breaking away from his
d the garden. As he ap-
-birds took to flight. The
also, fled backward, shaking
, "Pray, do not touch me!"
it appeared, leading him
snow. Some of his neigh-
eing him from their win-
at could possess Mr. Lind-
bout his garden in pursuit of
the west-wind was driving
At length, after a vast
chased the little stranger in-
she could not possibly escape
a wonderstruck to observe
gleamed and sparkled, and
shed a glow all around about
en into the corner she posi-
a star! It was a frosty
, too, like an icicle in the

little thing!" cried the hon-
er by the hand, "I have
and will make you comfort-
rself. Come along in."
ost benevolent smile on his
is very well-meaning gentle-
child by the hand and led
house. She followed him,
tant, for all the glow and
t of her figure; and whereas
resembled a bright, frosty,
ng, with a crimson gleam on
he now looked as dull and
As kind Mr. Lindsey led
the door, Violet and Peony
their eyes full of tears—
l him not to bring their snow
e.
talk, and always with the
s, this highly benevolent and
ividual led the little white
drooping, drooping, more
the frosty air and into his
A large stove, filled to the
ely burning anthracite, was
eam through the isinglass of
using the vase of water on
bubble with excitement. A
was diffused throughout the
ometer on the wall farthest
od at eighty degrees. The
th red curtains, and covered
nd looked just as warm as it
nce betwixt the atmosphere
wintry twilight out of doors,
t once from Nova Zembla to
India, or from the North
Oh, this was a fine place
stranger!
sible man placed the snow-
th-rug right in front of the
stove.
be comfortable!" cried he,
and looking about him with
ile you ever saw. "Make
ay child!"
oping, looked the little white
od on the hearth-rug, with
e stove striking through her
Once, she threw a glance
the windows, and caught a
e red curtains, of the snow-
the stars glimmering frostily
s intensity of the cold night.
-sensible man saw nothing

id he, "let her have a pair
and a woollen shawl or blan-
r my part I will go around
rs and find out where she be-

collar of his coat over his
rom the house, and had bare-
et-gate, when he was recalled
Violet and Peony.
ed his wife, showing her hor-
through the window panes,
of going for the child's par-

o, father!" screamed Violet
re-entered the parlor. "You
, and now our poor—dear—
thawed!"
ll there is left of it," said his
pool of water in front of the

!" cried Peony, stamping his
r to say—shaking his little
on-sensible man. "We told
e!"
through the isinglass of its
are at good Mr. Lindsey, like
triumphing in the mischief

serve, was one of those rare
ll occasionally happen, where
itself at fault. One of its
at it behooves men to con-
y are about, and before act-
thropic purposes, to be quite
prehend the nature and all
e business in hand, and what
d as an element of good to
olute mischief to another.
here is no teaching anything
d Mr. Lindsey's stamp. They
oh, to be sure!—everything
everything that is, and ev-
ny future possibility, can be.
r. Lindsey, after a fit of si-
antity of snow the children
their feet. It has made
re before the stove. Pray
some towels and sop it up!"

## S MOUNTAIN WED-
## DING.

y superstition much in vogue
at those who plight their troth
Christmas day will be happy
ereafter. As Christ was sin-
will be good and their daugh-
same reason many marriages
day.
bridegroom is in some parts
nd to steal his bride, less
than the Tartars of the
At the appointed hour the
epare for the meeting-house;
arrayed in all her wedding
then the groom rides furious-
on horseback with some of
d with a show of violence on
l reluctance on hers, drags
bin, places her before him on
starts for the church. He is
long "hickory," which he
r head, thus evincing to the
rimonial authority over her.
every man, woman and child
akes hands with the groom,
e same horse with his wife,
ure home, followed by every
to go. On their arrival a
set forth and partaken by
g and other amusements

bus kinds, such as the "Injun
ake lock," the "back holt,"
bular; and the man who can
passel on 'em," is deservedly
female present. Jumping,
k with the inevitable long
onal foot race, occupy much

ty pervades the atmosphere.
intering of wit, and a slow
bovine humor, accompanied
of ponderous laughter, that
er still water, leaving no
he grave, vacant faces of the

happens to one during the
tmas and the first day of the
considered a favorable or
of one's fortune during that

## TION OF IDEAS,

is's mother was putting him
ht, he said to her,—
that song you sunged to me

ral last night, Louis. Which

ne you sunged."
tell which one you mean?
r some of the words that-
was it about?"
bout Jesus and the pump?"
ump? Why, what a strange
ny such song."
s, mamma!"
ght long and earnestly, and
n her what the boy meant,
his entire satisfaction,—
water of life can give,
reely, freely."
sociation in the infantile
esting thing.

reet and troublesome ambit-
much about fame; about what
s; to be always looking in
for approval; to be always
fects of what we do or say;
g to hear the echoes of our


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## Local and Provincial News.

*From the Daily Colonist, Dec. 21.*

### NOTES FROM BARKERVILLE

### Work on the Quartz Ledges—Wedding Bells.

There are two matters of interest that are agitating the public mind of Barkerville; 1st, quartz; 2nd, the marriage of our parson.

Quartz is looming up here, and those who can are going to work in a true spirit. The Island Mountain Mine company are running into the hill at the rate of two feet per day on the ledge in quartz that would compare with the best ore found in the California mines, and they deserve success for their energy. The B. C. Milling and Mining company has graded off a space on their ledge for hoisting works, and in doing so cut through a solid vein of quartz of twenty feet, some of it showing free gold. I am informed they have let a contract for sinking a shaft to the depth of one hundred feet. The Steadman company is also at work cleaning out their shaft—which was sunk to a depth of 50 feet—in order that Mr. W. Craib may get some of the ore from that depth to test its value. There are numerous other locations, that are having their assessment work put on in order to have them laid over till next spring. Altogether the quartz interest looks healthy and there is no doubt that the time is not far distant when old Cariboo will be second to none other in her mining industries.

Now for the second topic of interest, locally speaking. Mr. Stone, our parson, postmaster, express agent, and telegraph operator, is about to lead to the hymeneal altar one of the belles of Richfield. *On dit*, the great event is to take place at 10 a. m. sharp on the 16th inst. By the way, an exceedingly pretty conceit states that when the gay Lothario called on his honor Mr. Bowron in order to make a record of the fact that Mr. B. was so surprised that he took the parson by both hands, while tears ran down his cheeks, and he asked him in slow but convulsive words, "Are you really in earnest?" When answered in the affirmative, Mr. B. said, "Well, I will not enforce the statute of limitations, and will, therefore, decree that on the above hour and day I will endeavor to help you along."

In Barkerville everybody seems to smile a welcome to the daring couple. Even our old friend the doctor looks forward to what another year may bring forth in—*quarts*.

Since the advent of Mr. Craib, the mining expert from California, amongst us, times have been lively in Barkerville. Besides being full of practical mining knowledge, he is the personification of good nature, and is a whole host in himself when there is any fun on hand. On his arrival here to permanently reside, he was in poor health, but the exhilarating effect of his mountain rides between the two ledges he has in charge, has placed him in the best of health, and the accommodating proprietor of the "Antelope" has increased his culinary staff in order to meet the demand.

### Methodist Sunday School.

The new Sunday school room in connection with the Methodist church was completed yesterday, and will be formally opened to-day by a bazaar. The building is constructed entirely of brick, and is one of the handsomest edifices in the city. Mr. John Teague was the architect, and Messrs. M. Humber and T. G. Rayner the builders. The plans have been carried out to the letter, and the masterly style in which the work has been done is creditable indeed to the above named gentlemen. The building will accommodate about 900 people comfortably. There is a gallery with a seating capacity of 150 people in the west end of the room. The class rooms under the gallery can be thrown open by folding doors and become part of the main hall. Toilet arrangements have not been neglected and these are as nicely arranged as tasty. The building will be used principally for the Sunday school services, entertainments, bazaars, etc. The committee of the church have shown great enterprise in the matter which the members will no doubt appreciate. The bazar will commence at noon today and a lunch will be provided for guests from 12 to 2 o'clock. It is stated that the church will be encased in brick at no distant date. If this idea is carried out the Methodist body will have the most complete place of worship north of San Francisco.

FOR THE INDIAN AND COLONIAL EXHIBITION.—W. Doherty & Co., organ manufacturers, Clinton, wishing to maintain their well-earned reputation in the Dominion, have made a large shipment of their celebrated "Doherty organs" to the Colonial and Indian exhibition, consisting of samples of their principal styles as illustrated in their catalogue, and supplied to their customers in Canada. Three of the thirty organs sent were double bank or two manual organs operated with or without pedals, the cathedral, boudoir, and student's practice organs were exceedingly fine specimens of Canadian workmanship, and will certainly do credit to our Canadian exhibit. The perfection attained, and the judgment and taste displayed in all their organs show that they have devoted years of study to attain the practical results found only in their organs.—*Toronto Mail, March 31, 1886.*

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MR. ALEX. MCDONALD has returned from an extended visit to British Columbia, with which province he is exceedingly well pleased. He reports Mr. Tite and other members of the Orillia colony well and prospering. Mr. McDonald has purchased property at Victoria, and purposes removing thither next year. Skilled mechanics, he says, are sure to find employment there, but the Chinese make it somewhat disadvantageous for unskilled labor. The only necessaries excessively high are eggs, butter and milch cows. Mr. McDonald enjoyed the climate, but those who had preceded him stated the autumn season was unusually dry.—*Orillia Packet.*

IN DISTRESS.—Steamship Mexico spoke the bark Edinburgh fifteen miles south of Cape Flattery, with spars and sails gone, endeavoring to make the straits. Upon going near the distressed vessel, which was firing rockets, the captain requested Captain Huntington to send a tug to his assistance. Upon arriving here a telegram was sent to Port Townsend and a tug has gone to bring the bark in.

FUNERAL.—A large Chinese funeral passed through the streets yesterday afternoon. The gongs were brought into play as usual to which the horses took a decided dislike. The Chinese have as much right to a funeral as white men, it is true, but if they would conduct the ceremony in a more orderly manner they would confer a favor upon the public in general.

DON'T FORGET to go and see Santa Claus and the beautiful Xmas presents at the grand opening of the new school room today and to-morrow.

### Supreme Court.

(Before the Full Bench).

Wise vs. Tuttle and others.—Upon this appeal, brought by the defendants, being called on Mr. Hett applied for a further postponement to enable Mr. Richards, Q. C., to read the papers which had just been printed and to appear as counsel.

Their lordships complained of the delay which parties brought about by their own unreadiness with their cases. The business of the court ought to have been concluded last Friday. Such impediments to litigation were disastrous to the parties, and would not in future be tolerated by the court. The court ultimately granted an adjournment until Wednesday at 10 o'clock a.m., the appellants to pay the costs of the day.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

Seeley vs. Hamm & Marbœuf.—This was a special jury case in which J. H. Seeley claimed $6,000 damages for breach of an agreement by the defendants to hire him as manager of the saloon conducted by them upon the premises adjoining the Poodle Dog Rotisserie. It appears that Hamm & Marbœuf had a license to sell wines, etc., and in order to increase their business, leased the adjoining rooms, intending to carry on a saloon there, and with such object in view hired Seeley to act as manager, in consequence of which Seeley fitted the place up. Soon after business commenced Seeley was prosecuted for selling without license, and being fined $200 closed the saloon. The conviction proceeded upon the amendment to the Municipality Act passed that session which prohibits the holder of a retail liquor license from carrying on business upon an extension of the premises. It was claimed on the part of Seeley that Hamm & Marbœuf had deceived him by leading him to believe that they held an unlimited license, whereas their license was restricted to supplying liquors with meals to their customers.

Mr. Theodore Davie, who appeared as counsel for the defendants, claimed a non-suit on the ground of the agreement being void, as in contravention of the statute, and as authorizing a stranger to the license to carry on business, also that the license was unlimited, there being no authority to restrict the holder of a wine and spirit license from selling with meals, and on the further ground that Seeley himself had terminated the agreement.

His lordship reserved leave to move for a non-suit after the trial, and left the case to the jury who, after a brief absence, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $850.

The learned judge abstained from giving judgment until after the motion for non-suit had been argued.

Mr. Drake, Q. C., appeared for the plaintiff.

### District Schools.

CADBORO SCHOOL.

The examination of the above school took place last Friday, 17th inst. Notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather about seventy ladies and gentlemen were present to witness the closing exercises. Amongst those present were S. D. Pope, Esq., superintendent of education. Rev. Mr. Fraser, Rev. Archdeacon Scriven, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. and Miss Williams, Mrs. and Misses Deans, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. McInnes, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Thistle, Mrs. Johson, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Sinclair, Miss King, Mrs. Evans, Misses Colman and the trustees. About twenty-two bright and tidy children sat down to their studies, and showed a remarkable progress during the past six months under their teacher, Miss M. M. Williams. Much praise is due her for the creditable manner in which she has succeeded in gaining for her pupils such a proficiency in their various studies. The following programme was very ably carried out by the pupils: Opening hymn, "Lead us Heavenly, Father;" psalm, "The King of Glory;" geographical lesson, "British Columbia Geographical Services;" Christmas carol, "Carol Brothers Carol;" recitation, "Why I called my Cat Wilkes," Miss B. Hooper; solo and chorus, "Bird song," Miss M. Merriman; simultaneous recitation, "Edinburgh after Flodden; song, "Robin Redbreast;" recitation, "Gone into Pants," Garry Vye; carol, "God rest ye Merry Gentlemen;" reading, "The Face Against the Pane," Miss Maggie Sinclair; carol, "Hark, what means thou Holy Voices;" dialogue, "Wishes;" carol, "In the Old Times." Addresses were made by Mr. S. D. Pope, Rev. Mr. Fraser, Mr. Kerr, Rev. Mr. Taylor, Rev. Mr. Scriven, Mr. Jas. Deans, and the trustees, all of whom congratulated the children for the orderly and efficient manner in which they had conducted themselves throughout their exercises. Great praise was given the teacher for the excellent manner in which she had succeeded in promoting the welfare of the school. Miss M. Sinclair and Miss Hooper were awarded prizes for needlework. Three hearty cheers were given by the children for their teacher, after which they were dismissed for their Christmas holidays.

### Canadian Pacific Steamers.

Nelson McPherson, agent for the Canadian Pacific navigation company in this city, states that he is in receipt of a communication from D. E. Brown, district freight and passenger agent at Port Moody, in reply to an inquiry regarding the shipment of freight in which, after stating the difficulties encountered by the company at present in the handling of freight, he says: "We trust before long these difficulties will be removed, as we intend placing fast steamers of large capacity on the Sound route ourselves."

It also stated that the Canadian Pacific has completed arrangements for wharfage facilities at this point.—*Tacoma Telegraph.*

### The Commons.

It is reported that Hon. Dr. Helmcken will be asked to stand for the commons at the next election in the conservative interest. The doctor was speaker of the parliament of Vancouver Island for many years. He was afterwards a member of the legislative council, and one of the delegates who arranged the terms of union under which the province entered confederation. He retired from politics fifteen years ago much to the regret of the whole province.

CAPTAIN A. M. SIMPSON, who came up from San Francisco on the new tug Traveler, tells of a narrow escape he had at Coos bay. When off Coos bay on the way up, the tug started to put in there. The sea was rough, and when on the bar the tug gave a lurch and threw Captain Simpson overboard, "Heave me a rope," said he as he rose to the surface. But everything had been lashed fast, and there was no line handy. As the boat listed he made an effort and, swimming alongside, caught the guard of the boat with one hand. One of the men grasped him by the wrist and in a moment he was pulled on deck a little shook-up, but none the worst for his perilous adventure. It was a close call.—*Astorian.*

RUNAWAY.—A pair of refractory horses created quite a lively time on Yates street yesterday morning by running away with a dirt wagon. They did not get far, however, for they ran into a telephone post, which fortunately arrested their mad career. Little damage was done beyond the tearing up of a few boards from the sidewalk, which were immediately replaced.

AT ST. JAMES, half-a-mile beyond the city of Winnipeg, a man named John Armstrong beat his wife, and in reaching for a shotgun with which to kill her, blew out his own brains. Two young men, who heard the couple quarreling, rushed into the room, but too late to prevent the tragedy.

HEAVY PAYMENT.—On Saturday the last payment on account of the Hasting's Mill purchase was made. It amounted to $96,000. Active steps are being taken in England to float the property as a joint stock concern.

THE sum of $254.60 was the result of the special collection at the Reformed Episcopal church on Sunday.

### SHIPWRECKED AT SEA.

### The Bark Ella S. Thayer Springs a Leak in a Terrific Gale.

### The Captain and Crew Save Themselves in One Small Boat.

### Thirty-Six Hours Without Food and Water.

The German bark Von Moltke, Capt. Cox, arrived yesterday morning at Esquimalt in tow of the steamer Hope. She had on board the officers and crew of the bark Ella S. Thayer, of San Francisco, who suffered shipwreck fifteen miles off Cape Flattery. In the afternoon the captain and crew arrived on the Hope and landed at the C. P. N. Co.'s wharf. On being interviewed by a reporter of *The Colonist*, Capt. Mathson handed him the following

STATEMENT.

We left Tacoma on December 9th and passed Cape Flattery at 12 noon. Had heavy weather from E.N.E. to S.W. up the 15th. At 6 p. m. a gale sprung up from E.S.E., and increased and hauled to S.S.W. at 1 a. m. on the 16th, when the gale increased to a hurricane, causing a fearful sea, the ship laboring heavily at 4 a.m. The seas washing over the ship washed away the skylights, filled the cabins, and started the fore and after houses from the deck, and washed one boat overboard, split the long-boat in two, and at about 5 a. m. the ship sprang a leak. The water gained rapidly, gaining on the pumps about 12 inches per hour. At 12.30 p. m. got the ship off to run back. At 4 p. m. on the 16th in latitude 48 10, longitude 127.50, the ship having about ten feet of water in the hold, I thought it prudent to abandon her. The crew, consisting of fifteen, all told, crowded with a few biscuits and water into the only remaining boat of twenty feet, and left the ship sinking. The crew suffered severely from cold and wet. We rode out a severe gale on the night of the 17th with two oars and a piece of canvas for a drag. On the morning of the 18th rigged two blankets on an oar for a sail, and continued to pull to eastward. On the 19th, at 10 a.m., sighted a ship ahead, pulled alongside and were taken on board the barque Von Moltke. The crew were in a very exhausted state when they came alongside.

In conversation Capt. Mathson stated that the vessel was owned by Chas. A. Nutson of San Francisco, was built at Bath, Me., and was valued at $16,000, and was bound for San Francisco with about 1700 tons of coal. She was 21 years old and had been on the coast two and one-half years. He said that the weather was the roughest he had experienced in the last 20 years on the coast, and feared that all the disasters had not been heard from, and some probably would never be learned. The sea ran mountains high, the waves piling in a straight wall and then breaking over the deck. No vessel could have ridden through such a gale. When they took to the only boat remaining there was only time to throw a few biscuits and six gallons of water in kegs into her. This gave out and they were for

THIRTY SIX HOURS WITHOUT WATER,

And for 24 without any food. The captain's little dog became so thirsty that she jumped overboard, but was again got back into the boat. When she got on board the Von Moltke, and had a drink, she enlivened quickly. One sea struck second officer Henry Thompson cutting a gash in his scalp from one side of the head to the other, cutting through to the bone. The poor fellow sat in the boat soaked with salt water for seventy-two hours, and the morning the bark was sighted he said to the captain, "I don't think I will live." When carried on board the bark he became delirious. They rowed and sailed 120 miles in the rough sea before they were picked up, and it was only by the greatest care that they kept afloat.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

The ship's carpenter said the storm was a terrible one, and on Wednesday night the bulwarks, rails, boats, and nearly everything on deck was washed away. The crew worked night and day at the pumps, but from 8 to 12 o'clock Thursday morning the water gained six feet with the pumps going all the time. During Wednesday night the sea washed away the skylight and everything on the afterhouse, where all hands were, on account of the seas that swept the maindeck. The crew was washed with it, but all clung to the ropes except the second officer, who was carried overboard; he caught the main braces, however, and was again hauled on board and placed in the cabin. It was at this time that he was so fearfully cut about the head. The only boat remaining was damaged and this was mended with a piece of canvas, and then it was lowered with two men in her. She was kept away from the ship by the oars, and as the vessel rolled the men jumped, until all fifteen were in the boat. They only had the clothes they wore, and what with lack of food and water, and pulling in the stormy sea three days and three nights, they were all exhausted and soon were so helpless that they had to be carried on board the Von Moltke. When the water gave out all that they had to drink was the rain which they caught in the rims of their sou'wester hats.

THE LITTLE BOAT

which saved them seems almost too small to have carried half the number in so fearful a gale and to look at it, it is almost incredible to think that it could be made to do such work. But the captain, mate and some of the crew are old seafarers and by dint of good management kept it afloat until they were rescued. They saved nothing but the clothes they had on, and were in a pitiable condition when taken on board the German bark.

Captain and crew speak strongly in praise of the generous conduct of Capt. Cox and his family who did everything possible to make them comfortable, giving them dry clothing and treating them with the utmost kindness.

On their arrival here, Capt. Mathson reported the affair to Col. Stevens, the American consul, who took the crew in charge, and they are now all comfortably located at the Colonial.

### The Dock Yard.

Considerable improvements are under way at the dock yard; but as to projected improvements the officials are as quiet as mice. It is rumored, however, that extensive changes and additions are contemplated for the coming year. The ways for the torpedo boats have been completed under the supervision of Mr. D. Cartmel, fleet engineer. The machinery attached to the ways or carriages on which the torpedo boats may be drawn from or launched into the water are of very ingenious construction. Half a turn of a man's wrist will move the entire mass of seventy tons either up or down. Mr. Cartmel is to be congratulated upon the success of his plan.

"ADIN' PROGRESS."—The opponents to the bylaws shortly to be submitted to the people held a funny kind of a meeting in Philharmonic hall on Wednesday evening. No notice of it had been given and consequently few citizens were present. R. Finlayson occupied the chair, and T. Nicholson officiated as secretary. Amor DeCosmos moved the first resolution which opposed the sewerage and market schemes. John Boyd was the mover of a resolution for the appointment of committees in all the wards to endeavor to secure the defeat of the several bylaws. There was a noticeable lack of enthusiasm, probably because the cause was so unpatriotic a one.

ROBBERY.—Green's clothing store was burglarized early on Sunday morning and a quantity of clothes stolen. The robbers secured entrance by prying in a window in the rear of the store, and managed to get off without being detected.

### Methodist Church Bazaar.

The new Sunday school room in connection with the Methodist church was opened yesterday by a bazaar. A lunch was provided at noon by the ladies, to which about fifty people sat down. The halls are beautifully decorated with evergreens and bunting, and the stalls present a most inviting appearance. The fancy-work stalls are especially elegant, and the articles for sale are numerous and choice. Sofa-cushions in various patterns of crazy-work; plaques, piano scarfs, pin cushions, etc., are offered at remarkably low figures and were easily disposed of last evening. Two plaques, painted by Miss Percival, and a piano scarf (Kensington design), painted by Mrs. Miller, attracted considerable attention from the visitors and were much admired. To the left on entering the hall may be seen Rebecca's well at which lemonade is sold. Miss Percival assumes the character of Rebecca, and Miss O'Neil that of the woman of Samaria. On the right is a grocery stand in charge of Miss Borthwick, Miss Humber and Miss Gibb. Santa Claus has not forgotten the little ones, having provided a stall at which Miss Cusack, Miss Spencer and Miss Jeffrey preside. The flower stand, which is a marvel of beauty, is stationed in the centre of the room. Mrs. Watkins has control of this stall, and from the appearance of the button-hole bouquets which the young men carried about with them, she was great taste as a florist. Mrs. Watkins is assisted in her work by Miss Lizzie Watkins, Miss Josie Spencer and Miss Cusack, who had their hands full in supplying the boys with bouquets. Mrs. Shakespeare, Miss Lazenby, Mrs. Pendray, and Mrs. Daley have control of the fancy work tables, and are most assiduous in endeavoring to dispose of their beautiful goods. The candy stall, to which the little ones flock, is well supplied with sweet things, and Mrs. Durham, assisted by Miss Stafford and the Misses Durham, had their time well taken up in disposing of their goods. The grocery stall appeared to be doing a rushing trade, and not altogether retail either, for many people bought large quantities of sugar, coffee, tea, etc., at wholesale. Miss Borthwick, Miss Humber, and Miss Gibb had charge of that department, and seemed to be delighted at the prospect of getting rid of their groceries. On the whole the sale bids fair to be a grand success financially, as considerable money was taken in yesterday and during the evening. A lunch will be provided again to-day, at which a larger attendance is expected. Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Penwell and Mrs. Humber are in charge of the lunch table and supply the wants of customers with all the good things imaginable.

### Personal.

Rev. Arthur Beanlands has almost recovered from his late illness.

Rev. Messrs. Dowler and Pike came down from the mainland yesterday.

Hon. Quincy A. Brooks, collector of customs of Port Townsend, returned home this morning after a brief stay in the city.

At the Clarence: J. R. William, Cal.; C. M. Hawkins, Nova Scotia; Jos. Pell, H. W. Sitwell, Chemainus.

J. M. Lyon, a pioneer of British Columbia, has been appointed postmaster at Seattle. Mr. Lyon is at present in this city.

At the Occidental: Geo. Jones, Neil McKinnon, A. Dough, Cowichan, F. O. Inglis, England; Robert Nake, R. Kenny, New Westminster.

H. V. Edmunds, Jas. Laidlaw and J. A. Cunningham were passengers by the steamer R. P. Rithet yesterday from the mainland.

Capt. Chittenden, says a Winnipeg exchange, is here after completing the exploration of the Queen Charlotte Islands in the Pacific off British Columbia. In a few days he will exhibit many curiosities discovered there.

### Marine.

H. B. Co.'s fine ship Titania sailed from London for Victoria Dec. 10th.

Dec. 6.—British bark Hasquina sailed from London for Victoria.

The ship Snow and Burgess left for Portland yesterday in tow of the tug Hope.

The ship Ferris S. Thompson with a cargo of coal for Honolulu, was towed to sea yesterday morning.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The ship Ericsson, from Port Discovery, W. T., for this port, with 1,100,000 feet of lumber, was 28 days making the trip down. The time is usually from 10 to 15 days. Many vessels from Sound ports are long overdue owing to the bad weather.

### Overland Passengers.

TWIN BUTTE, Dec. 21.—Judge Vowell, Geo. McLean, W. Brooks, Mrs. M. L. Brooks, John Cannon, D. McLennan, G. H. Boyce, W. Williams, H. B. Herrier, S. Cathcart, A. Stewart, Wm. Boston, for Port Moody; A. Donley, Mrs. R. N. Rowley and two children, for San Francisco; T. G. Higginson and R. L. Johnson, for Kamloops.

AUSTRALIAN business reports are of a somewhat conflicting nature. In the agricultural districts everything has taken on a cheerful aspect. Abundant rains have visited every section, and there is now no longer any danger of drouth this season. A full supply of the welcome moisture has had a wonderfully good effect upon the wool growing industry. Many of the stock routes of the interior have been flooded, and by such means of communication large quantities of wool are arriving at Melbourne and Adelaide. In South Australia the grain prospects are said to be all that could be asked for. As the stock of wheat on hand is only sufficient for immediate requirements, this condition is especially fortunate. In all Australian cities there is a continued depression in every department of trade and large numbers are seeking employment. But it is hoped that these enterprising centres of life in the new south world will soon escape from the depressing conditions under which they have so long laboured.

A REMARKABLE ACCIDENT.—On Monday, as Charles McCorlich was riding his spirited colt along Cedar Hill road, the animal suddenly shied at the spectacle of a demure-looking farm-horse dragging a heavy cart. After shying the thoroughbred sprang into the air and actually alighted on the other horse's back—his forefeet hanging down on one side and his hindfeet on the other, while his belly rested on the carthorse's back! To the credit of Mr. McCorlich it must be recorded that he stuck to the horse's back during the flight, at the finish presenting the funny and novel sight of a man riding two horses that were going in opposite directions—a feat never accomplished by a nimble circus man. After considerable trouble the colt and rider were relieved from their ludicrous position unhurt.

BEAUTIFUL PICTURES.—In Mr. Jamieson's windows are shown three pictures of Miss Withrow. Two—"The Song," and "A Spring Idyll"—are copies from celebrated paintings and are exquisite in the beauty of figure and coloring, and the third is a view of Mt. Stephen, Cathedral rock and the Kicking Horse river, along the line of the C. P. R. All are beautiful pictures, painted in perfect taste, and they prove that Victoria possesses an artist worthy of a high place, and one who must become of more than provincial fame.

THE FINE ARTS.—Jos. Sommers has his usual elegant stock of paintings and engravings, mouldings, mantel mirrors, and a large variety of lovely articles. No more acceptable present can be made at Christmas or New Year's than a painting or engraving, and Mr. Sommers is in a good position to furnish the desired article.

JAMES BAY WARD.—Coun. Barnard has definitely decided for re-election. He has made an excellent city father and deserves re-election without an effort on his part.

TYPHOID.—Constable Edward Abel, who resides on Fort street, lost a fine little boy of typhoid fever yesterday morning.

## OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

### A Chapter on the Bulgarian Muddle.

### Socialists Pickling a Rod for their Own Backs.

### Anticipated Revelations in the Dilke Case—The Skeleton in the Sloane Museum.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Nov. 27th.

It is inevitable that Bulgaria must keep a front place in public notice until the time comes for unfolding other leaves in her Book of Fate. Lord Salisbury's speech, with its bold allusions to midnight conspiracies and foreign gold, has filled her with the assurance that she is not to struggle alone with the Russian bear. The speech of Count Kalnoky to the Hungarian delegation is equally outspoken as that of the English prime minister. Austria and England are bent on the same policy, to uphold the Berlin treaty and the state of things created by that treaty. At any rate, Russia is not to be permitted to refashion at her own sweet will the geography of southeastern Europe. "We are anxious for peace," said Count Kalnoky, "but not for peace at any price." He also pointed out that the interests of Germany are identical with those of Austria—"each shall support the other in maintaining its position as a strong first-class power."

DISGUSTED AND THWARTED,

Russia is made to understand that she cannot be omnipotent in Bulgaria, and that any autocratic violence will be resented by outsiders. Russia has no special control over Bulgaria, no control that is not shared by all the great powers. As for General Kaulbars, he does his utmost to foment intrigue and to work mischief. He is incessantly trying to get Bulgarian officials into trouble, but he never succeeds in drawing on himself anything in the form of violent opposition, hasty resentment, or insult. The Regents, the temporary rulers, are not to be caught napping; their rule is to be firm, temperate, forbearing, and to act in a constitutional fashion. As for the Bulgarian people, they perfectly understand the situation. Their cry is "Down with foreign agents," "Long live Bulgaria, free and independent," and in the public cafés the toast of the hour is

"ENGLAND AND AUSTRIA."

What form the united action of the powers is to take remains to be seen, but united action makes not for war, but for peace. Prince Alexander has gained practical experience. He is quite willing to sacrifice political ambition to personal comfort. His friends at Phillippopolis have expressed a hope that he may ere long be again in their midst as "King," to which the Prince has modestly replied, "Let his admirers bide their time!" After the treatment he received at the hands of Russian conspirators, and the events which have recently occurred in Bulgaria, one cannot but help saying that Prince Alexander shows wise discretion in thus refusing to consider the possibility of again exposing himself to the malignant forces of Russian intrigue.

The list of bills to be promoted in the coming session by the metropolitan board of works consists of a number of insignificant, though very likely necessary, attempts at legislature, and one or two only of general public importance. While by far the greater portion of these bills will be interesting exclusively to the residents of the metropolitan districts, the board's effort to extend its powers with regard to theatres, music halls and other haunts of the pleasure-seekers, in order to secure more effectual control over the structural and other arrangements will be watched in its progress with interest.

The socialists have been pickling a rod for their own backs. By the meeting they held in Trafalgar square on Sunday, and the violent language they used thereat, they have much increased the

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which which by all honest men they have from the first been regarded. Sunday's gathering was at one time anticipated with some anxiety by many of the inhabitants of the metropolis, but it proved what has well been described as a complete exposure of the socialist movement. Altogether, the actual followers of Mr. Hyndman, who assembled to intimidate the authorities numbered about 6,000, and the demonstration was tame and spiritless. But though there was no physical violence or rioting—a fact due to the presence of an army of police some 4,000 strong—the speakers did their utmost to encourage the cupidity and to inflame the greedy passions of the assembled mob, one "orator" going so far as to urge that the rulers of the country were "monsters," whom the socialists should "loot," "slay," and "send back" to those

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from which alone, in the speaker's opinion, they had come. It would not be surprising if 'ere long the government took steps for prohibiting altogether the holding of socialist meetings like that of last Sunday, on the ground that they are a source of public danger which, in the interests of law and order, demands suppression.

More paragraphs are appearing—this time through the French press—about the Dilke scandal and anticipated revelations to prove the conspiracy. The bad judgment which kept Sir Charles out of the witness box on the first occasion is betrayed by himself or friends in every attempt to bring back public attention to the case. If well advised Sir Charles would command the silence of his friends, and keep himself and case well out of sight until

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Can really be proved. Then the silence should be broken, not by statements in newspapers which have not been tested by evidence but by the proofs offered in the public court.

Those who have been expecting to find a skeleton in the sealed closet of Sir John Logan's museum, in Lincoln's Inn Fields, will have to restrain their curiosity a little longer. Monday was the date upon which—according to the terms of Sir John's will—the trustees were empowered to open the much talked of chamber. They failed to avail themselves of the privilege, however, and the public is not a little disturbed. This is a somewhat silly exhibition of impatience, as there is really nothing to reveal. When the founder of the museum died in 1837, three places were found to have been carefully sealed, and an instruction was left that they were not to be disturbed till the 22nd of November, 1886, 1886 and 1896 respectively. When the first was opened twenty years ago, it was found to contain nothing but papers relating to disputes between Sir John and his son, and the others are expected to furnish nothing of greater interest.

CONVALESCENT.—James Graham, who fell from Heathorn's building a short while ago, and whose injuries were considered fatal at the time, is about once more, and rapidly recovering under the care of Dr. J. D. Helmcken. Mr. Graham feels very thankful to those people who were so kind to him during his illness.

A NEWSPAPER THIEF.—The man who has been in the habit of entering the garden of a lady's residence on Fort street and stealing *The Colonist* has been watched and is known. If he is seen again purloining other people's property steps will be taken to have him punished.

THE MANY friends of Mrs. Tatlow, wife of Capt. Tatlow, will learn with sorrow of her death which occurred at Vancouver on Sunday. The deceased lady was universally respected for her many excellent qualities of head and heart, and her death will be deeply mourned.

CUNARD, Inman, Star, Allan, Anchor, Dominion and other Atlantic S. S. passages for sale by D. R. MUNRO, passenger agent, C. P. Railway, Wharf street. im

## Late Canadian News.

ONTARIO.

The upper portion of the Wm. Cane Manufacturing Co'a. extensive factory at New Market has been burned. The loss will be large, but is covered by insurance.

A permanent art museum and an industrial science college are being established in Ottawa in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. The buildings will cost $100,000.

The liberals of Russell nominated Alexander Robillard for the legislature, and W. C. Edward for the common.

The conservatives have nominated Chas. Wilson, deputy-reeve of Woodstock, to oppose Hon. Mr. Mowat in North Oxford.

The luminions of the law at Sandwich have been tired out by Geo. Rankin, the dramatic author and actor, and have apparently left Rankin's premises, to take their chances of making his arrest elsewhere on the criminal warrant for assault sworn out by Customs Collector McKee, George Rankin's uncle. The besieged author, however, has not been seen outside his castle. "I swore," said Mr. Rankin, "that they should not take me this year, and they won't. I have not ventured out of my house for the last two months, and I shall not go out until the day after next New Year's. Then, I now think, I will surrender myself to arrest." Rankin sprained his ankle a few days ago while throwing wood into the house, and is in no condition to defend himself should the constable raid the place, but the officers are content to wait. For many days and nights Rankin, alone and unaided, guarded the house from the officers, who sought to take him. With axe in hand he stood at the door and warned them to keep out. He is very bitter against McKee, whom he thrashed, he says, because McKee insulted him.

Both political parties are whooping it up throughout the province.

The liberals of Frontenac assembled in Kingston and nominated Mr. E. J. B. Pense, proprietor of the British Whig, for the local house.

At the Leeds liberal convention, held at Delta, Mr. W. H. Fredenburg, of Westport, was nominated for the local house and accepted.

It is understood an elaborate statement of facts and treaties bearing upon the question of the seizure of the British vessels in Behring sea and the imprisonment of the officers by the American authorities has been prepared for transmission to the home government. Minister Foster obtained the necess