WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
16th to 22nd December, 1903.

The weather during this week has been for the most part overcast, there was only a total of six hours bright sunshine recorded here, while rain fell upon five days, in this vicinity and upon every day of the week on the Lower Mainland. These conditions were caused by the barometer remaining comparatively high to the southward of this, while across Northern British Columbia a series of low barometer areas spread eastward from the Pacific. As the centre of these storms passed considerably to the northward of Vancouver Island there has been an absence of gales, both on the west coast of Vancouver island and the adjoining states. The only strong gale reported occurred on Saturday, 19th, when the wind reached an hourly velocity of 52 miles at Cape Flattery, and a fresh to high wind on the Straits of Juan de Fuca for a few hours. This storm was also accompanied by thunder and lightning at the entrance to the Straits.

Upon Monday, 21st, the high barometer area which had been hovering over California spread northward to this province, accompanied by fair weather, which continued till the close of the week. The weather has been mild, not only on the Coast, but in Cariboo and Kootenay, and also at Dawson, the temperatures have been moderate for this season of the year.

Victoria—Bright sunshine recorded was 6 hours; rainfall, .84 inch; highest temperature, 49.5 on 16th; lowest, 37.2 on 18th.

New Westminster—Rainfall, 2.18 inches; highest temperature, 48 on 16th; and lowest, 38 on 17th, 18th and 19th.

Kamloops—No rain or snow; highest temperature, 40 on 16th and 20th; lowest, 24 on 19th.

Barkerville—Snow, 6 inches; highest temperature, 36 on 16th; and lowest, 14 on 18th.

Local News.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending 22nd December were $537,243.

—On Saturday evening Mr. Wm. McKay and Miss Frances Butler were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. R. B. Blyth conducted the ceremony.

—There was a large attendance at the concert and comedietta in aid of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Esquimalt, which took place on Monday in the Masonic hall, Esquimalt. The entertainment was under the patronage of Rear-Admiral Bickford, C. M. G., and Mrs. Bickford. The programme was carried through as published in last evening's Times.

—The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital on Monday of Mahlon Cooper, one of the inmates of the Old Men's Home. Deceased was 68 years of age and a native of Yorkshire, England. He was a resident of British Columbia for thirty years, and was well known among the pioneers. The funeral has been arranged to take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co.

—W. J. Holden, vice-president of The People's Loan & Deposit Company, with headquarters in Toronto, is in the city. This company began business on December 1st, being an amalgamated company with a charter to do work in any part of the province. Mr. Holden will visit all the agencies in British Columbia of the Dominion Co-Operative Home Building Association, which is now amalgamated with this new company, and revive the work.

—The funeral of the late Hugh Grieve took place on Saturday afternoon from his late home, 700 Camble street, Vancouver. Rev. R. G. MacBeth officiating. The large number of floral offerings gave evidence of the esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held, and of the sympathy which is felt for the bereaved widow and her little girl. The funeral was largely attended. Messrs. McNeill, Atzel, Grieve, Doble, Scott and Fraser acted as pallbearers.

—The I. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Co. do not intend to remove their head office from Vancouver to Calgary as may be understood. This is not necessary under the new Assessment Act as the company can still keep its head office in Vancouver and send its funds to the Northwest and thereby follow the example of several Eastern loan and insurance companies which have stopped lending in British Columbia and are now loaning their surplus funds in the great Northwest.

—A meeting of Local Union, No. 5, Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators, was held last evening. Officers were elected as follows: Ed. Gilligan, president; H. Rivers, vice-president; R. Ryan, recording secretary; J. Robson, financial secretary; D. McGregor, warden; W. Bailey, conductor; trustees, W. Clark, E. Gilligan and J. Webb; delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, Messrs. Rivers, Ryan and Gilligan.

—The Cranbrook Herald has issued a very attractive Christmas number of over fifty pages. The work reflects great credit upon F. E. Simpson, the publisher. The number is profusely illustrated with half-tone cuts of scenes in and about Cranbrook and of some of the leading men in the professional and business life of that important section of the Kootenays. The Herald always voices the interests of the part of the country in which it circulates, and has thus made itself popular in its territory.

—The departure of Rear-Admiral Bickford and staff officers who left Monday will be deeply regretted in Victoria. During their stay here they have won golden opinions by their courtesy and promptitude in co-operating with the citizens in those demonstrations of loyalty for which this city is celebrated, and in many other ways, which will be always gratefully remembered. Equal to the regret which is felt because of the departure of the late commander-in-chief will be the cordiality with which his successor will be received, and it is to be hoped that the service in the North Pacific, which Commodore Goodrich began Monday, will be marked by a continuance of those pleasant relations which existed between the citizens and his predecessor.

—An elderly lady, Mrs. Miller, crippled from paralysis, came within an ace of meeting a terrible death on Texada island last week. She was confined to her bed almost a helpless invalid, and was left alone one morning while her husband crossed the mountain to Van Anda. The old man, however, had not been gone long when fire broke out in the home and the house was soon one seething mass of flames. How the old lady acquired the necessary strength to escape is considered a miracle. She crawled out of the burning building on hands and knees and was found just beyond the charred remains of her dwelling in an exhausted condition. From here she was carried to a friend's house, and is receiving now all the care and attention possible to bestow upon her.

—The County court has adjourned until January 14th. All the cases not disposed of will therefore stand over until that date.

—Steamer Ascot, laden with cargo for Japan and China from Portland, passed out to sea Monday from Comox, where she had received bunker coal.

—On Monday word was received by James Parsons of the death on Sunday at Toronto of Miss Vera, the only daughter of Rev. E. A. and Mrs. Speers.

—A dividend of 5 per cent. for the year ending May 31st last has been recommended by the directors of the British Columbia Cannery Co., Ltd., according to advices from London, England.

—The annual Sunday school treat of the Congregational church will be held in the schoolroom of the church on December 29th. A Christmas tree will be provided in connection with a musical programme, and an enjoyable time is assured all who attend.

—The funeral of the late Private Dugald McMaster took place on Sunday afternoon from the mortuary, Work Point barracks, to the military cemetery, Esquimalt. Rev. D. MacRae, Presbyterian chaplain to His Majesty's troops, conducted religious services.

—The row of soft-voiced "centrals" without whom the telephone company would have to get out of business, will be installed in their new quarters in the Bank of Montreal building in a month or six weeks. The new switchboard is now in course of installation, and altogether quite a staff of men are employed in preparing for the change.

—At the last meeting of the Ministerial Association it was decided to observe the annual week of prayer, namely, January 4th to 8th, inclusive. The use of the Congregational church has been kindly granted and the programme of speakers and subjects will be announced later. It is hoped those interested in this movement will remember these dates.

—Thousands attended the lectures given in Toronto and other Eastern cities by Rev. M. G. Pearce, the well known preacher and writer of London, England, who is now on his way West, and will visit Victoria. The subject of his addresses is Christian Socialism, and his descriptions of the work in West London districts is attracting general attention. Rev. Mr. Pearce will also speak at Vancouver and Nanaimo.

—Wednesday an Association football match took place between the St. Louis College and North Ward teams at Beacon Hill. The former eleven defeated the North Ward eleven by a score of two goals to nil, Sweeney and Keappock doing the scoring. For the winners F. Baylis, J. Tocke, F. Brown, J. Robbins and McArthur played a good game. C. Carter made an impartial referee.

—Tuesday afternoon and evening the annual fair of the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church was held, there being a large attendance. The booths were all prettily decorated and well patronized. The programme given in the evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, was much appreciated. Those in charge of the arrangements are to be congratulated upon the unqualified success of the fair.

—The Christmas treat, tree and entertainment of St. Paul's Sabbath school, Victoria West, will take place in Semple's hall on Tuesday evening, December 29th. Supper will be served to the children at 5.30. An excellent programme will be given by the children, commencing at 8 o'clock, after which Santa Claus is expected to appear and distribute presents from a handsomely decorated tree to every child attending the school.

—Ian St. Clair, physical instructor for the public schools, has issued certificates to 25 boys of different schools who have passed a severe examination in swimming. In order to pass, the boys had not only to be proficient swimmers, but were required to be well acquainted with the method of resuscitating a person apparently drowned. The latter part of the examination was undertaken by Dr. Robertson. It is the intention that these examinations shall be held at the end of each year.

—A committee of the Victoria Socialists waited upon Lt. Weston Wrigley and Mrs. Wrigley at their home, 32 Second street, on Monday evening, and in view of their leaving Victoria for Wallace, Idaho, this week, made presentations to each, showing their appreciation of the work done by these Socialists during their year's residence in Victoria. A telegram received from Toronto to-day states that George Wrigley, well known as editor of the Canada Farmers' Sun, Citizen and Country and the Canadian Socialist, has burst a blood vessel in his head and also suffered a stroke of paralysis on his right side. His son, G. Weston Wrigley, has been a resident of Victoria during the past year, and recently accepted the editorship of the State Tribune, at Wallace, Idaho.

—A most enjoyable evening was spent at the Central hall, Salt Spring Island, on December 17th. H. W. Bullock, acting as chairman. A tastefully arranged Christmas tree with books and toys for the children of the Vesuvius Bay public school, occupied one corner of the hall. A long programme of acting, singing and reciting was much appreciated. Refreshments, of which the ladies brought an abundant supply, were then served. After the tree was stripped of its treasures, the entertainment came to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and Miss Black, the teacher, and the singing of the National Anthem. The hall was then cleared for dancing. Special mention should be made of the kindness of Miss Mary Jane Mowat, who loaned her organ for the evening. Thanks are also due the public, who subscribed so generously and also some of the merchants of Victoria.

—C. F. Todd, president, and F. Elworthy, secretary of the Board of Trade, and H. Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, have received a bronze medal from the Canadian committee of arrangements, Montreal, as a mark of appreciation of their services in the reception of the delegates to the fifth Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire on the occasion of their visit to Victoria. Secretary Geo. Hadrill in his communication says: "I am sending you by registered mail a bronze medal which was struck by order of this committee to commemorate the holding in this city in August last of the fifth Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, it being the first of these congresses held outside the Mother Country. The committee asks your acceptance of this medal in token of the appreciation of the service you rendered in connection with the visit to your city of the over-sea delegates to the Congress."

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—The barque Pass of Brander has passed her third Lloyd's survey on the Esquimalt Marine railway, and will leave for the Sound in a day or so.

—A resident of the Lake district has complained to the provincial police that an elderly man under the influence of liquor the other day pursued two of his children. The police will investigate the complaint.

—The regular weekly meeting of Columbia lodge, I.O.O.F., was held Wednesday, when the third degree was conferred upon a member. After business the remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse.

—German Lutherian church Christmas services will be held at the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, as follows: Friday, December 28th, at 10.30 a.m., festival services and holy communion; Monday, December 28th, Christmas tree services at 7.30 p.m.

—Wm. Wilson is a candidate for alderman in South Ward, the list for which is assuming extensive proportions. A requisition is being signed requesting Jno. Macmillan to become a candidate for the mayoralty. A candidate for school trustee has announced himself in the person of Geo. J. Cook.

—Nicholas Tregear, manager of the Lenora mine, is in the city. He reports everything as satisfactory at the Mount Sicker camp. The Lenora mine is shipping steadily to the extent of the railway's capacity. The ore continues to be quite up to the average, and the claim is being further developed.

—The municipal elections in Duncans will take place in the middle of January. Alex. Herd for reeve, in the place of John Evans, M. P. P., will be opposed by Horace Davie, J. W. Camell, councilman last year, will stand again. He will be opposed by Harry Smith. As all are good men and a great deal of interest is manifested, a very warm election is anticipated.

—Wednesday a most enjoyable dance was held at the Assembly hall by the pupils of Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Dickson. There was a good attendance, and a pleasant time was spent by all, the floor being in first class condition and the music excellent. On Monday evening next the usual weekly class will be held, and a special dance will take place on Thursday. Refreshments will be provided by the ladies.

—Special Christmas services will be held in the Centennial Methodist church next Sunday. In the morning at 11 o'clock there will be a grand rally of boys and girls and their parents and friends, when the pastor will give an appropriate address, and the choir will furnish suitable music. In the evening an extensive musical programme has been prepared by the choir of 35 voices, and an address will be delivered by Mr. Rawei, of Maoriland.

—The Amateur Orchestra Society finds it necessary, in order to provide the funds to carry on the society, that subscriptions be asked from the members. F. Watkis, the conductor, is giving his services at present free of charge, and it is believed that those composing the society will not object to subscribe to the funds in view of the instruction which will be given. The subscription fee is fixed at $2.50 and $5. Those subscribing the latter fee are given two tickets to the concerts held.

—A decision was reached in the County court late Tuesday afternoon in the case of Minor vs. B. C. Electric Railway Company. C. W. Minor claimed $1,000 for the loss of his dog, Rex Monroe, it being argued that the Electric Railway Company was responsible for the dog's death, it having been injured by colliding with a car. Damages were awarded by the court for $200. For two days the case was fought out in court before His Lordship Chief Justice Hunter and a jury. The plaintiff's case was in the hands of J. H. Lawson, jr., the defence being represented by A. E. McPhillips, K. C.

—A regimental smoker will be held in the A. O. U. W. hall on Friday, January 8th, by the members of the Fifth, and an energetic committee is now making preparations for the affair, which promises to be a huge success. It is hoped every member of the corps will avail himself of this opportunity to partake of the good cigars and "bacey" which will be dispensed along with light refreshments. There will be plenty of good music and a very sociable evening will no doubt be spent by all who attent. The affair will be an entirely regimental one, and members will be required to attend in uniform.

—In about a fortnight's time it is expected that Turkish baths will be opened in connection with the Driard. The entire basement of that hotel is being fitted up with lounging rooms, and the other conveniences necessary to make the baths up to date in every particular. Carpenters have been at work for the past month, and have practically completed the construction of dressing rooms and other apartments. The heating apparatus is now being installed. When completed there will be accommodation for both ladies and gentlemen. It is also the intention to have a barber's shop and bootblack stand in connection with the baths.

—Sidney Methodist church was crowded at the annual Christmas treat in connection with the Sunday school. A very pretty tree heavily laden with choice and appropriate presents, adorned the building. Rev. T. H. Wright, pastor of the church, occupied the position of chairman. A good programme was rendered by the Sabbath school choir and scholars. Mrs. Griffin, the supertendent of the school, has done good work during the year with a devoted band of workers. A vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Shopland, and seconded by Mr. Hewitt, was tendered the officers of the school and friends, both mover and seconder speaking in the highest terms of praise of the work of the year and the pleasant evening, enjoyable programme, excellent tree and a bountiful supply of refreshments. Mr. Smith acted as Santa Claus. After purchasing presents, a balance in hand of over $18 was reported for carrying on the school for next year.

—A meeting of the shareholders of the Victoria Creamery Association will be held in the city hall on Wednesday at 12 o'clock to consider the question of rebuilding.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Bowes Haynes, of Metchosin, took place on Wednesday from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Religious services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Westman.

—Dr. Carder, who has just resigned the position of surgeon of the R. M. S. Empress of India, has left for the East. He is succeeded by Dr. F. B. Carron, of Brockville, Ont., who is an old McGill student, who has been surgeon on several Atlantic liners, where he proved highly popular with both passengers and shipmates.

—In the police court Thursday three Chinese were charged with cruelty to chickens by overcrowding them in baskets. J. M. Bradburn, who appeared for the defence, pleaded guilty and the defendants were each fined $5. A lower Chatham street woman was fined $50 for being an inmate of a house of ill-fame.

—On Wednesday the annual Christmas tree entertainment in connection with the Centennial Methodist Sunday school was held. There was a large attendance, and a pleasant evening was spent by all. Noah Shakespeare, the superintendent, presided. After an excellent programme Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed presents. Refreshments were also served.

—The Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders held a meeting on Tuesday evening at Labor hall. After the transaction of routine business, officers were elected as follows: President, J. A. McDowell; vice-president, J. Hannan; financial secretary, George Watkins; recording secretary, E. Clyde; inspector, M. Baker; guard, A. Dewsnap; trustees, J. Latham, G. Greenwood and A. Dewsnap.

—Robert Hutchison, the well-known electrician, is exhibiting in the window of Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co.'s store, Government street, the working model of a steam launch designed and built by him some time ago. Pictures of this product of Mr. Hutchison's skill have been exhibited, and favorably commented on in London, England, and other points. It won the bronze medal at the local exhibition of 1901.

—Gideon Hicks is training a large choir for a special musical service in the Metropolitan Methodist church Sunday evening next. The selections to be rendered are from "The Messiah," and will include the choruses, "And the Glory of the Lord" and "For Unto Us a Child is Born." Mrs. Hicks will take the solo part in "O Thou That Tellest," and the soprano solo, "Rejoice Greatly," will be sung by Miss Jeanie McAlpine.

—Miss Isabel Turner, formerly a nurse in one of the local hospitals, has been selected by the Vancouver hospital board to succeed Miss Clendenning as lady superintendent of the Terminal City institution, the appointment to date from January 1st, 1904. Miss Turner is a graduate of the Toronto General Hospital Training school of 1892, where she acted as head nurse for twelve months. She also bears the highest recommendations from Drs. Jones and Davie, of this city.

—The New Zealanders who recently gave a series of enjoyable recitals in this city have been received with much favor in the country districts, large and enthusiastic audiences greeting them nightly. Mr. Rawei will preach at the Centennial and West Victoria Methodist churches on Sunday, December 27th. On Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Rawei will give a farewell recital at the Metropolitan Methodist church. New and novel items, descriptive of Maoriland and its picturesque people, will be introduced.

—The remains of the late Mahlon Cooper were laid at rest Wednesday afternoon. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., and at 2.30 at Ross Bay cemetery. Rev. Canon Paddon conducted the religious services. There was a large attendance of friends, the inmates of the Old Men's Home being present in a body.

—In the advertisement columns of the Times appears the card announcing Dr. Milne's candidature for alderman in South Ward. The doctor has come out in response to the solicitation of a large number of South Ward ratepayers who are anxious that a citizen of his experience in affairs concerning the public welfare shall succeed to one of the chairs vacated by Ald. Cameron and Ald. Barnard.

—Capt. Thomas Burley, manager of the Tacoma Tug Barge Company, has been in the city during the last few days looking over the field for the purpose of starting in a branch business in Victoria and Vancouver. The company operates a large fleet of fine tughoats, and if he determines to establish a business in these waters it is possible he may bring a few of these steamers across to this side.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Children of St. Ann's Kindergarten, Blanchard Street, Entertained Thursday Morning.

The little ones of St. Ann's Kindergarten, Blanchard street, held their Christmas entertainment on Thursday at 10.30. A programme, consisting of songs, recitations, drills and a drama, pleased a delighted audience, while the little people were joyousness itself, in gay attire and smiling countenances. While each number of the programme was creditably carried out, two novel features of the same were the "Kindergarten Orchestra," a real, full band of tiny instruments, known as "Zobo" instruments, and on which Christmas airs, marches, etc., can be wonderfully played, even by the little tots, and the drama entitled a "Christmas Tea Party."

Following this, the gifts were distributed, and many little hearts were gladdened over the pretty dolls and books received. The little boys' joy knew no bounds over their presents of guns, whips, horns, etc.

The school will reopen on Monday, January 4th.

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A POPULAR MUSICIAN.

A. Longfield Presented With an Address By St. John's Church Choir.

Arthur Longfield, the well-known musician and organist of St. John's church, was Wednesday the recipient of a beautifully illumined address from the members of the choir of that church.

Mr. Longfield retires from the position of organist and choirmaster at the end of the present month, and the members of the choir felt that they could not let the occasion pass without expressing their appreciation of the untiring efforts put forth by him on behalf of both church and choir, and also placing upon record the great loss, which, in their opinion, the church must sustain upon his retirement.

Mr. Longfield has filled this position with great ability for the past six years. The address is as follows:

Dear Mr. Longfield:—Upon the eve of severing your connection with St. John's church as its organist, we, the members of the choir, feel that we cannot part with you without expressing our keen appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered to this church and choir.

During the years that you have labored among us we know that it has been, on your part, a labor of love.

Many are the undertakings, which must have entailed an enormous amount of time and work, that you have brought to a successful issue on behalf of this church.

Your many acts of kindness, and your unselfish devotion to our welfare and the welfare of the church as a whole, believe us, we shall not readily forget.

As an organist you have inspired us with confidence at times when paucity of numbers and other weaknesses would otherwise have made us present but a sorry spectacle.

Your courteous behavior and willingness to oblige at all times have won for you a high place in our esteem.

In short, dear Mr. Longfield, we feel that with your departure St. John's church will lose the services of one who combines the talent of a musician of the highest ability with all the qualities of a thorough gentleman.

It has now come to the parting of the ways, and with our sincerest wishes for your future happiness and prosperity, we must bid you "Good-bye and Godspeed."

Signed on behalf of St. John's church,
THOS. ROLFE,
F. S. SAVAGE,
TOM PALMER.

In reply Mr. Longfield made a neat and appropriate little speech, in the course of which he thanked the members of the choir for the honor they had done him, and referred to the pleasant relations that had always existed between the choir and himself. He said that at all times he had striven to do his duty to the best of his ability, and no man could do more.

DESCRIPTION OF CASHELL.

Circulars Regarding Escaped Condemned Murderer Have Been Received Here.

A reward of a thousand dollars is offered for the arrest of Ernest Cashell, the condemned murderer who escaped from the custody of the Northwest Police at Calgary on December 10th. Circulars containing his picture and description have been received by the city and provincial police. They describe him as follows: Age, 21 years; nationality, American; figure, erect; height, 5 feet 8½ inches; weight, 145 pounds; complexion, fair; color of hair, brown, rather long over forehead; brown eyes; straight nose; chin, ordinary, cannot grow any hair on face. Marks, small scar over right eye which his hair covers; scar on left palm and one on right arm inside elbow joint. Slight American accent; medium voice. Manner rather reticent. Stole from G. W. Rigby on night of 13th clothes of the following description: Blue military cloak, lined blue serge; no cape, no belt; name C. Rigby inside left hand pocket torn and sewn up; noticeable bone buttons; a Stetson hat; black button boots, Jaeger's English make, size about nines, uppers worn; dark blue serge coat, single breasted; blue serge pants; lined leather gloves, light color, worsted wrists; probably a fancy waistcoat; handkerchief and blue tie with spots; may be wearing dark brown leggings.

Persons attempting to arrest Cashell are warned that he is armed with two or three revolvers and that he will not hesitate to use them to escape arrest under all circumstances. Send all information promptly to the Commissioners Northwest Mounted Police, Regina, N. W. T., or to G. E. Sanders, superintendent Northwest Mounted Police, Calgary.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Extended Volunteers.

Christmas greetings are extended to members of the Fifth Regiment in the following regimental order issued by Lieut.-Col. Hall:

Col. Holmes, D. O. C., wishes all members of the 5th Regiment Canadian Artillery a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, in which the officer commanding the 5th Regiment heartily joins.

By order,
(Signed) D. B. M'CONNAN, Capt.,
Adjutant.

PERSONAL.

F. G. Cole, of Crofton, arrived in the city by the noon train Thursday and will spend Christmas with friends in Victoria.

G. E. Sanders is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

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Vatican

The Vienna Vaterland says that during a recent audience given by the Pope to a number of German and Austrian archaeologists His Holiness referred to the outcry that has been raised by Italian newspapers against the allotment of the Borgia apartments to Cardinal Merry del Val, Papal secretary of state, on the ground that they will be inaccessible to the public. He said that, on the contrary, the rooms would be open all day, and in the evening, when electric lights would facilitate inspection of the famous pictures in the apartments. The Pope added:

"They say that I have become a grand seigneur because I have ordered two apartments prepared for myself. It is true that Pope Leo was content to live for 25 years in one small room, where he slept, dined and worked. I cannot understand how he was able to do this. I need a roomy apartment. I cannot sleep alone, as Pope Leo did. I must know that there is a priest within call. Above all, I must have air. I am fully satisfied. The opportunities for walking in the Vatican gardens are limitless. The air suits me well. Those believing that the surroundings of the Vatican are unhealthy should think of Don Marcello, a Vatican official, 86 years old, who has not left the Vatican since 1866, and who feels quite well."

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"HETAI-SIN."

The Japanese Tommy Atkins and His Training.

Since the Japanese entered the list of progressive nations a comparatively few years ago they have made rapid strides in education and trade and commerce, but it is in regard perhaps to their army that they have made the greatest advances. At the present time it is considered by military experts as being one of the most efficient fighting forces in the world.

During its reconstruction some years ago it had the advice and assistance of the best military skill that could be obtained from Great Britain and the Continent, and is said to possess all the advantages and few or none of the disadvantages of other fighting forces.

The army of Japan is recruited by conscription, military service is compulsory upon all able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45. Upon a peace footing it consists of 250,000 men, but in time of war the authorities could place in the field in eight days a million well-trained soldiers. The term of service lasts 12 years, the first three of which are spent with the colors.

At the end of this period the soldier returns to civil life, but for four years afterwards he is a member of the first-class reserve, and may be compelled to go upon active service in any part of the Empire at any time. After the expiration of four years in the first-class reserve he serves five years in the second-class or territorial forces.

Every soldier in the Japanese army possesses four uniforms, two made of heavy cloth for winter service, and two of white cotton for summer. All his accoutrements and arms, cannons, rifles and bayonets, are of Japanese manufacture. The Imperial arsenals are at Tokio, where rifles and bayonets are produced.

There are 35,000 officers of all arms and grades. To obtain a commission it is necessary to enter the special preparatory military school which is to be found in all the chief military centres.

After six years of training, that is when the cadet has reached the age of 18, he enters the army as a private soldier, and when he has attained the rank of sergeant-major he returns to the special military school at Tokio, where he remains until he is 21, when, after passing a severe examination, he is given the rank of sub-lieutenant.

The Japanese private is said by those who know him to be intelligent, obedient and sober. He is of slight physique, but, on the other hand, he is as quick and agile as a cat, and at the same time strong and muscular. Hetai-Sin, which is the Japanese way of saying Mr. Thomas Atkins, is also a very lively little fellow, and maintains his good humor under the most distressing circumstances. He is patriotic, and has every confidence in his officers.—Manchester Guardian.

HENRY NORMAN'S VISIT.

London, Dec. 23.—Henry Norman, M. P., the author and traveller, sails for New York to-day from Liverpool on the White Star line steamer Majestic. He proposes to investigate the question of preferential tariffs in Canada, and will return in time for the opening of parliament.

NEW YORK'S MAYOR.

New York, Dec. 24.—Mayor-elect Geo. B. McClellan took the oath of office today before a justice of the Supreme court.

There are 31,277 students in France for the scholastic year 1902-3, out of which number 1,339 are females.

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MARRIED.

M'KAY-BUTLER—On Saturday, 19th inst., at the residence of the Rev. R. B. Blyth, Wm. McKay, of Victoria, to Frances Butler, of London, England.

HARFORD-CUTLER—At Vancouver, on Dec. 22nd, by Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland, Frank Harford and Miss Mabel C. Cutler.

M'KIE-REID—At Vancouver, on Dec. 22nd, by Rev. R. G. MacBeth, John McKie and Miss Jemima Reid.

M'LEOD-DOHERTY—At Vancouver, on Dec. 22nd, by Rev. R. G. MacBeth, John McLeod and Miss Annie Doherty.

PATTERSON-BEADLESTON—At Ladner, on Dec. 16th, by Rev. Thomas Oswald, Thomas Reive Patterson and Miss Anna Belle Beadleston.

DIED.

EDWARDS—At Vancouver, on Dec. 22nd, Edgar W. Edwards, aged 64 years.

COOK—At Vancouver, on Dec. 21st, W. C. Cook, aged 33 years.

CLARKE—At Vancouver, on Dec. 20th, Mrs. E. Clarke, aged 82 years.

WRECK OF THE JULIA PLANTE.

On wan dark night on Lac St. Pierre,
De win' she blow, blow, blow,
An' de crew of de wood scow Julia Plante
Got scar't an' run below—
For de win' she blow lak' hurricane,
Bimby she blow some more,
An' de scow bus' up on Lac St. Pierre,
Wan arpent from the shore.

De captinne walk on de front deck,
An' walk de him' deck, too—
He call de crew from up de hole,
He call de cook also.
De cook she's name was Rosie,
She come from Montreal,
Was chamber maid on lumber barge,
On de Grande Lachine Canal.

De win' she blow from nor'-eas'-wes',
De sout' win' she blow, too,
W'en Rosie cry, "Mon cheer captinne,
Mon cher, w'at I shall do?"
Den de captinne t'row de big ankerre,
But still de scow she dreef,
De crew he can't pass on de shore,
Becos' he los' hees skeef.

De night was dark lak' wan black cat,
De wave run high an' fas',
W'en de captinne tak' de Rosie girl
An' tie her to de mas'.
Den he also tak' de life preserve,
An' jump off on de lak',
An' say, "Good-bye, ma Rosie dear,
I go drown for your sak'!"

Nex' morning very early,
'Bout ha'-pas' two—t'ree—four—
De captinne—scow—an' de poor Rosie
Was corpses on de shore.
For de win' she blow lak' hurricane,
Bimey she blow some more,
An' de scow bus' up on Lac St. Pierre,
Wan arpent from de shore.

Moral.

Now all good wood scow sailor man
Tak' warning by dat storm,
An' go an' marry some nice French girl,
An' leev on wan beeg farm.
De win' can blow lak' hurricane,
An' t'pose she blow some more,
You can't get drown on Lac St. Pierre,
So long you stay on shore.

WILLIAM HENRY DRUMMOND.

OUR FORE-FATHERS.

Buffalo Express.

Arguing on the subject that man is descended from the monkey, the Boston Globe cries out to know what the monkey was descended from, and thinks maybe plant life is the answer. Well, then, what was plant life descended from? Might as well have this question of ancestry settled.

THE UNREGENERATE.

Toronto Star.

The attention of the W. C. T. U. and other bodies who persist in praying for reporters is called to a case of conscience in journalism. Two London editors have been fired for refusing to write Joe Chamberlain editorials.

Quoits, as a game, is said to have originated with the Greeks, and to have been first played at the Olympic games 700 B.C.

The yearly loss by wear in British gold coins is £48,000.

Rev. T. Reid, of Metchosin, is in the city. He is staying at the Dominion.

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This Morning's Proc

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