

THE INDIAN RESERVE.

Suggestion by the Lieutenant-Governor for the Re-Opening of Negotiations for It.

The Superintendent General Agrees That the Songhees Tribe Should Be Moved.

The correspondence on the subject of the Indian reserve at Victoria, just laid before the Legislature shows that the Dominion authorities are alive to the importance of a transfer of the Indians and are ready to co-operate in any feasible scheme to that end which may be brought forward. The return commences with the correspondence of 1891, but the later series of letters give the present position of the matter.

On the 10th February, 1893, the Executive Council forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor the resolution then passed by the Legislature, with the request that he would transmit it to the Secretary of State for Canada. This His Honor did, enclosing it with the following letter, dated 14th February, 1893:

"I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, copy of a report of a committee of my executive council, approved by me on the 10th inst., embodying the resolution of the legislative assembly respecting the removal of the Songhees tribe of Indians to some suitable locality. This vexed question has, I am aware, been on more than one occasion brought to the notice of the Dominion government, but on account of the being able to obtain a surrender from the Indians interested in the reserve, it has been impossible to take any steps to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the case. Should, however, your government desire that I should personally interest myself in an endeavor to bring about a surrender of this reserve, I shall be glad to receive instructions to that effect, and subsequently to make suggestions as to the disposition of the property, which occupies, as you are aware, a somewhat different position to the other reserves in the province."

OTTAWA TO THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR.

In reply to the above, a report of a committee of the Privy Council at Ottawa, dated 21st October, 1893, was forwarded by the Under Secretary of State on the 30th October, to Lieut.-Governor Dawdney. It reads thus:

"The committee have had under consideration a despatch dated the 14th February, 1893, from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, transmitting a report of a committee of his executive council embodying a resolution of the legislative assembly recommending the removal of the Songhees tribe of Indians from their reserve, which is within the limits of the city of Victoria, to a more suitable place. The resolution in question urges that whatever steps may be necessary be taken to press upon the Dominion government the desirability of removing the Songhees Indians, and His Honor instigates his despatch to desire him to personally interest himself in an endeavor to bring about a surrender of the Songhees reserve, he would be glad to receive instructions to that effect and subsequently to make suggestions as to the disposition of the property of the reserve."

"The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, to whom the matter was referred, reports that he fully concurs in the view that it is highly desirable that the Songhees Indians should be moved to a more suitable locality, and that he would be glad to assist himself of the professional services of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia in negotiating for a surrender with the Indians, who of late years have expressed their aversion to removing from their reserve."

"The Minister is of opinion that before entering with the government of British Columbia upon joint negotiations with the Songhees Indians for the surrender of their reserve, it would be better for your Excellency in council to have before you the suggestions which His Honor offers to make as to the disposition of the said reserve when surrendered, and recommends that a certified copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Privy Council in answer to his despatch above referred to."

The above was duly approved by the Governor-General before transmission to Victoria.

SUGGESTION FROM THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR.

In sending the letter from the Ottawa authorities to the provincial government, His Honor, writing on the 31st January, 1894, said:

"I have the honor to enclose to you a copy of a letter from the Honorable the Secretary of State, with a copy of an order in council received last October, which in the absence of Mr. Vowell I placed on one side, to consult with him before forwarding it to you with any suggestions."

"As I see the matter has been again referred to in the house, I now forward it, and would suggest that a joint meeting of myself, a committee of the executive council, and Mr. Vowell (the provincial superintendent) might be held to discuss the matter, and endeavor to arrive at some understanding by which negotiations may be again opened with the Songhees Indians for the surrender of their property."

SEVERE GALES.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Severe gales have prevailed throughout Great Britain since Saturday, and much damage has been done to property and shipping. Several vessels are ashore off Margate and Yarmouth. The steamer Resolute, bound for Cardiff, has been wrecked. The crew was rescued. A number of casualties are reported from various parts of England, the result of portions of buildings, such as church spires and chimneys, having been blown down. The roof of a house at Ironbridge, Shropshire, fell in, crushing the occupants of the house beneath it. The wall of a factory at Oldham was blown down, crushing three cottages. Nearly all the inmates were injured, but none were killed.

The Prince of Wales' yacht, the Britannia, which is to sail in the regatta at Nice, was compelled by stress of weather to put into Plymouth Sound. In Hartlepool a tall chimney crashed through the roof of a dwelling, killing two children. The parents were badly injured.

Two girls were killed in bed in Wolverhampton by a chimney falling on them. A train of cars was overturned near Wolverhampton and twenty persons were injured.

New York, Feb. 12.—The city to-night is covered with a mantle of snow several inches thick. Travel of all kinds is greatly impeded, and none but those who are compelled to venture on the streets do so. The mercury is down to twenty degrees and the wind is blowing

from the northeast at the rate of thirty miles an hour. Railway traffic is almost paralyzed. The ferry houses are blocked with belated passengers waiting for overdue ferries, and the elevated railway trains are similarly blocked. The markets are stagnated by the lack of farm produce. The roads are drifted so as to be impassable on account of the deep snow. Sergeant Dunn, of the weather bureau, said to-night that this storm was but the advance guard of one of more severity, which would be followed by a very cold wave. Danger signals have been ordered up all along the coast. Reports from all points throughout the State indicate that the storm is very severe. Dispatches from New Jersey report a similar state of affairs. The life-saving crews have doubled their patrols and are on the look out to promptly answer signals of distress. One wreck was reported to-night on the Rockaway beach.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Chicago was visited to-day by the wildest hurricane ever experienced in this city. The wind was strong all night, but along towards 4 o'clock this morning it suddenly increased in force, and an hour later a small cyclone was in the city. By 6 o'clock snow was falling, and with a falling barometer there was a first class blizzard.

HAWAIIAN DOCUMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The President sent to Congress this afternoon another chapter in the Hawaiian matter, consisting of copies of letters from Secretary Gresham to Minister Willis, setting forth an account of his interview with Minister Thurston, when called to ask if the United States could use force to put the Queen on the throne, and another from the same Secretary Gresham giving an account of his declaration of the invitation to celebrate the establishment of the Provisional Government. In his letter to Mr. Willis, Mr. Gresham says that Mr. Thurston called upon him in the morning and asked if force should be used, and he (Mr. Gresham) having called upon the President, told him it was not the intention to use force, nor to do anything to injure the Provisional Government or the people.

PARISIAN BOMB-THROWING.

Twenty Persons Wounded—Arrest of the Miscreant Who Caused the Mischief.

"An Anarchist, and the More of the Bourgeoisie I Kill the Better."

PARIS, Feb. 12.—Edson Breton, 23 years old, threw a bomb in the cafe of the Hotel Terminus at the St. Lazare railway station, this evening. The bomb exploded in the middle of the room and wounded twenty persons. An instrumental concert began in the cafe on the ground floor of the hotel at 8 o'clock. Shortly before 9 o'clock a tall young man pale, with a pointed beard, paid for a drink which he had taken at a table in the middle of the room, and started to leave. When near the door he turned suddenly and drew a bomb from under his coat and threw it near a couple of persons who had been electrically fixed. The bomb struck a marble table and exploded. The great hotel and station were rocked by the shock. The mirrors, windows and doors were blown to atoms. The ceiling was rent and the walls were cracked, a dense, offensive smoke, filled the cafe for a few minutes, and in the obscurity the bomb thrower escaped. When the smoke had cleared away fifteen dead and slight injuries. The bomb had been filled with bullets and rough bits of iron, which had riddled the furniture and walls and inflicted most of the wounds. After leaving the cafe, the bomb thrower started down the street. A run. Three policemen saw the fugitive, who turned them as they called to him to stop and fired five shots. Policeman Boisson fell, badly wounded in the side. The policemen continued the pursuit and overpowered and arrested the bomb thrower, who gave his name and age to the Prefect of Police. A Laurent, chief secretary to M. Dubois, Minister of the Interior, and several other high officials were summoned to the station and the examination of the prisoner began. Police Commissary Cayel taking the evidence. At first the prisoner refused to talk, telling the police it was their business to find out who he was. After giving his name and address he again became silent. Eventually he added that he was a cabinet maker, and had arrived in Paris from Marseilles that morning. "Yes, I am an anarchist," he exclaimed irately, in response to reiterated questions, "and the more of the bourgeoisie I kill the better it will please me."

JOHN LIVINGSTONE.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—(Special)—John Livingstone, a prominent journalist, late of the Calgary Herald, died suddenly here on Saturday afternoon. He had been suffering for some days from an attack of bronchitis, but his condition had been considered favorable, and the sudden turn for the worse which ended in his death was altogether unexpected. He leaves four sons and four daughters. Mr. Livingstone was for many years connected with the press of New Brunswick, having, among other papers, founded the St. John Telegraph and edited for a lengthened period the St. John Sun, his connection with the latter of which he severed to assume the editorial chair of the Montreal Herald at a somewhat critical period in its history. He speedily made his influence felt throughout the Province of Quebec, being after a time appointed to the editorship of the Toronto Empire. Failing health forced him to abandon the arduous duties of that important office, and by way of a relief he accepted the management of the Calgary Herald. In this position he remained for a number of years, some few months since returning to Montreal in order to afford his young family the educational facilities which were there obtainable. For some time prior to his death he had devoted himself to magazine and other special writing, for which his wide information and readiness of expression admirably qualified him. Mr. Livingstone was a man of excellent abilities, his general savoir faire and bonhomie making him exceptionally popular with his *conferees*, and his powerful as well as a caustic pen, and was never happier than when engaged in the keenest of controversies, which, the moment they were over, or when, indeed, outside his office, were with him matters of the past.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Canadian Manufacturers' Association—Canada to Be Represented at Tasmania's Exhibition.

British Columbia Woods at World's Fair to Be Used at Rideau Hall.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—Hon. Mr. Bowell and Mr. Larke have gone to Toronto to attend the annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Mr. Bowell will speak on Australian trade, and Mr. Larke on Canada's success at Chicago.

It is currently reported that the Government will consider its decision not to exhibit at the Tasmania exhibition, commencing November next, but will on the contrary make a good display. Hon. Mr. Bowell is strongly in favor of official recognition being given by Canada to the exhibition, owing to the opening of direct steamship communication. The Department of Agriculture has been asked to supply forms, and will furnish any information to those interested.

The British Columbia woods used for the internal finishings of the Canadian pavilion at the World's Fair have been purchased by the Public Works department, and will be used for the interior decorations of the new vice-regal chapel at Rideau Hall. The Province will receive credit for the value of this material.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—(Special)—Fire damaged the premises of Wilson & Co., provisions, and Sheppard & Co., 21 Peter street, to the extent of \$5,000.

All the papers, both in Montreal and Toronto, make feeling references to the death of Rev. Dr. Douglas.

The Toronto Globe says he was "a man of rare courage, strong convictions and eloquent utterance. He impressed himself on everything within his sphere."

The Mail says: "Of him the church may say a prince has fallen in Israel." The Empire says: "There were few men in Canada who could so completely arrest an audience or evoke such thundering applause." It was stated on the streets to-day that the Hansons had floated a three million dollar loan for the Quebec government at 94.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—(Special)—Considerable excitement was caused around town yesterday afternoon by the report that Charles Chamberlain was about to tell all he knew about the impersonating in the Winnipeg elections. Some friends visited him at police headquarters yesterday, and it is said, told him that if he told everything he would be liberated within a month.

Samuel Cook, a brakeman, of Crookville, killed between the cars at Napesee, and was killed. He leaves a wife and nine children.

FOR BEHRING SEA.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—There will be few changes in the detail of officers on the ships which will be sent to Behring sea. All but two of the ships to be sent are in commission and they will retain their present commanders. Commander Dennis Mullen, detached from light-house duty a few days ago, will be ordered to command the Marion when she arrives in San Francisco from Yokohama, and Commander Morgan will be given the Alert when she is placed in commission for this service.

PAPAL JUBILEE.

Concluding Ceremonies of the Celebration—A Grand Votive Offering.

ROME, Feb. 12.—The ceremonies which are to mark the close of the Papal jubilee year, and which have been arranged by the executive committee of the jubilee feasts, commences to-morrow, which is the feast of the Apparition of the Immaculate Conception at Lourdes. A solemn mass of thanksgiving is to be celebrated in a sanctuary, to be followed by the singing of a grand Te Deum. At the conclusion of the services there will be a special ceremony, participated in by all the priests, and during which a votive lamp will be suspended to the grotto of Massabiella. This, it is intended, shall burn perpetually as an offering of Catholics of every nationality.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 12.—(Special).—The Methodist church at Regina was discovered to be on fire yesterday while the collection was being taken up. Rev. Mr. Brown quickly dismissed the congregation without any panic. The fire was extinguished after an hour's hard and plucky fighting. It was confined to the rear end and the roof. The damage is fully covered by insurance.

J. M. Savage, of Rat Portage, was selected by the Conservatives at the Rat Portage convention to-day, to contest West Algoma for the Ontario Legislature.

The extradition proceedings against H. A. Hackett were commenced at the Court House this morning.

Carriers from outside points are gathering in large numbers for the bonspiel to-morrow.

PARISH COUNCILS' BILL.

It Passes the House of Lords in a Very Much Amended Shape.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Parish Councils' bill passed its third reading in the House of Lords to-day. The bill, however, was not in the condition it was received from the House of Commons, having been greatly altered by the amendments made to it in the Upper House.

As the name indicates, Hall's Vegetable Sillian Hair Renewer is a renewer of the hair, including its growth, health, youthful color and beauty. It will please you.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Opening of Nanaimo New Presbyterian Church—The "Barracks" Formally Dedicated.

The "State of Idaho" Afloat and But Little Damaged—Kootenay's Ore Wealth.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Feb. 12.—So far this month seven fire alarms have been sounded. The firemen in every instance arrived in time to distinguish the flames.

No. 5 company, E. C. B. G. A., will hold a smoking concert in the Imperial Opera House shortly.

Chief McLaren reports that there are very few cases of destitution at present in the city.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 13.—H. J. Cambie has resigned his position as Water Commissioner. Write will be issued for the election of three new water commissioners.

Ald. Franklin says he will introduce a resolution in the Council expressing the opinion that the Government should aid the New Westminster & Delta railroad.

The city's representatives in the House will be requested by the Council to look after the city's interests in regard to the Western and Vancouver tram, who seek incorporation with the Electric Light Co. of this city.

The Chilean citizens of Vancouver presented Consul Morris yesterday with a handsome hand painted shield bearing the arms of Chili, which will be placed at his office. The ceremony was accompanied by fitting speeches, in which the delegates took occasion to express their regard and respect for Chili's representative in Vancouver.

A grand concert will be given shortly in aid of the poor.

The last concession of the C.P.R. is to reduce freight on grain from Edmonton to the coast from 45 cents per 100 pounds to 35 cents.

H. T. Palmer, of this city, has written a book entitled "A Marvellous Experience." The author claims to have visited the other world, and tells his experience of leaving the body in march, 1888, and of seeing seven heavenly visions. He asserts that the work is no fiction, superstition or fancy.

The following additional retrenchments have been made in civic salaries: Mayor's salary, \$2,000 to \$1,200; chief clerk in the Waterworks, reduced \$25 a month.

Duncan McCrae, license inspector and city assessor, was found drowned in False Creek at 8 o'clock to-day. From his appearance the body has been in the water several days. The foreman of the Royal City mills boom found the body at the end of the boom, a distance from shore, floating in the water. The coroner was notified and indicated violence, and as the deceased was of a cheery, hopeful disposition and well off, the suicide theory is not entertained. His watch stopped at 10 minutes to 6, which would indicate that at that hour he was on the boom and fell off the end. The deceased came to Vancouver from Antigonish, N.S., three years ago. He was 55 years old and widely known and respected.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 12.—Willie Vianen, a 12 years old boy, was badly wounded in the leg yesterday by a bullet from a revolver with which he was playing. The bullet was taken out and the boy is doing well.

Six inches of snow fell on Saturday night. Another storm set in to-day, and snow is still falling.

The Prescott Packing Company in their sturgeon fishing operations have caught 60 half seals during the past season.

The Martin-Cote rape case at Mission, on Saturday, was dismissed, the charge not being proven.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 13.—After a strict search in Port Moody and Moodyville, Indian Agent Devlin can find no evidence that the Indian girl sold in Vancouver for \$150 was brought to either of those places. Mr. Devlin has information which leads him to believe that the girl was taken North, and search will be continued.

When the snowstorm ceased last night there was a foot of snow on the level up to town.

The City Council passed a resolution last night, asking the Government to grant every reasonable aid to the Delta & Eastern railway and Fraser river bridge schemes. Ald. Cunningham eulogized the government and declared it was worthy of every confidence and deserved the warmest support of the people. There is some disappointment here that the Victoria Council did not act promptly in the matter. Another deputa-tion will visit the Capital this week in the interest of the project.

A team from No. 4 company, B.C.G.A., goes to Vancouver on Saturday to pull a tug-of-war with No. 5 company at the smoking concert.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Feb. 12.—The dedication of the new Presbyterian church yesterday was quite a memorable event, and attracted the biggest congregation ever seen in a place of worship in this city. Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Victoria, preached in the morning. In the afternoon, Rev. R. R. McMillan, of the Methodist church, occupied the pulpit, and in the evening Rev. J. H. McMillan, of Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, officiated. There was a grand concert and dinner given in honor of the occasion.

The Salvationists are very much in evidence these days. Saturday the celebration in connection with the opening of the new barracks commenced, and they will be kept up until Wednesday night. This afternoon the principal ceremony took place, when Brigadier Margets formally declared the barracks open.

"Doctor" Roberts left town thoroughly disgusted, though as he said himself before leaving, he had taken the cream off the business in the shape of \$610, over and above expenses.

The funeral of the late John Wane took place yesterday afternoon, there being a large turnout of Odd Fellows. Rev. Dr. Good officiated.

NANAIMO, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Charley was brought up from Cowichan yesterday to await trial here.

The thirty-third anniversary of the institution of the Pythian order will be celebrated by Wellington lodge, No. 2, K. of P., by a ball and supper in the Masonic hall on the 23rd inst.

NEW DENVER.

NEW DENVER, Feb. 10.—A contract has been let to Cameron Brothers to haul 500 tons of ore from the Alpha mine to the ore

house at Silvertown, where it will be stored until the completion of the railway to the head of the lake. The Alpha, which was thought to be a great proposition at the time of its purchase is now looking better than ever. For sixty feet the ledge has been stripped, and shows an average width of eleven feet of clean ore. The Rice, which was shut down for lack of supplies, has started up again with a force of fifteen men. The Slooan Star has reduced its daily output of ore to three tons, on account of lack of storage room. The Noble Five has twenty-three miners at work, with a daily output of thirteen tons. The steamer is making daily trips to Silvertown and the head of the lake. Everything is very dull in New Denver, there being a great number of idlemen.

REVELSTOCK.

(From the Kootenay Star.)

All the miners on Lardene creek have been very successful this winter. Jack Knowles and Charlie Matheson have taken over \$500, while Joe Bissett and partner have done even better. They have taken out \$1,500 between them, all in coarse gold.

Dan Savoy and Jim Carey are taking out from \$10 to \$15 a day each when they are able to work. Altogether there has been about \$5,000 taken out of Lardene creek during the year.

Revelstock Odd Fellows are about to organize a lodge.

The sleigh road over the R. & A. L. track to the head of the lake is greatly needed by now, all the freight for Nakusp and New Denver going down that way. The ice bridge over the Columbia at the Wigwam is still in good condition.

KASLO.

KASLO, Feb. 10.—Ore is coming into Kaslo faster than ever, the average being forty tons per day. Since December 26 nearly four million pounds of ore have been shipped over the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, contributed by twelve different mines in this section.

A miner by the name of R. D. Conway died of pneumonia at the Washington mining camp on Thursday evening last.

The danger of the west arm or outlet of Kootenay lake freezing seems to be over for this season. Navigation between Nelson and Kaslo has been uninterrupted all winter.

Another big strike was made in the east tunnel on the Noonday claim, owned by George J. Atkins & Co., of the Duluth syndicate. They went into a large ore shoot of over three feet width of solid clean steel galena which will assay 150 ounces in silver and 75 per cent. lead. This new strike has sent the mine, with what they have in the upper and lower tunnels, one of the largest properties in the camp, rivaling the famous Slooan Star.

The steamer State of Idaho was yesterday completely raised out of the water. The steamer's pumps were got to work and in a few hours she was emptied.

A thorough examination of her hull was made, and not a trace of injury was found except on her forefoot where she struck the rock. She is now being overhauled and cleaned, and will be able to go into service in three weeks.

It is stated here that the Kaslo Examiner has changed hands, and Capt. D. C. McMorris, the popular purser of the steamer Nelson, is the purchaser. The captain has had a large and extensive experience in the East in the newspaper business.

SIDNEY.

SIDNEY, Feb. 13.—Mr. Wm. White has returned from the East.

The hop given by the North Saanich Social club last Friday evening was not attended largely, but those that were there enjoyed themselves.

A large number of friends visited Mr. and Mrs. Julius Brethour in their new home last Wednesday evening and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, dancing until an early hour in the morning. A more pleasant evening could not have been spent.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Dickinson, of Victoria, spent last Sunday in town.

Mr. Wm. Morrison has returned from a trip to the mainland.

The turn-table engine house for the railroad is in course of construction at present.

Mr. Hugh Moore has secured the contract for the erection of the new station here, and will commence work in a few days.

The sawmill is running full time now, completing their contract with the V. & S. railway.

Mr. John Brethour's barn was partially blown down by last Friday evening's storm. It will be immediately rebuilt.

HOPE.

HOPE, Feb. 13.—The weather during the winter has been favorable. The climate here is temperate.

Mr. C. Galloway, an old settler, is ill and the probabilities are that he will join the great majority before many months.

The average monthly attendance at the Hope school for January was twenty-one.

CHEMANINUS.

CHEMANINUS, Feb. 13.—Mr. Glover returned to-day from Victoria. Miss Williams, of Kuper Island, left a week ago on a trip to San Francisco. Mr. Wilson spent most of last week at home with his family.

Dr. Troughton has returned from his trip to French Creek, and has again taken up his residence in Chemainus. Miss May Conroy is at present visiting with Mrs. Roberts, of Kuper Island. Mr. Gregory left to-day for San Francisco. Mr. Smith, Saturday in his steam launch. Mr. Howe is absent in Nanaimo as a witness on the trial of the two Nanaimo thieves who were captured in Chemainus.

Mr. Kersley, having completed his new barn, is tearing down the old buildings. Chemainus lodge, I.O.G.T., celebrated its second anniversary on Saturday evening. There was a good attendance of the lodge members and their friends, besides numerous visitors from Cowichan and Somesford. The chair was ably filled by Dr. Lewis Hall, of Victoria, and the following programme was rendered: Opening chorus; address, C. Galloway; recitation, Sister Ella Porter; instrumental solo, Bro. Kirkendall; dialogue, "Andy's Mistake"; recitation, Sister Mebus; instrumental solo, Bro. Kirkendall; dialogue, "The Rehearsal"; recitation, Bro. Robert Wilson; recitation, Bro. Frank Porter; club singing, Bro. Kirkendall; speech, Bro. Evans; recitation, Sister Mary Wilson; dialogue, "They loved after."

After the programme refreshments were produced, to which all did ample justice. The remainder of the evening was spent in games and similar amusements and all agreed that a very pleasant evening had been spent.

The officers of the I.O.G.T. for this quarter are: C.T., Sister Conroy; V.E., Bro. Kirkendall; F.C.T., Bro. Conroy; Sec., Bro. H. Porter; Ass. Sect., Bro. James Wilson; Fin. Sect., Sister Agnes Wilson; Treas., Bro. Pearson; Chap., Sister Spence; marshal, Bro. Allan Porter; Dept. marshal, Sister Roberts; guard, Bro. Gustafson; and Sent., Bro. Kersley.

EDMUND YATES' LETTER.

Interesting London Gossip—John Morley's Reported Desire to Leave the Cabinet.

Bampton Lectures Temporarily Abandoned—The British Squadron at Madeira—Empress Frederick.

New York, Feb. 13.—The following is Edmund Yates' weekly cable from London to the Tribune: The Queen will hold a large investiture of the Bath, St. Michael and St. George and the Indian orders during her approaching residence at Windsor castle. The function is to take place in the white drawing room of the castle, and the Empress Frederick will be present.

Emperor William has informed the court of his intention to pay another visit to England next summer. The Emperor will come to Cowes in his yacht, arriving on Saturday, August 4th, and will remain at the Solent for about a week. The Royal Yacht Squadron regatta is to be given on August 7th, which is a week later than last year.

The wedding of the Grand Duke of Hesse and Princess Victoria Melita of Edinburgh will probably take place on Tuesday, April 24, at Coburg. The ceremony, which is to be after the Lutheran form, will take place in the chapel of the palace, which is fitted up for the event. Emperor William, the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Grand Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg, the Empress Frederick, Princess Beatrice and Prince Henry of Battenberg, are to be present.

The apartments in Buckingham palace have been prepared for the use of the Empress Frederick, who is to occupy them when she comes to town. At Windsor the Empress is to be lodged in the tapestry room.

The Bishop of Rochester will go to Florence just before Easter and stay there during the Queen's residence at Villa Fabrotti, to officiate at the services which will be held during Good Friday and Easter Sunday for Her Majesty and the royal party.

The Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha intends to farm on a large scale in Germany, and I hear that in the course of the next few months extensive purchases of high class cattle and sheep will be made for him at the principal sales. A valuable consignment of white Yorkshire pigs was recently dispatched to the Duke of Coburg by Mr. Falcher, of Ebbw Vale, and the same steamer conveyed to him some prize ram lambs out of Bradburn's celebrated flock of sheep.

On Wednesday the Decoy was launched from the yard of Messrs. John L. Thornycroft & Co., at Chiswick. The Decoy is a torpedo boat, of the same type as the Havoc, and is supplied with steam of 210 pounds pressure from Thornycroft's tube boilers. It is expected to considerably exceed the stipulated speed of 27 knots, while it is said Mr. Yarrow is hoping for 30 knots out of his new destroyer, the Hornet.

Thirty knots is 34½ statute miles, not at all a bad speed for a railway train, but enormous for any sea-going vessel.

I have hitherto abstained from noticing the rumor lately whispered of Mr. John Morley's desire to escape from his present post, but as it has been now so openly published, I need not hesitate to speak about it. Whether he has at any time contemplated resignation I do not pretend to know, but I have reason for saying that his position in the Irish office has been proving more and more difficult and distasteful. It could not be otherwise, even with a less sensitive man than Mr. Morley