Census and Religions

Some Interesting Figures Made Public Regarding Denominations in Canada.

Marconi Receives Many Visits During His Visit to Dominion Capital.

Returns For December Show Customs Revenue Is Still Increasing.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—(Delayed in transmission)—Census Commissioner Blue today furnished to the press figures showing the strength of the different religious denominations in the cities of Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. For comparative purposes they are most interesting. The figures of the principal denominations read:

	Montreal.	Ottawa.	Toronto.
Baptist	203	1,673	11,913
Roman Catholic	202,109	31,310	29,004
Congregationalist	1,216	3,655	3,655
Church of England	23,934	10,017	62,408
Jews	6,748	397	3,078
Methodist	8,139	5,788	48,270
Presbyterian	18,919	8,125	41,638

The net result of the comparison shows that in Toronto the Protestants have a majority of 179,037 over Roman Catholics. In Montreal the latter constitute four-fifths of the population, while in Ottawa the Roman Catholics have a majority of 2,692.

The New Year's Day levee at Rideau Hall was largely attended. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and nearly all the other ministers were present.

Mr. Marconi had a large number of callers today, principally gentlemen interested in electrical science. Tonight he is the principal guest at Dr. Borden's party.

The High Commissioner has sent a beautiful gold brooch of the Strathcona crest to each of the ladies of the civil service committee who presented guidons to Strathcona's Horse before they went to South Africa.

Col. Macdonald, superintendent of militia stores, will be able to ship to Halifax on Friday eight of the ambulance wagons for the field hospital company.

Mr. Blair, who been very ill since his daughter's death, has improved somewhat and, on the advice of his physician, will spend some time in the Southern States.

Gen. O'Grady Haly on Sunday will unveil at St. Alban's church a lectern given by C. H. McIntosh in memory of his son Allan McIntosh, who died in South Africa while a member of Strathcona's Horse.

The customs revenue for December shows an increase of $258,000. The revenue was $2,569,000, compared with $2,310,400 for December, 1900. For six months the customs revenue shows an

TORONTO NEW YEARS.

Methodists Hold Rally of Sunday School Pupils.

Toronto, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Delayed in transmission).—New Year's day passed away without special incident in Toronto. The weather was bright and cold, but not severely cold. The ground is covered with snow, but hardly sufficient for good sleighing. There was the annual rally of 41 Methodist Sunday schools in Massey Music hall. Gatherings were held by Methodists in several cities of the Dominion and greetings were telegraphed to Montreal, Hamilton, Winnipeg and Vancouver in the closing words of Paul's Epistle, to Titus, "All that with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in faith. Grace be with you all."

BLEW UP PALACE.

Bomb Exploded While Russian Grand Duke Entertained.

Paris, Jan. 2.—A despatch to the Patrie from Kiev, European Russia, under today's date, says a bomb exploded last night under the balcony of the palace of the Grand Duke Constantine. The explosion occurred at a moment when the salons were thronged with guests. A great panic followed, but nobody was injured, though the damage done was considerable. All the windows near the scene of the explosion were shattered. Nihilist students are suspected of committing the outrage.

To Make Them Canadians

Manitoba Government Urged to Enforce Public Schools on Foreign Settlers.

Winnipeg's Clearing House Receipts Show Large Increase For Year.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—(Delayed in transmission)—At a representative meeting held yesterday, a resolution was adopted calling on the Manitoba government to introduce the public school system among the Galicians and other foreigners, and, if necessary, to pass special legislation to accomplish the object. A large deputation will wait on the administration and urge the scheme.

The Victoria hockey team of this city have invited the Rat Portage team to play an exhibition match. The Victorias have written the Toronto Wellingtons, suggesting the names of W. McFarlane, of the Winnipegs, or E. Roxborough, of Portage in Prairie, as referee for the championship match. McFarlane was the referee of the Victoria-Shamrock matches in Winnipeg last winter.

Winnipeg bank clearings for 1901 totalled $127,771,338, an increase of $20,814,531 over the totals for 1900.

Joshua Dyke has been elected mayor of Fort William by acclamation, other candidates having retired.

The son of George Morris, aged 5, of Lethbridge, was fatally burned while a fire with matches.

The Storm on the Coast

The Deck House of a Ship Picked Up Near Cape Scott.

Indian Huts and Trees Torn Down by the Wind—A Fatality.

The storm of Christmas night played havoc along the coast of Vancouver Island, upon which in years past so many wrecks have been thrown during the stormy season. This time, fortunately, no vessels, unable to withstand the force of wind and seas, were caught out in it, at least a close lookout was kept along the coast by the officers of the steamer Queen City, which arrived last night, and no signs of distressed or wrecked vessels was seen, although a large piece of the deck house of a vessel was found near Cape Scott. This portion of a house was of soft wood and had the appearance of having recently been washed ashore. Of course it is possible that it was washed from a vessel which weathered the storm; in fact, had the vessel to which it belonged been wrecked more wreckage must have come ashore. The storm was a fearful one, as those who felt it in Victoria can testify. Thousands of trees along the coast were torn up by the roots and the flimsier Indian huts were mown down like grass. At Clayoquot an Indian woman and her boy were injured in the wreck of their lodge, and the boy subsequently died of his injuries. The woman also is not expected to live. It was thick when the steamer passed the stretch of water between Carmanah and Cape Beale, so it would not have been possible for the officers to have seen a schooner if one had been ashore there, but a stop was made at Carmanah and Mr. Daykin, the lighthouse-keeper, had the telegraph line open to Clo-oose, half-way between the two capes, and he had heard of no wreck, or rather mentioned none. Capt. Townsend is of the opinion that the schooner seen from the Duke of Fife is the old Vesta, which, as stated in the Colonist, has been ashore there for a year. The steamer Queen City was lying at Cape Scott on Christmas night, when the storm sprang up. The sea had been calm and Capt. Townsend says the storm broke like a shot from a gun. There was no shelter where the steamer lay, and the only thing for it was to put to sea. This the captain did and his vessel was out in the worst blow known on the coast for years, for five hours, before being able to make Bull harbor, on the east side of Cape Scott. Here a safe anchorage was found and the vessel remained there until the storm subsided. The Queen City being a splendid sea boat, did not suffer much, the only damage to her being the loss of a portion of her railing.

A close lookout was kept on the downward trip, but, as stated, no signs of wreckage was seen beyond the finding of the portion of deck house at Lawn Point, Cape Scott. Besides the damage to houses at Clayoquot, three houses at Dodge's Cove were blown down and damaged as done in other villages. During the storm a little schooner, the Eagle, with a party of prospectors aboard, was off Cape Scott, and Capt. Townsend felt sure that they had been lost, but the schooner made Bull harbor at about 5 o'clock in the morning, having lain in the storm since 10 at night, when it started.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 1.—The funeral of the late John R. Rogers, governor of the State of Washington was held today.

The walls of the government buildings were draped with black and with the national colors. From little farm houses outside the town of Puyallup hung the same emblems of mourning. Three cities followed in the procession during its progress through their streets. In every town throughout the state soldiers at the same hour marched to muffled drums. The whole state mourned. From the residence of the family in Olympia the remains were taken through the streets to the train. By the Northern Pacific railroad they were conveyed to Tacoma. There, to the musical strains of Chopin's funeral march, they were carried through the thousands who stood on either side of the Pierce county courthouse. After an hour, during which they lay in state and were viewed by 10,000 people, they were taken again to the train and the journey was made to Puyallup. There, at the residence of Edwin Rogers, another funeral was held. Then the last stage of the journey began. Through the hop fields and the pasture lands of the valley the procession slowly marched to finally wind its way up the long hillside to the grave. The funeral was the largest ever seen in the state.

ACCIDENT AT GOLDEN EAGLE.

Explosion of Gelignite Seriously Wounds John Struthers.

Alberni, Jan. 1.—An accident occurred at the Golden Eagle mine yesterday afternoon. Four holes were to be fired, two of which missed. Later the other holes were fired. After about one hour, when mucking out, a small piece of gelignite, which remained in some of the broken rock, exploded, smashing Jack Struthers' left shoulder and arm and making a small hole in the left groin. Dr. Ross of this place left for the scene of the accident last night, and Struthers is doing as well as can be expected. His recovery, however, is doubtful.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Five Men Killed by Boiler Explosion—A Fireman's Death.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 2.—The boiler in the machine shop of the Central Georgia railway exploded at the shops in this city today, killing five men outright and injuring 12 others, three of whom will probably die.

New York, Jan. 2.—The Mooseheed Silk company's factory at Harrison N. Y., was destroyed by fire today. Loss, $50,000. John Farrell, a fireman of Mamoroneck, was killed. He fell from a hose cart while on his way to the fire and the wheels passed over his chest.

SULLIVAN SENTENCED.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 2.—Pte. Sullivan, of R. C. R. I., who broke into the convent of the Good Shepherd here some weeks ago and brutally beat one of the sisters, was this morning sentenced to three and a half years in the penitentiary. His victim is still confined to bed as a result of the assault.

SUFFERING TO BE FINE.

The discomfort and severe self-restraint practised in diet by smart society women, who take a pride in their figures, would astonish those people who regard them as living a life of ease and luxury. They rise early, they take a breakfast of certain biscuits and hot water, they dine on meat and vegetables, of which onions form a prominent feature, they deny themselves tea, sugar and spice and all things nice, take no drink with their meals, eschew wine, and practise tiresome and fatiguing exercises twice daily. This is the regimen of an acrobat or an ascetic, yet it is cheerfully undertaken by pretty, young and happy women. Soon there will be no need of cooks.—Lady Violet Greville in Graphic.

First Through Train on Canadian Northern Reaches Prairie C

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—Every foot of the Canadian Northern track is now laid between Port Arthur and Winnipeg, and the first through train from the lake port arrived in Winnipeg last night at 11 o'clock. The train left Port Arthur Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock. At Commissioner Inlet, 11 miles east of Fort Francis, the train stayed all night. Here the 1,800-foot gap was laid by 10:47 yesterday morning. The last rail was laid in the shadow of a magnificent white pine, and Mr. William Mackenzie and Mr. D. D. Mann, with their overcoats off, stood on either side of the last rail and, amid the cheers of the party and a couple of hundred workmen, drove the last spike home. Mr. Mackenzie spoke briefly. He thanked the men for the loyal support and work they had contributed to the road. He was pleased their work had come to a successful conclusion. As it was New Year's Day, he had pleasure in announcing that he and Mr. Mann would give a present of $2 to every workman on the line; $5 to every gang foreman, and $25 to every overforeman, in addition to their pay. This was received with great cheers by the men.

A pleasing incident of the trip was the presentation of an address to Mr. Hanna on reaching Winnipeg. The address was read by Mr. William Georgeson, of Winnipeg, and signed by every member of the party. It expressed the hope that Mr. Hanna would still be manager of the Canadian Northern when that road was an international and interocean route.

In about two weeks the construction department will hand over the road to the operating department. Then it is likely an accommodation day train will be run till spring. In the spring it is the intention to place on the road modern sleepers, diners, etc., and time equal and probably better than the C. P. R. time between these points will be made.

FUSS AND FEATHERS GO.

War Office to Make Reform in Uniforms

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 2.—According to information received by Gen. Biscoe, in charge of the Imperial forces here, the War Office authorities in London have decided to prohibit the use of all useless ornaments on officers' uniforms. No gold lace will be permitted and bells and straps and swords must disappear. The only distinctive mark between officers and men will be shoulder decorations. These orders will apply to Canadian military officers also, so it is said.

DIED OF STARVATION.

Cruel Fate of John Dalrymple, an Artist of Note.

London, Dec. 30.—The Evening News this afternoon prints the following despatch from Belfast:

A well known Scottish artist, John Dalrymple, died of starvation here on Christmas night. His body was found in miserably squalid surroundings.

Upguardson (after the caller had gone) —What did you want to tell him that he for about your having parted with a $50 bill when you bought this measly dog?

Atom—By George! It's true! Of course I got $45 back in change, but there wasn't any necessity for telling him that, was there?—Chicago Tribune.

UP-TO-DATE STYLES AT WEILER BROS.

Our First Consignment

Of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchasings.

Latest Novelties Fro PARIS, BERLIN, LONDON.

WEILER BROS VICTORIA B. C.

Tug Pilot, the arrival of which has been awaited, reached port yesterday morning as the fleet of Oriental liners were anchored at the Outer wharf, bringing the coal hulk Richard III. from Juneau laden with a cargo of 1,200 tons of concentrates from the Treadwell mines for Tacoma, to which port she will be towed this morning. The Pilot was 10 days on the voyage down, being delayed by the heavy weather. She encountered the heavy southwest gale on Thursday last while crossing Queen Charlotte Sound, and so fierce was the wind blowing that she was 20 hours in making 10 miles. The fine tug weathered the storm well, though, and was undamaged, nor did her tow sustain any damage. Seas swept on both tug and tow, swishing around the steamer's decks, and causing much inconvenience, but fortunately no damage. On Saturday last the wind was heavy also, and the tug and her tow were anchored in Port Alexander to await the passing of the storm.

Capt. Cutler says the heavy gale has almost denuded some parts of Haddington and Malcolm islands of trees, the wind uprooting and cutting off the trees and leaving a clear path to show where it had passed. The trees were cut away as completely as though a large gang of men had gone through the bush with axes and cleared the land.

The Pilot left last night for the Fraser to tow the salmon laden ship Greta to the Royal Roads. The Greta broke away from her moorings during the big storm and the cannery at which she was lying was partially destroyed. The ship escaped without damage, however.

NOW IT IS 1902.

Noisy Good-Bye to the Old and Welcome to the New Year—Services Today.

Victoria gave old 1901 a noisy send-off last night, the streets being crowded with people despite the unfavorable weather, and the new year a similar welcome. Early in the evening the small boy with his ever-present horn was abroad, making things lively, a sort of preliminary to the louder outbursts to follow, when the fire bells, steam whistles, fire-crackers and other contrivances, were to bid the old year good-bye and the new year welcome. There were some who saw the going of the old and the coming of the new in quieter fashion. In many of the churches watchnight services were held and many private parties and dances were given, enabling all to sit up during the change.

The usual watchnight service was held last night in the Metropolitan Methodist church, which was very largely attended, the sacred edifice being filled to its capacity.

This morning services will be held in some of the churches. At St. Andrew's R. C. cathedral the choir will sing Lejeal's Mass, Sig. Salvini assisting. During the offertory Sig. Salvini will sing "Star of Bethlehem." New Year's services will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock this morning. The entrance will be from Broughton street.

THREE BIG LINERS.

Outward and Inward Bound Oriental Liners Call Here.

Yesterday saw a large number of liners at the Outer wharf, there being vessels of an aggregate net tonnage of over 14,000 tons moored at the wharf. The fine Nippon-Yusen-Kaisha liner Kaga Maru arrived from Yokohama and ports of the further East, and the Tosa Maru of the same line and the R. M. S. Empress of India of the C. P. R. and the Glen liner Glengarry of Dodwell & Co., were there. The big barge Georgian was alongside the Glengarry loading into her British Columbia salmon for England. Nearby was the tug Pilot, which had left the coal hulk Richard III. at anchor in the Roads. The Empress of India arrived off the Outer wharf on Monday night from Vancouver, but owing to the darkness she did not come in to the Outer wharf until yesterday morning, and after loading what little freight awaited her there, and embarking her passengers, one of the tardy ones being left behind, the liner steamed out about 10:30 a. m. en route to Yokohama. The Kaga Maru arrived inbound as she steamed out, and spent the remainder of the day at the wharf discharging cargo, and then came the Tosa Maru outbound to the Orient from Seattle. The Tosa had a large cargo of cotton, flour, machinery and every sort of freight, including large shipments of beer and tobacco for Manila where the soldiers of Uncle Sam are heavy consumers. She had also heavy shipments of machinery and electrical apparatus for Japan. Not many passengers sailed on the Tosa. The Glengarry, which has spent the last two days at the wharf taking in salmon, will leave for Tacoma this morning, completing her round-the-world trip from Liverpool. The cargo being taken on here is for her outbound voyage, and she will not come to this port when she leaves Tacoma en route to Liverpool via ports.

TO PREVENT FOG.

Believed That London Can Be Saved Much Annoyance.

From London Express.

The trifling sum of money which the London county council voted for the use of the meteorological office to collect evidence as to the haunts of the fog fiend will hardly serve any practical purpose. Lest there might be any misapprehension, it should be noted that the London county council's initiation of a special enquiry during the coming winter was first to obtain records from properly selected positions in various parts of London; to collate these records with the general atmospheric conditions at the time and to ascertain [illegible] requi[illegible] occurrence [illegible] suggested [illegible] county [illegible] applications [illegible] on some of [illegible] cities of the metropo[illegible]

[illegible] dustry will benefit largely when forecasts are given, for gas and electric lighting companies will be able to effect a saving and store up supplies to meet the demand of private consumers. A foggy day brings the gas companies an extra revenue of £8,000.

In this way fogs pay the shareholders of the lighting companies of the metropolis, but the companies, it appears, are not contributing one penny towards the funds for investigation of fog forecasts.

The chief interest of the people of the metropolis is quite opposed to that of the lighting industry, and they look to the London county council to remedy the nuisance and save their gas bills.

Mr. J. Coley-Bromfield, C. E., gave his views as an expert on the subject to an Express representative.

He said: "London fogs are entirely due to the imperfect combustions of the fuel in the fire grates of the metropolis. The parks and open spaces, however, will have to be surface-drained before the London fog is got rid of.

"Open spaces produce a vapor fog, which absorbs all the unconsumed particles that escape from the thousands of flues in the character of soot.

"A water vapor is always present in the air, but increases its density near our large parks. Take the Marble Arch, Lancastergate, or other well-known points, to illustrate my meaning. When the atmospheric conditions favor a fog cloud, these spots are the blackest in London.

"My contention is that the vapor that arises from an undrained soil is a suitable vehicle for the particles in the smoke and soot.

"The London fog is a complex phenomenon, and differs greatly from a country fog, and since it does not depend altogether on the natural action of temperature, wind and vapor, may be dealt with as a removable evil."

Mr. Coley-Bromfield then explained that he had some points to put forward for the consideration of the L. C. C.

The first was to abolish all fire grates that are not smoke-consuming, and get rid of the open grate, and, with its disappearance, the cloud of unburnt carbon particles escaping up the chimney.

This would remedy the nuisance of the fog which cost London about 50,000 pounds a day.

"Experiments have proved that when coal is burnt in an open grate, from 1 to 3 per cent. of the fuel escapes in the form of unburnt solid particles of soot, and about ten per cent. in the form of volatile compounds is lost in the atmosphere."

It has been estimated at least 266 tons of carbonaceous and 2,660 tons of volatile carbon compounds day by day contaminate the London air.

The fog fiend has an especial liking for Sunday, and, as many of his worst manifestations began on that day, it is admitted that private houses and not factories, are chiefly responsible for his appearance. On Sundays, in the fog months, a million chimneys send forth volumes of smoke, for the working man's is a lavish user of coal in the preparation of the dinner. The cold stratum of air 100 feet to 300 feet above the ground level keeps the smoke moving about in the warmer regions.

"The density of the fog," said Mr. Coley-Bromfield, "does not increase after midnight. I have made observations for thirty years, and have seen the fog clear away and come on again when the people light their fires at 6:30 to 8 o'clock in the morning, gradually increasing from a white vapor to a 'soupy' consistency."

A GREAT DINNER.

Only One of the Kind in the World—Feast of Wild Goose.

There is just one distinctly public wild goose dinner in the world that is known of, and that is given annually by the ladies of the Methodist church, Souris, Manitoba. These rare and wild birds are hatched and bred in the far North. As soon as fledged they come in great numbers to the broad wheat fields of Manitoba, and for protection choose some body of water for the night, from which they fly to feeding grounds and return twice a day. They always come from the North very poor, but, feeding on the best wheat in the world for two weeks, they are fat, and in this condition, as a tender, delicate, toothsome article of diet, they outclass anything of the kind ever found on any bill of fare. They are very highly valued because of being very wild and very hard to secure.

From this dinner all turkey and domestic fowl are barred; nothing but high-class northern-bred "honker" and "brant" wild goose are admitted.

For this year's dinner the ladies modestly asked for sixty, and the men of the town were to supply them. So with tent, ammunition and "grub" the men hied forth to the feeding grounds and the lake. Hunting late and early, they returned after five days with the prime birds. Sixty were selected for the great dinner. These were plucked and dressed and the whole lot sent to the baker, who placed them in his oven and roasted them in one batch. The dinner was held in Sowden Hall on November 19, 1901, and, as was expected, proved a phenomenal success.

Northern-bred honkers to the number of sixty were carved and presented in prime condition, and proved a delicacy to tempt the most refined taste.

To the ladies belongs the credit of having perfectly prepared the birds and other good things that made a most tempting bill of fare.

At 5:30 preparations were complete for the reception of guests. The tables, draped in spotless linen, glittered with silver, sparkled with crystal, and groaned under the weight of good things. One hundred and eleven guests could be seated at once. By 6:30 every chair at the table was occupied. The seats at the sides were filled, and all standing room taken, and still crowds gathered in. The large hall proved altogether too small for what is distinctly the only public wild goose dinner in America.

UNCLE SAM'S QUEER WAY

Wants to Buy the People of Danish West Indies Willy Nilly.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 31.—A Washington despatch to a morning paper says: Information received here indicates that the Danish government is in a terrible stew over the proposed sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The Washington government thought that everything had been arranged for the exchange of the treaty by which possession was to be transferred from Denmark to the United States, but opposition to the sale has developed in Copenhagen, which has frightened the new Liberal ministry into withholding its consent to the treaty arrangement.

According to the understanding in official circles here, the trouble in consummating the deal lies in the inexperience of the Danish ministry. For the first time in many years the Liberals are in power, but they are afraid to take any radical steps that may result in a return of the Conservatives, who are making the most of the agitation over the West Indian matter. A suggestion that a plebiscite be held in the islands to determine whether the inhabitants want United States or Danish rule has been made, but not formally, to the state department or its diplomatic representative at Copenhagen. That this government will not consent to a plebiscite appears to have been determined, so that Denmark has no chance of conciliating her subjects by such a course.

TWO DEAD, ONE INSANE.

Sequel to a Domestic Tragedy Near Lyndon, Kansas.

Lyndon, Kan., Dec. 30.—Albert Doty, living near here, killed his wife last night by beating her over the head with a gun barrel. Doty then escaped, and this morning his mutilated body was found on the Missouri Pacific railway, north of town. As a result of the crime, Mrs. Doty's mother, Mrs. Taylor, has become insane.

NO QUARTER WAS EXTENDED.

Battle at Honda, in Colombia, of the Uncivilized Sort.

Barranquilla papers dated December 24, which came to hand this morning, contain further details of the battle near Honda. They say that Gen. Rodriguez commanded Honda's small garrison. Gen. Marin's large force of insurgents attacked the place early on the morning of December 9. At 8 a.m. Gen. Londono brought up 200 government reinforcements from La Cigueute, across the Magdalena river, facing Honda. By 11:30 the combined forces drove the enemy clear away from Honda. The insurgents, on arriving at Carsoli, near Mariquita, in the evening, awaited the government troops in two wings. It was there that bayonets and machetes were freely used, for the insurgents' ammunition was exhausted. The vanguard having been surrounded, with the aid of the rear guard the government troops succeeded in breaking the line, and then utterly routed the enemy.

On the following morning, when 400 were found to have been killed, the insurgents retreated by way of Guayaquil, taking their wounded with them.

The fighting in this engagement has been characterized as uncivilized. The Liberal color bore the device: "I neither ask for nor give quarter."

E. & N. Railway.—Trains will run as usual on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway today. The announcement in the Times that no trains would run today was incorrect.

SUING FOR COSTS.

Action Entered by W. C. Nichol Against Messrs. Pooley and Turner.

Walter C. Nichol, of Vancouver, has commenced an action in the Supreme court of British Columbia against Charles E. Pooley and J. H. Turner to recover the sum of $4,058.21, being the amount of costs incurred by him by reason of an indictment or information by the defendants, as private prosecutors, for the publication of a defamatory libel. There were three trials of this action, in two of which the jury disagreed and in the third a verdict was given in favor of the accused. On the matter of the taxation of costs coming up before Mr. Justice Drake, His Lordship refused to allow Mr. Nichol the costs of the two abortive trials. The plaintiff now seeks to recover these costs. The section of the Criminal Code under which the plaintiff is now proceeding is as follows:

"Costs in Cases of Libel.—In the case of an indictment or information by a private prosecutor for the publication of a defamatory libel, if judgment is given for the defendant, he shall be entitled to recover from the prosecutor the costs incurred by him by reason of such indictment or information, either by warrant of distress issued out of the said court, or by action or suit for an ordinary debt."

Will Again Run.—Ald. Cooley announces himself as a candidate for re-election in South Ward.

Klondike Royalties

Less Money Paid This Season by Miners Than During Last Year.

Tax Now Five Per Cent—Tendency Is Towards Mining on Smaller Scale.

The amount of royalty collected for the year past on the various Klondike creeks shows a falling off from that of a year ago over and above the 50 per cent. reduction made in the tax at the commencement of the season, says the Dawson News.

The amount paid follows:

Fortymile	$ 559 00
Eureka	391 15
Dominion	37,751 41
Sulphur	11,518 91
Gold Run	37,084 87
Hunker	36,526 86
Grand Forks (Eldorado and Bonanza)	249,211 81
Total royalty	$381,162 89

The royalty received by the government last year amounted to $891,475.08, which is not a little less than three times the amount collected this year.

Royalty was paid this year on gold produced to the amount of $7,623,257.80. Last year, notwithstanding the inducement was greater to dodge the tax if possible, royalty was paid on gold to the amount of $8,914,750.00.

Notwithstanding the apparent reduction in the amount of gold being mined, the reports made to the various stations on the creeks show the amount mined to have really been larger. Instead of the gold being mined by large royalty paying companies, the tendency now is to mine it in smaller amounts and escape the tax, the aggregate of the smaller amount being greater than the production when the amount of royalty paid was larger. The number of small claims being worked on a small scale almost doubled last year, showing clearly that the tendency in the Klondike is not towards big company mining, as many allege, but to individual holdings worked by the owner himself.

Bonanza and Eldorado will be seen to easily lead all the other creeks in the amount of royalty paid. Croakers to the contrary notwithstanding, these two creeks and the hills and gulches tributary to them have paid royalty on an amount equal to that of last year. To this must be added as in the case of so many other creeks, the large increase in the number of small claims which pay royalty.

Dominion comes second with Gold Run only a few thousand behind.

Hunker comes fourth, having paid royalty on $790,537.20.

Sulphur, with its big boom behind it, drops behind this year.

Fortymile, though a small tax payer, has made an advance on last year, either as a result of more effective tax collecting, or as a result of increased activity or productiveness in its mining.

IS IT OUR BUSINESS?

Can Canada Say She Has Done Her Duty to the Empire?

We are boasting that we have contributed first and last five thousand officers and men to British service in South Africa. Great Britain and Ireland have probably sent first and last a quarter of a million men to South Africa. The number of our fellow-subjects in the United Kingdom is forty-one millions. The population of Canada is an eighth of that number. The Canadians are probably as prosperous on an average as the British. If they had done as well even in numbers they would have sent by this time thirty thousand men. But then, what does even our boast of five thousand amount to? We paid perhaps half of the cost of half of them. The other three-quarters of the cost has fallen as an additional burden on our fellow subjects. We see a government organ boasting in big type that the new contingent is going out entirely at the expense of the War Office, which means at the expense of fellow subjects no better able to bear the burden than we. We should make another boast in inch-long letters that while refusing to pay we have retained the patronage. And yet the British press is generous enough to thank us. But then, say some, the war in South Africa is not our business. How often have we heard this: and yet it is the reverse of true. It is more our business than it is that of the British. There were those in Britain who claimed it as a proof of the justice of Great Britain's dealings in South Africa that the colonies had sprung to arms. This is far from a clear statement of the case. The colonies took the war for granted as a fact. It was in their eyes simply an unavoidable dispute as to whether British power should retire from Africa before the rifles of the Boers or not. That was very much their business. Had Britain retired in South Africa where would have been the protection which has been everything to them? Where would have been the empire of which they form parts? He who denies that this is very much our business is not loyal to the empire and does not value the relationship. We make a most miserable and contemptible boast when we see the Mother Country exhausting herself practically in our defence and jubilate in the fact that it is all at the expense of the "War Office." The Witness has never been glad to see our young men marching to the horrors of an almost fratricidal war—an utterful hateful war—but we must say we should be glad to see Canada admitting with some spirit her financial obligations.

JAPANESE SHIPS.

Last year the total number of vessels entering Japanese ports was 5,330, with a tonnage of 9,906,752 tons, and of these 2,645 were Japanese ships, with a tonnage of 3,363,657 tons, a most remarkable development when we remember that a quarter of a century ago the Japanese had no steamships. The total number of sailing ships which last year entered at ports in Japan from foreign countries was 1,300, with a tonnage of 218,870, and of these 614 with a tonnage of 56,951, were Japanese vessels, besides 558 junks, of a total tonnage of 5,023. An examination of the total number and tonnage of vessels belonging to the Empire of Japan from 1870 to 1899, is, says Engineering, very instructive. In the first named of these years there were 35 steam vessels, with a total registered tonnage of 2,454, or a total number of vessels of 46 and a tonnage of 17,952. In 1899 the number of steam vessels was 1,221, with a total registered tonnage of 315,198, and of sailing vessels 3,322, with a total registered tonnage of 269,032, or a total number of vessels of 4,543 and a tonnage of 584,200.

Vancouver's Civic Fight

Nominations Made in Municipal Elections—Two Candidates For Mayor.

Trouble Over New Scott Mill at Coal Harbor—Gulf Ferry.

Another System of Canning From Africa to Be Tested on Fraser.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Jan. 2.—This is civic nomination day and every man in the present council seeks re-election. Mr. Woodward retires from the mayoralty contest, his bills being paid to date as agreed to by the electoral association. The nominations are:

FOR MAYOR.

T. H. Neelands and T. O. Townley.

FOR ALDERMEN.

Ward One—H. T. Shelton, Wm. Skene, Wm. Blackmore and Alex. Bethune.

Ward Two—Jas. McQueen, E. Cook, A. Fletcher, H. A. Bell and Jas. Shannon.

Ward Three—W. G. McGuigan, D. McPhaiden, Charles H. Wilson.

Ward Four—C. E. Foreman, W. J. Dickinson, D. McKinnon and Wm. Brown.

Ward Five.—W. H. Wood, W. Fowler, W. A. Brown, I. G. Johnson, Peter Wylie and J. Morton.

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

H. H. Layfield, G. Molaro, Robert Todd, E. B. Morgan, L. D. Taylor, D. S. Wallbridge, William McGivern, Samuel J. Gothard.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Charles Doering, R. G. Tatlow, John Galletly, Philip Fewster, A. E. Lees, C. L. Spencer, George Bartley, W. H. Kent, Tom Wilson.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

J. J. Banfield, Alex. Philip, W. D. Brydone-Jack, Wm. Cartwright.

The contractor for the new Scott mill has been ordered to stop driving piles in Coal harbor on the ground that they interfere with navigation. It is reported that the contractor has refused to stop. Ottawa is being appealed to.

Capt. McKenzie says work is progressing rapidly on the railroad between South Westminster and the mouth of the Fraser in connection with the Ferry system. It is said that in a month temporary shipments will be made over the new ferry route. The railway will not be completed, but barges will be ready to carry goods from the Great Northern terminal to the mouth of the Fraser and across the Gulf. In a few days the barges will go into dry dock at Esquimalt for overhauling. As far as Sydney is concerned the equipment can be operated any time after the first of February.

John Hendry, president of the Vancouver, Westminster, Yukon & Northern railway, has returned from St. Paul where he has been arranging important details with J. J. Hill in connection with the above projected road.

The "Girl from Maxim's" amused a fair-sized audience at the Vancouver opera house on New Year's eve.

Edgar Hull, the young man who accidentally shot himself in the head Monday night, is getting better. His life will be saved, but he will probably be permanently blind.

F. H. Malcolm, of Winnipeg, at one time a canner of South Africa, is here having brought a canning plant with him. Mr. Malcolm will strive to interest capital in his plant, which is similar to those used in South Africa in canning lobster, mackerel and Cape salmon. The plan is known as double sealing. In brief, the sides and the ends of the tin lap over, and these lapped-over edges are wound round and round one another by the machine, until a small rim is lift around the top and bottom, and the tin is absolutely air tight. No solder is used, and no holes are punched in the can to let the steam out, as is done in the system of canning in vogue on the Fraser river. It is said some of the canneries on the Columbia river are adopting this double sealing system. Mr. Malcolm will likely embark in the canning business here.

The New Westminster city council has appointed W. A. Duncan city clerk in place of Mr. F. R. Giover, who is retiring.

The Burrard Meat company is in financial difficulties. The company operated several meat stores in Vancouver and Westminster and a slaughter house on Westminster road. The shortage is estimated all the way from $8,000 to $20,000. The sheriff's officers seized all the stores which were operated by the company this morning.

Mr. T. Nosse, consul-general for Canada, and Mrs. Nosse arrived here yesterday on their way to Montreal.

New Year's Day passed off very quietly in Vancouver. The only functions of general public interest were the receptions held at the American, Japanese and French consulates.

ROBBED OF THEIR JEWELS.

Thief Takes $50,000 Worth From New York Residence.

Mr and Mrs. Paul Thebaud, of Madison avenue, New York, were robbed on Sunday of jewelry worth $50,000. This was corroborated by Mr. Thebaud at headquarters, where, in company with a member of the firm from which most of the jewelry had been purchased, he gave the police a partial list of the jewels taken.

The valuables consisted in part of one pear-shaped diamond, said by Mr. Thebaud to be worth $20,000; one pearl weighing 44 grains, said to be worth $15,000, and 300 small ornaments, making up a total of about $50,000.

The robbery is said by the police, and also by Mr. Thebaud, to have been the work of a newly-engaged valet who had been employed by Mr. Thebaud but two weeks.

The valet is missing, and the butler who recommended him is under constant surveillance.

Mr. and Mrs. Thebaud went to White Plains yesterday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Willets. They were to spend Sunday with the Willets family. The valet accompanied them. This morning the Willets, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thebaud and several other guests, went to church. Soon after the return Mrs. Thebaud discovered that her diamond and opal were gone, but found that little else had been taken. Mr. Thebaud at once communicated by telephone with the housekeeper of the residence in this city, and it was discovered that the other valuables had been stolen.

The valet was last seen about 6 o'clock this morning, when he took one of Howard Willet's rigs and drove to the railway station in White Plains. Three hours later the rig was found at the station, abandoned. It is supposed the valet, whose name is Kern, left town on an out-going train soon after he drove to the station. The New York police late tonight communicated with the principal cities where Kern would be likely to go.