crops of Fruit.

#### New Branch of Odd Fellows—An Invalid Naval Officer—A Vernon Mystery.

(Special to the Colonist.)

**VANCOUVER.**  
VANCOUVER, Oct. 22.—The bark Ferndale is loading lumber for South America at Moodyville.

Such question has arisen here over the man found dead at Vernon, as to whether it is a case of murder or of suicide. The fact of the disappearance of the dead man's partner would seem in favor of the murder theory.

A tramp fellow stole a suit of clothes from the outside of Goldberg's clothing store this afternoon. Louis, a bookbinder from the Great West, called the police in the store, ran after the thief and arrested him. When taken to the police station, he said he could get no work and he stole something to get food.

The Catch ran on shore this morning, opposite Prospect Point, but was got off in time to run her return trip to Nanaimo.

The striking printers have returned to work. The arbitrators, Messrs. Cotton, McLagan, Gallagher, and the Executive committee of the local organization of printers, met at 4:55 to adjust matters satisfactorily to both parties. At midnight the publishers had consented to pay for composition on supplements, morning or evening papers, same as that paid for setting body type on regular papers. Compositors had decided to raise no objection to publishers extending the "30" mark on the morning papers for an hour and a half, or from 3 to 4:30 a.m., and in this condition the publishers consented to pay double prices for composition after "30."

This is a pretty full costume of Scotch tweed with eagle bodies of coat and small wing like epaulettes. These small puffed sleeves are so popular in this gown are quite the most fashionable kind.

It is said that the publishers are sacrificing themselves to the advertisers in Vancouver. They pay Union prices to their compositors, but there is no such thing as Union rates to advertising. It is a remarkable fact that advertising rates in Vancouver are very little in advance of the prices in the East, where compositors make but from \$9 to \$15 a week on an average.

**WESTMINSTER.**  
NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 22.—A meeting will be held in Surrey next week to work up Surrey on dyking matters, and to present the council from saddling the cost of dyking on the whole municipality.

**NANAIMO.**  
NANAIMO, Oct. 22.—A petition is being circulated to the extent to the Governor-General asking him to commute the sentence of one year's imprisonment upon a man named Hanley for opening a letter belonging to W. A. Nolan, of the Canadian Co-operative Supply Co. It is enormously signed.

**NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTIONS.**  
A Very Close Contest—The Premier Defeated—Final Outcome Very Doubtful.

**Return of Gordon Bennett.**  
NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—James Gordon Bennett was among the passengers on the steamer La Touraine, which arrived this afternoon from Cherbourg, France.

### THE BOSIE OLSEN RETURNED.

#### Papers Ordering Her Restoration to Her Owners are Received from the Capital.

Official papers have been received from Ottawa ordering that the Bosie Olsen be handed over to her owners, Messrs. Sprats & Gray. It will be remembered that this schooner was one of those seized by the Russian cruiser of Copper Island, and was given over to Capt. Copp, who claimed her as a "prize," and as such brought her to Vancouver, where she now lies. But there is yet trouble in store. Capt. Copp will be obliged to hand over the vessel, make a claim of some \$1,500 for what he terms "salvage." Against this there will, no doubt, be set off for illegal detention. The Captain says that he had not brought the vessel back, the would in all probability be lost to her owners. The Ionian question arises, had the vessel not brought him back, where would he be? Besides, had she been seized and detained illegally by the Russians, as her owners claim, they would certainly be entitled to indemnity when the day of settlement comes.

**BRITISH BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.**  
Report of the Veterinary Department on Pleuro-Pneumonia in the United States.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—The report for 1891 of the directors of the Veterinary Department of the Board of Agriculture, contains some facts in regard to the American cattle trade, especially in view of the present renewal of the excitement over the case of pleuro-pneumonia in the United States. The report states that out of three cargoes consisting of 1,281 cattle, landed at Deptford from Baltimore, Boston and New York, four animals were affected by pleuro-pneumonia. The total imports of cattle for the year were as follows: From Canada, 108,288, and from the United States 314,838.

Of the Canadian consignments 898 animals were lost at sea, 75 landed dead, and 194 were slaughtered on account of injuries they had received. Of those consigned from the United States 4,465 were lost at sea, 218 were landed dead and 275 had to be killed on account of injuries. The chief importer, commenting upon efforts to extirpate pleuro-pneumonia in the United States, says that, in view of the vast extent of the country and the number of animals to be watched, it must be admitted that, assuming the central authorities to be cognizant of all the present cases of disease, it is almost impossible to enforce any measures to encourage the hope that the country will be free from the scourge in a very few years.

**W.C.T.U.**  
Officers Elected to Serve During the Year.

**NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 22.—(Special.)**  
The election of officers of the W.C.T.U. was held last night, and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. James Cunningham; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Thomas Soule; Recording Secretary, Miss B. S. McDougall, New Westminster; Treasurer, Mrs. D. McMillan; Misses E. G. Grant, Victoria; Misses M. G. Brown, Victoria; Evangelist, Mrs. Brown; Victoria; Hospital work, Mrs. D. McNaughton, Victoria; Prison work, Mrs. D. Brown, Victoria; Westminister; "Young Women" work, Mrs. Schreyer, Victoria; Indian work, Mrs. C. M. Tate, Chilliwack; Parity department, Mrs. D. Spenser, Victoria; Juvenile and Kindergarten, Miss Fraser, Victoria; Parish meetings, Mrs. Shakespear, Victoria; Flower Mission, Miss Amy Hunter, Victoria; Narcotics, Miss Mary Marshall, Chilliwack; Fair work, Mrs. McCraney, Victoria; Conference with Indian people, Mrs. Smith, Mount Pleasant; School of Methods, Mrs. Sasmith, North Arm; Missionary work, Mrs. Maitland, Vancouver; Parliamentary work, Mrs. Stewart, Victoria; Organizers, Miss Bowes and Mrs. Spofford. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Victoria, in October, 1893, after which the convention finally adjourned.

**THE WORLD'S FAIR.**  
Rates and Accommodations for European Passengers Next Year.

**BERLIN, Oct. 22.—**General Director Ballin, of the Hamburg-American Steamship Co., is going next week to Cologne, to attend a meeting of all the European lines, to decide upon uniform rates to Chicago, during the World's Fair. It is stated that, until confidence is restored, the Hamburg-American line will carry immigrants from Stettin to New York, and Stettin is now the destination of the multitudes of Russian Jews and others bound for America. Apart from immigrants, it is expected that nearly half a million Europeans will visit the Chicago World's Fair. The Hamburg-American line proposed to build a steamer that would surpass the latest excursions to the Canada line, and to give ample provisions for the numerous passengers.

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The steamer City of Topeka, Captain Wallace, just arrived from Sitka and Port Townsend, brings news that the mail steamer *Elisie*, from San Sitka to Chiloet during the winter months was ten days overdue at the former port when the *Topeka* left. It is feared that the *Elisie* has been wrecked in a storm.

**THE DASHING PRINCESS.**  
The "Dashing" Vancouver steamer *Quadra*, Capt. Wallner, will be engaged on Tuesday, and probably the succeeding day, in replacing and renewing the buoys in the vicinity of Saanich. During the past week she has been very busy around the Race rocks station.

**WATER FRONT NOTES.**  
It is thought the C.P.N. Co. will take the steamer K. P. Risher of the New Westminster route to-day, and replace her with the *Cassiopeia*. The *Islander* will then take the Vancouver run.

Captain McClellan, commander of the steamer *Coquillion*, who is now in the city, will go up to Vancouver this week to bring his vessel to the coast of the continent.

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**THE STAR STAPLES.**  
The Star staples found among the papers found in many of the olden members of holding prominent positions, picked up the acquaintance of some of whom were compromising letters. The police spared it, but required them to state to what the victims of the prison had been subjected.

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