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—Kaslo is asking the Government for an appropriation of $1,000 to build a jail.

—Winnipeg is considering the advisability of putting in a system of police signal boxes. The same idea might be adopted with advantage in Vancouver.

—The C. P. R. has cut off the branch telegraph offices in the Manitoba and Leland hotels, Winnipeg. The officials of the latter place are working on a scheme which has for its object the relief of the men who have been discharged.

—At the meeting of the Dock Board of Liverpool, held on the 3rd inst., Walter Glynn, a leading ship owner, said that the board must look forward to a scheme to accommodate vessels a thousand feet long that would accompl.sh the Atlantic passage in three and a half days.

—A person passing down Dupont street any evening just now will notice Chinamen walking up and down within a prescribed distance in an apparently aimless manner. They are not as aimless as they look. They are spotters for the gambling houses on the look-out for the police.

—It is said that the C. P. R. are having a new boat built on the Clyde, which will be brought out in the spring and put on the route between Owen Sound and Sault Ste. Marie. She will be a side wheeler, will make 22 miles an hour, and will be scheduled to make two round trips a week between Owen Sound and the Sault.

—Mr. Stocks, Prospector says: H. W. Kent, superintendent of the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Co., was in town last week looking over the country with a view of building a line to several points and establishing a central office at Three Forks. The work of construction will be started at once and pushed through as speedily as possible.

—It is said of Frederic Villiers that when at home in London, Eng., he keeps two Gladstone bags ready packed. One is said to contain an outfit for a hot climate and the other for places where it is colder. Thus, at an hour's notice, he is ready to depart for any corner of the earth, having only to receive his passports and other necessary documents.

—The local item appearing in the News-Advertiser this morning stating that C. S. Tisdall challenges any man to barehed walk him round the park for a silk hat is pure fiction. It emanated, he says, from the empty brain of one of the staff of that paper, and he defies any one of any more of these silly items at his expense appear the culprit will have trouble on his hands.

—In the coffee house, Cordova street, is one of the automatic gas meters into which you drop a 25-cent piece and get the worth of it in illuminant. On Tuesday night some one broke into the box and smashed open the meter to get at the quarters that had been dropped into it. It is not yet known how much they got. This is the second these meters to be rifled this year.

—Sydney advices by cable to hand by the Miowera contained the news that embezzler Frederick Bollman, who was arrested on one of the Canadian-Australian liners on her arrival at Victoria some months ago, and his confederate, Chas. A. Day, were tried and found guilty of fraud at the Metropolitan quarter sessions in Sydney. The sentence of each offender was 18 monts' imprisonment at hard labor.

—The case of Lashbrooke vs. Sexsmith, arising out of the alleged damming of a drain on Lulu Island during the June floods, bids fair to run through all the rest of the week. Only one witness for the defense had got through up to 3 p. m. to-day and there are still 12 of them to be examined. The case is proceeding before a special jury, the gentlemen engaged on which get per diem.

—The thrown-away ends of carbons from electric lights in Willimsburgh are being gathered up by sufferers from rheumatism, who believe that by carrying around pieces of the carbon the pain is lessened. Bits can be found under almost any of the arc lights in the city after the last tender has been around. Vancouverites will have no difficulty in trying this new cure, which has the merit of not costing anything.

—At such a large number of men gathered at St. Andrew's church on Wednesday evening to partake of the tasty hot soup and the nourishing bread that is now given free every Wednesday evening to all who apply. No one who has been present at one of these gatherings can fail to appreciate that they are doing a great deal of good. The pinched look on the faces of some of those who sit down at the tables speak volumes.

—A recent heavy freshet caused much stir among the farmers and the dams and protection works near the railway bridge were the centre of attraction for sightseers until Tuesday, when, after a steady fall of the water during the previous night, all danger for the time being was over. Happily no serious damage was done, the efforts of the workmen on Saturday and Sunday last in patching and repairing small breaches in the dam constructed last year by the Provincial Government having successfully averted the threatened danger.

—Nelson was made some months ago of the murder at Sungpu, China, of two inoffensive Swedish missionaries. From a copy of the Shanghai Daily News to hand by the Empress it is learned that through that paper $32.18 taels were raised for Mr. Lund, of the Swedish mission, which sum allowed him to go to Peking to lay his case before the Tsungli Yamen. Mr. Lund took a number of native witnesses and remained for months to urge his case. Although he failed to get punishment meted out to the guilty, it is satisfactory to know that he succeeded in saving the innocent, for the poor wretches whom the Sangpu officials had arrested were released. Promises of justice were, of course, freely made by the high Chinese authorities, but these promises have proved to be worth as much as ever they were—nothing.

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—The Bellingham Bay Hydraulic Mining Co., of Fairhaven has been registered under the Foreign Companies act and authorized to do business in British Columbia. The company is capitalized at $30,000.

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—The Associated Press despatches about the recent high tides now coming to hand in Eastern exchanges convey the idea that the whole Province was inundated. Mail Clerk May says that at Calgary he had considerable difficulty in explaining away that impression.

—General Booth was so ill when he reached Winnipeg that the public reception in the C. P. R. waiting room had to be abandoned. The General was sick when here, which accounts for his occasionally manifesting sharpness of temper. It is said that his gruffness to his hosts in some places was, to say, the least, bewildering.

—The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says that Villiers is the author of the Port Arthur butchery and that his attacks on de Guerville, of the New York Herald, are made because the latter attacked the truth of the sensational story. The general impression is that de Guerville is in the wrong and that the four other correspondents, Villiers, Creelman, Cowan and Hort were correct.

—At Thursday evening's meeting of Loyal Ivanhoe Lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., a letter was read from Joseph Pope, thanking the lodge in most kindly terms on behalf of Lady Thompson for the resolution passed by the lodge expressing sympathy with Lady Thompson in her great bereavement and deploring the loss to Canada of one of her foremost sons in the person of Sir John S. D. Thompson.

—It is now generally understood that Superintendent Ford, of the Dominion Express Company, will take up his residence in St. Paul. The company believe that the new express agency will be better managed by a superintendent living in St. Paul, although recognizing that the extent of country through which the company operates is greater in Canada. Some of the Winnipeg staff may also be moved south.

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—H. M. S. Wild Swan left Devenport on Dec. 21st for the North Pacific station to relieve H. M. S. Champion, which will call at Las Palmas, St. Vincent, Montevideo and Valparaiso en route.

—The Kamloops Sentinel says that an unfortunate accident, causing injuries to two men and loss of considerable property, occurred on the C. P. R., near Notch Hill on Monday 14th inst.

—The Province has lost another pioneer in the death of Jas. Collett, who died on Saturday last at Salmon Arm of a big ranch and many head of cattle. Rev. E. P. Flewelling officiated at the funeral.

—The Toronto Empire mentions the promotion in that city of A. Wood, wife and child, George Patterson, Phillip Montgomery and C. P. Piers, of Manchester, Eng., who are on their way to Vancouver to join him.

—A small fire in the residence of Charles Coldwell, Mount Pleasant called out the Hill brigade on Saturday afternoon. The blaze was soon extinguished but one room was badly damaged by a combination of fire and water.

—Mrs. Anderson, wife of Capt. Anderson, of the schooner Alda, and family who have been residing for some time past at Victoria, left on Tuesday for Shanghai, for which port he loaded lumber at Moodyville mill.

—The order for refitting H. M. S. Garnet at Sheerness for commissioning has been countermanded and she will be placed in "rotten row" for sale or to be broken up. She was built in 1878 at a cost of £102,288, and has served four foreign commissions.

—Prof. Baldwin and his wife who created quite a sensation here a couple of years ago with their telepathy seances and who were afterwards shown up in London Truth, are now touring in Eastern Canada.

—The U. S. lighthouse inspector gives notice that hereafter a white light will be shown from an iron tower, 40 feet in extreme northeast end of Orchard Point, Wash., which marks the south side of the entrance to Rich's passage leading to Port Orchard.

—The Pedro, the big collier wrecked on Brotchie ledge, Victoria, is rapidly breaking up and it is not thought that she will hold together much longer. When she disappears the Department of Marine and Fisheries will put an electric beacon on the ledge.

—Word has been received from Clinton, B. C., that Theodore Lewis, a cook in the Government road camp, has died from the effect of an overdose of laudanum administered by herself. The report does not suggest whether it was a case of miscalculation or deliberate suicide.

—An Aldergrove farmer named Timothy Reardon was seriously injured at the Brunette mills, Sapperton, last week. While standing between the edger and roller a piece of timber struck him in the abdomen, causing hemorrhage of the bowels. He is in a precarious condition.

—The ship Bundaleer, Capt. Cosmos, flying the Nicaraguan flag, arrived on Sunday to load lumber at Hastings mill for Santa Rosalia, Mex. The Chilian ship Hindostan, Capt. Weloh, has also arrived, 85 days out from Valparaiso. She will load here for Queenstown, will for a return trip to the same port.

—It certainly pays to run a street railway in Toronto, even if it is stopped on Sundays. The annual report of the Toronto Street Railway Co. shows a net profit for the year ending Dec. 31, 1894, of $250,695, representing an earning power of four per cent. on the company's capital of $5,000,000. The gross earnings during the year were $968,370.

—It is reported in New Westminster that Messrs. Bullen & Rand, the latter president of the prospective B. I. & P. V. railway, have combined and tenderers on the new bridge across the Fraser, Mr. Rand to assume Mr. Bullen's tender for the road, and Mr. Bullen to be the contractor. It is understood that the proposition will be laid before the council.

—The Capilano arrived on Sunday afternoon from the halibut banks with 80,000 lbs. of fish. She was out 14 day and reports having had bad weather during most of the trip. For five days the weather was so rough no boats could get out to fish. It is expected that the Coquitlam will arrive this evening.

—In Victoria the teachers and parents have voted against the proposal to extend the noon recess. The recess is now one hour and the proposal is to make it an hour and a half. Ballots were sent to all teachers and parents. Of the latter 206 voted for the extension and 870 against it. The 43 teachers voted solid on the nay side. Some of the parents added emphatic reasons for their opposition to the proposed change.

—The heaviest Canadian bullock sold in Great Britain last year, and probably the heaviest ever landed there from this country, was sold in Glasgow in July for $142. The animal was a cross bred Shorthorn and came from Ontario. It stood 17 hands high and measured eight feet from the crown of the head to the tail, while its weight was slightly over a ton. The price is considered to be the highest ever realized in that country for a Canadian bullock. In 1893 the highest prices realized in Glasgow were $140 for a bullock and $130 for a bull.

—While proceeding down the E. & N. R. track near Wellington a few days ago on a handcar, Mrs. R. Downdell and several men had a narrow escape from death. A dog got in the way of the car and derailed it on a trestle. Mrs. Downdell was thrown to the edge of the woodwork but managed to hold on. Had she dropped she would have fallen 85 feet to the ground below. The others miraculously escaped.

—Alfred Duguay, who recently gave a tight rope performance over Carrall street in this city and who a short time ago was injured by a fall caused by the breaking of a hook in Victoria, is about again little the worse for his mishap. He intended to go to Sydney by the Miowera but the accident interfered. He proposes to conclude his interrupted performance before leaving the Capital, but there is some talk of the authorities interfering.

—On Sunday evening officer Caldwell came across some boys sleigh-riding on Fairview street. They scooted but the officer arrested the bobs and took them to the police station. The boys had better call around and secure them, as it is doubtful if they will get anything worse than a lecture, which, they of course deserve. The sleigh-riding season is short but even then there is a prejudice against coasting on Sunday.

—A dog belonging to a Victoria family went out with the male head of the house some time ago when the said male was on a house hunting trip. The little pet got closed up in a cupboard in one of the empty houses. Search failed to find it and it was concluded that it had started home alone and got lost. Seventeen days after it was found and with careful nursing it has pulled through and is now quite convalescent. That pup could have worried along with Mother Hubbard for quite a lengthy period.

—The Nelson Tribune contains further particulars of the accident which occurred on Jan. 11th., on the trail leading from Ten Mile House to the Eureka mine. John D. Moore and John McMillan, who are part owners in the property were on their way to the mine from McDonald's half-way house, and when near there were caught in a small snowslide. Moore with difficulty succeeded in extracting himself, uninjured, and after three hours' of hard work succeeded in releasing his unfortunate companion.

—The Southern Pacific is making an effort to get the other transcontinental lines to agree to an advance in class and commodity rates to Pacific coast points. The western lines have finally reached an agreement on the emigrant movement question, and that very troublesome obstacle has been removed from the work of the transcontinental passenger business. The agreement, which goes into effect on Jan. 20th, provides that all coaches shall be on a commission of 10 per cent. on each ticket. The Canadian Pacific has signed the agreement and every road is in it with the exception of the Grand Trunk. This is not believed, however, that any action by the Grand Trunk can upset the agreement.

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—H. Logan, of Dartmouth, N. S., has received $75 for injuries received while on his way east from Vancouver on the strength of a set accident ticket purchased at the C. P. R. depot ticket office before leaving the city.

—On Sunday last at Victoria the death occurred of Alexander Eric MacKay, C. E., aged 64. He was a native of St. Thomas, Ont., and had been in this Province some years. He was one of the engineers engaged on the construction of the C. P. R. The building of the Victoria and Sidney line was carried out under his supervision. Deceased leaves a widow, the daughter of Thomas Charles. The funeral took place to-day.

—Wm. Palmer, an old miner, died on Jan. 12th at Nicola, and was buried on the 15th at Kamloops. Deceased was on the steamer Labouchere when she was wrecked while on her way from San Francisco with a party of miners for the Big Bend gold field. He was also in Cariboo during the first rush. Returning from Cariboo he went into business in Portland, Ore., but had to remove from there on account of his health. In 1871 he and his family went to Victoria and he entered into boot and shoe business, but on account of the climate he was obliged to move again to the mountains in the interior, where he took up a ranch in 1878, on which he resided until his death. He was a native of the town of Antrim, county Antrim, Ireland, and was born in 1844. He leaves four children, two boys and two girls, and a widow to mourn his loss.

From Wednesday's daily.

—The inquest showed that W. McGarvie, recently found dead in his tent on the north coast, committed suicide.

—Hothouse strawberries are selling in New York for $3—14 berries to the basket. Strawberries from the British Columbia interior belt are not far off when that sum will be paid for them.

—Emil C. Pfeiffer, otherwise known as Paul Jones, stated in Seattle that he adopted his fictitious name as it was an easy one, and would be understood and remembered in any country he might have to pass through.

—W. J. Moggridge, one of the owners of the Bell Meade farm, Surrey, who was shot through the shoulder last April by robbers, and who was in a very precarious condition for several months, has returned from England fully recovered and without the loss of his arm.

—S. C. Heilig and E. W. Lessier, who were trying to arrange a new theatrical circuit, including Provincial and Sound cities, have succeeded in leasing the Tacoma Theatre and the Marquam Grand in Portland. They have incorporated their firm as the Pacific Theatrical Association. The capital stock is $15,000, and its existence is placed at 25 years.

—Lord Burton has recently given a $230,000 town hall to Burton-upon-Trent. He and his father, the late Michael Bass, have already spent over $350,000 on buildings for the town. Lord Burton is the Bass of Bass' ale, and some Vancouverites may flatter themselves that they have money invested in those buildings, though they may never get credit for it.

—"My workmen seem to delight in defacing and injuring what they construct as soon as it is finished," said a building contractor. "They take turns, apparently, in spoiling each other's work. Painters invariably spatter every handrished wall, and the plasterers, when repairing the damage, render more or less repainting necessary. The same is true of other workmen in regard to other parts of a building. I sometimes wonder that a building is ever finished. All this damage may not be done purposely, but it looks as if it were done with design." Now that the matter is mentioned many people will doubtless recall having noticed it when going through buildings in course of construction. It is probably due as much or more to accident as to design. Anyone who has had a ceiling re-whitewashed knows how easy it is to spatter up everything below the ceiling.

—R. W. Armstrong has returned from holding courts of revision on the Dominion voters' lists at the northern points of Burrard district. Considerable interest was taken by the settlers in the matter.

—Isaac Mull, a colored man, said to be 103 years old, died at the home of Joseph Lavender, Saanich road, V. I., on Tuesday. He was a well-known character and always took an active interest in political matters.

—The schooner Clara W. Young, owned by John Carthew, of Victoria, and valued at $3,000, went on the rocks near Mollakatla a few days ago. She was pulled off and is now on a good bottom, but it is not known whether she can be repaired or not. She was loaded with a cannery plant belonging to her owner.

—"Our Sunday opera," said a traveler, "as I looked around in the dark in my room after I had gone to bed, I saw more than the bureau's curious little luminous face. It was rather startling at first, but then I knew it must be the match-box. I remembered the matchbox, for I had never seen one like it before. It was like a little pumpkin, and it had painted on one side eyes, nose and mouth so that it resembled a little jack-o'-lantern, and these had been painted with luminous paint so as to make it easy to find the matches in the night. I felt, however, that the location of the matchbox had now been sufficiently impressed upon my mind, so I got up and turned the shining face to the wall."

—Indian Agent Devlin says that the old Indian woman reported to have died at Howe Sound on Jan. 16th from starvation started out in reality from old age. He says that a man named Hartley wrote to him that there were two feeble Indians on Howe Sound who were in need of assistance. He wrote back to Hartley to find out where they were but has not as yet received a reply. Mr. Devlin states that there are several aged couples who live in secluded habits and will not join the missions. They are frequently given both food and clothing, but in spite of all the care afforded them they cannot live forever. It is in very no surprising thing if a woman referred to should drop off, as she was a nonagenarian.

THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—A despatch from Washington stating that Great Britain and the United States have agreed upon the regulations which are to govern the Behring Sea seal fisheries during the season of 1895 has created considerable surprise here. In official circles nothing whatever is known of it. Sir Charles Tupper stated last night that he believed the statement to be true. It is well known that last year Canada objected to the provision for the sealing of arms of the Canadian schooners, and it is believed that strong representations were recently forwarded to the home Government pointing out the injustice which an exception of this kind worked last year against Canadian sealing vessels, and protesting against a similar arrangement being made for the coming season. Washington telegraphic despatches include the obnoxious provision in the list of regulations, which it is alleged have been adopted.

Inquiry was made at the Customs department with reference to a recent order on the subject of outward manifests. It appears that in some ports these manifests have been regarded as confidential documents, while at others they are exposed upon the counter of the shipping office, thus affording opportunity for the examination by the public of the details of the various shipments. A complaint reached the department here from certain British Columbia shippers that this public handling of the manifests was prejudicial to their interests, due to the exposure of their business to rival competitors. Collectors of customs have therefore been notified that the manifests of outward vessels are not to be considered as public documents. They are authorized, however, to supply the press, when required, with a summary of the outward cargoes of the various ports of vessels, as well as a description of the quantity and values of the goods exported, but nothing more. Outward manifests are not to be available for examination by others than officers of the Customs department or the particular importers concerned in each case.

The Government steamer has passed Fort Simpson, Skeena and Metlakatla on the list of postoffices at which postal parcels may be received.

STARVED TO DEATH.

An Indian policeman from the Mission across the harbor told a very sad story to Dr. McGuigan this morning. The Indians, as has been before mentioned, always come to the doctor when they have troubles for which they can secure redress nowhere else. The story is that at Howe Sound there has resided for a long time an old Indian named Tom, who has passed beyond the age of 90. This winter he was too weak and helpless to lay in any supplies. He and his wife lived together in a little cabin. They became under the impression that their case was referred to the Indian Department in the usual way. Whether or not the department did anything has not been learned, but it has been found that, on January 15th the woman died of starvation and when found the man was dying from the same cause. The Indians concerned say that for one old man but they think the department is in a better position to have him cared for and they are therefore anxious to have the doctor press the case on the department's notice.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Coroner McGuigan held an inquest this morning to ascertain the particulars of the accident which caused the death of William Kearney at Matheson's logging camp, which is on Burrard inlet, near the entrance to the Narrows. The evidence of A. McPhee went to show that he and the deceased had been engaged together sawing down a fir tree. When it commenced to fall they ran for a clear spot. In falling it struck a dry cedar and broke it off. Witness kept his eye on the falling piece of cedar and succeeded in dodging it by four feet. When he turned he saw Kearney lying by the cedar apparently dead and with blood running from the side of his head. He ran at once to give an alarm and never looked at the body afterwards. Allan McKee, who responded to McPhee's alarm, stated that Kearney was quite dead and he had the necessary notification given to the authorities. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death. The deceased's relatives live at Dingwall, River, Cumberland county, N. S.

ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL

The new St. Paul's hospital of the Sisters of Charity of Providence, situated on Burrard street, is now complete in furnishing, the last van having arrived a few days ago. A full description of the building and its splendid situation has already been given and the devotion of the noble women who have devoted their lives to the care of the sick needs no comment. The house surgeon, Dr. McPhillips, informed The World that for the present the scale of prices will be: Private ward $2 per day; ward with two beds, $50 per week; large public wards, $5 per week. As there is yet no women's ward in the City hospital those whose circumstances are such as to preclude their paying will be admitted free, nor will any poor man be refused the charitable care of the institution under reasonable conditions. The hospital receives no aid from the city it cannot be expected to care for destitute cases which, properly, should be a charge on the corporation. In case of overcrowding, however, or absolute need, none will be refused admittance.

THE ROYAL CITY.

Happenings in and About the City of New Westminster.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Jan. 21.—A seafaring man giving the name of Samuel Thompson, who has latterly been working at the Brunette Saw Mills, slipped on the Front street sidewalk late on Saturday night, breaking his right leg just above the ankle. He was taken to the Eickhoff hotel, where Dr. Walker attended to the injured limb. Afterwards Sergeant Carty procured a cab and took Thompson out to the Royal Columbian hospital. The unfortunate man was under the influence of drink when the accident occurred.

John Walmsley, who went up to Banff early in the present month, hoping to find relief from the malady of consumption, from which he has been suffering for some time past, died there on the 18th inst. The news came as a shock to his parents and friends who did not anticipate his death occuring so soon. His brother has gone to Banff to arrange for bringing the body down for burial at Sapperton, where it is expected to arrive to-morrow.

The assessor and collector for the electoral district of New Westminster, New Westminster City and Vancouver City, have published the usual notice that the assessed and Provincial revenue taxes for the year 1895 are now due and payable. Notification has been given, too, that all taxes on property in the townsites of Hastings, Port Moody, Mission City, Abbotsford and Huntingdon are also payable to the collector, E. L. Kirkland, at his office, New Westminster.

Timothy Reardon, who met with an accident at the Brunette Saw Mills last Friday did not go to the hospital as was expected he would do. After being attended to by Dr. Cooper he left the Caledonian hotel in company with a neighbor intending to go to his house at Aldergrove. His inju