

### ARTILLERY REGIMENT MAY BE ORGANIZED

Project for Separate Militia Establishment at New Westminster.

New Westminster, Nov. 27.—That in the near future New Westminster will be the headquarters for a heavy artillery battalion of militia is now almost a certainty. The companies were originally part of the Fifth Artillery Regiment, and many of the officers and non-commissioned officers are old artillerymen who have always regretted the change to a rifle regiment, and point out that the companies have never since attained the same standard of excellence which they at one time enjoyed.

During the last few months an active attempt has been made to organize militia companies throughout the New Westminster district, and these have met with the greatest success. A company has been formed at Cloverdale, and other companies are expected shortly to be organized at Abbotsford and Chilliwack, probably two companies at the latter place. There is also a strong possibility that companies will be formed at Burnaby and Maple Ridge, and if required another in Delta.

The intention was to form a regiment for the New Westminster district, entirely distinct from Vancouver, and the district has responded well, considering that until very recently no definite scheme had been placed before them. The officers of the local companies are strongly in favor of the formation of a separate regiment. Vancouver military circles, it is understood, are more than willing to see New Westminster pull out of the Sixth D. C. O. R., and it was learned that the project had received the approval of Colonel Peters, the district officer commanding at Victoria.

It is understood that no sanction will be given to the formation of individual companies of militia throughout the district, a battalion must be formed or nothing. Little difficulty is, however, anticipated on that count; it is indeed expected that there will be more companies than actually required.

### VELVET MINE AGAIN ON SHIPPING LIST

Shipments for Past Week Are Second Largest for the Year.

Nelson, Nov. 27.—The total shipments for the past week are the second largest for any week this year, being only beaten by the record on November 13th of 56,000 tons. The Velvet mine, of Rossland, recently restarted after many years of idleness appears on the list for the first time this week.

Following are the shipments:  
Boundary district, 45,147 tons for the week, and 1,382,692 tons for the year to date.  
Rossland district, 3,717 tons for week and 218,293 tons for year to date.  
Siocan-Kootenay district, 3,524 tons for week and 172,561 tons year to date.  
Smelter receipts were 49,533 tons for week and 1,636,354 tons for year to date.

A meeting of Island Temple, No. 8, Pythian Sisters, was held Friday in the K. of P. hall. There was a large attendance and considerable business was transacted.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, will be held at the residence of Mrs. Captain Jacob Head street, on Wednesday afternoon, December 1st, at 2:30 o'clock.

A meeting of the Victoria High School Alumni Society will be held in the High school hall on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock. An excellent programme has been arranged, and a most enjoyable evening is anticipated. All former students of the High school are earnestly requested to be present.

The Printers' Basket Ball team in the intermediate city league have secured the use of the Institute hall for their games, and will hold their initial practice on Monday evening next at 7 o'clock. A full attendance is requested, as a meeting is to be held at close of the practice.

The annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be held on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock in the city hall. The annual report and balance sheet will be presented and officers and committees will be elected for the ensuing year. All members and friends of the society are invited to be present.

The St. Andrew's Society will hold its annual dinner, concert and dance in the Broad street hall on Tuesday, November 30th. The dinner will be at 7 o'clock, and will be followed by the concert, after which dancing will commence and be kept up till midnight. The concert is the hands of a special committee, and on the programme will be many prominent singers and musicians. A first class orchestra will provide the dance music.

### URGES ABANDONMENT OF SPECIAL CHARTER

City Solicitor of New Westminster is in Favor of Change.

New Westminster, Nov. 27.—Seen in regard to the proposed change from the city charter to the Municipal Clauses Act, City Solicitor McQuarrie thought that the change would be beneficial in almost every way. The charter under which the city has been laboring since 1838 has been found to be unworkable in the present generation.

He pointed out that under the present arrangement it was a very expensive operation to have the charter amended, it being necessary to put a private bill through the legislature for that purpose.

At the present time Vancouver and New Westminster are practically the only places in British Columbia that do not come under the Municipal Clauses Act. Vancouver considered the proposition last year, but did not make the change. However, it is generally conceded that Vancouver has a more satisfactory charter at the present time than New Westminster.

In the places that come under the Municipal Clauses Act the elections are held in January, while in New Westminster they are held in December. It is the opinion of Mayor Kearney that the New Westminster Municipal Clauses Act elections are such matters as that could be arranged by special clauses relating to New Westminster being inserted in the Municipal Clauses Act. He is in favor of the Municipal Clauses Act, and on December 13th to see what the citizens think of the proposed change.

### TWO NEW SCHOOLS FOR ROYAL CITY

Work on One of Buildings Will Commence as Soon as Possible.

New Westminster, Nov. 27.—That it will be necessary to build two more schools in the city in the near future to accommodate the growing number of school children, was the joint opinion of the city council and the school board when they met to discuss the school problem. It was decided that the proposed Lulu Island school should be built as soon as possible and that a site for another be bought somewhere in the neighborhood of Queen's park.

One of the trustees remarked that the present schools were so crowded that there was now not room enough to left to get the children out quickly in case of fire. It was the common opinion that this condition had lasted about long enough and steps will be taken immediately to select a site for the East End edifice.

It was also decided to sell the old school property in the West End by public tender and to apply the proceeds toward paying off the indebtedness on the Sapperton school.

### CHURCH PARADE OF FIFTH REGIMENT

Local Corps Instructed as to Dress for Week From Sunday.

According to orders issued by Lieutenant Currie, commanding the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., there will be a church parade to Christ Church cathedral a week from to-morrow. The orders read as follows:  
The regiment will parade on Sunday, December 5th, at the drill hall at 10 a. m. for the purpose of attending divine service at Christ Church cathedral. Dress church parade order (with Forage N. P. caps).

That part of R. O. No. 52, 1909, para. 6, for No. 74, Serg. G. Swarbrick, read No. 37, Cornl. D. Rochfort.

### WILL RUN AGAIN.

New Westminster, Nov. 27.—Aldermen Adams and Gray and City Solicitor McQuarrie have gone to Ottawa, where they will present the case of New Westminster as regards the Coquitlam dam business before the executive.

Before leaving both Aldermen Adams and Gray announced that they would stand for re-election to the city council on December 13th. They both thought that as the city was now in the midst of very important work undertaken under the regime of the present council it was only right that they hold their places until it was finished.

### STABBED BY MEXICAN.

Park Calvert, Former Resident of Duncan, Attacked at Senora, Mexico.

Duncan, Nov. 27.—On Thursday last C. H. Dickie received word by telegram that Park Calvert, up till two years ago a resident of Duncan, had been stabbed in the abdomen by a Mexican, and was in a dangerous condition. Yesterday a second telegram was received, stating that no serious complications had developed, and everything possible was being done to save his life.

### Y.M.C.A. TEAM HAS RETURNED TO CITY

Defeat at Seattle it is Felt Can Be Readily Retrieved.

After a hard game the local Y.M.C.A. basketball team returned to this city Friday from Seattle, where they played a sound Y.C.A. on Tuesday evening. The game was won by the Seattle aggregation by a score of 21 points to 17.

Speaking on the game last night, G. Findlay who accompanied the team, described it as a very fast one. The Sound team was the better, he believed. With the regular team he thinks they would have no difficulty in defeating their rivals. On Thursday night two intermediates were on the local line-up, and while they played a good game, the seniors would have made a better showing. The locals kept the fast pace set by the Sound team, but were a little deficient in their shooting.

While in Seattle Mr. Findlay arranged for two matches to be played in this city. The Seattle team is to play here on the 12th, and the University of Washington on a date yet to be arranged. Both games should prove good ones, the latter probably will be the best of the college boys. The line-up which represented the Y.M.C.A. in Seattle was as follows: Guards, E. Steele and H. Campbell; centre, E. Whyte; forwards, R. McKittrick and J. Carr. The forwards acquitted themselves well, and while they were not in their best shooting form they made some nice baskets.

### LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.

Officers Elected at the Annual Meeting Held at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Nov. 27.—The annual meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance of the Province of British Columbia, and of the city of Vancouver, was held here yesterday. Rev. T. Albert Moore, general secretary for Canada, and Rev. W. M. Rochester, of Winnipeg, the western secretary, were present, as well as several delegates from New Westminster. The afternoon meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. building, when the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Ebenezer Robson; treasurer, Mr. James McQueen; secretary, Rev. G. H. Wilson. For the city of Vancouver the Rev. Merton Smith was chosen president, and the appointment of secretary and treasurer was left in the hands of a committee.

In the evening a public meeting was held in St. Andrew's church, and addresses were delivered by Mr. Moore and Rev. M. Rochester, in which they set forth fully the work of the society in the west during the past year.

### TRAVELLERS' AID IMPORTANT WORK

Department of Y.W.C.A. Gives Valuable Assistance to Strangers.

Mrs. Rev. Dever has been appointed Travellers' Aid secretary to meet the various boats and trains coming into the city, and look after any young girls who need assistance. The work is a very important branch of the Y. W. C. work in the city.

Mrs. H. M. Harger, who has been the Travellers' Aid secretary for four months, has resigned on account of ill-health. In her report, covering the time she acted as the head of that work, she says:  
"One hundred and fourteen were taken to the Y. W. C. A. home, and there found lodging and meals. Owing to limited room in the home, 152 were provided with rooms outside in nearby houses—taking their meals entirely, or in part, at the Y. W. C. A. home, and seventy-two meals were sent and 17 letters have been written to parties who wished information in anticipation of a visit to the city or in seeking employment."  
She further reported:  
"I could give you many incidents of letters received from the Travellers' Aids in the nearby cities, and dispatches when there was not time enough for a letter to reach me, saying, 'Meet a girl from Glasgow,' or 'A girl will be on the evening boat, in that she gets her boat for San Francisco' or 'Meet a Polish girl who cannot speak a word of English, and who she gets the train to Ladysmith, where her father lives.' Two children came from England alone to find their mother in Hart Township. They were kept at the Y. W. C. A. over Sunday, and on Monday morning taken to the boat and put in charge of the captain. Next day he sent me word that an uncle had met the children and taken charge of them."  
"One night at 9 o'clock the ticket agent phoned to me that there was a young Swedish girl at the station who could not speak a word of English, that her ticket was marked 'Ladysmith,' and would I come down and get her and see that she got her train in the morning. When I reached the station I found a very unhappy looking young girl sitting weeping. Of course I could not make her understand me, even with my best broken English, but she recognized, that help was at hand, so she dried her eyes and went with me and had a comfortable night's rest at the Y. W. C. A. In the morning I took her to the train and put her in care of the conductor. Her father met her at the station in Ladysmith."

### AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

Sir Maurice de Bunsen Likely to Succeed Hon. J. Bryce.

London, Nov. 26.—A Madrid dispatch to the Morning Telegraph says it is reported there that Sir Maurice de Bunsen, British ambassador to Madrid, soon will replace Ambassador Bryce at Washington.

### CAUGHT IN TYPHOON IN FORMOSA CHANNEL

Ship Zafro Had Hard Time, Losing Cattle on Trying Trip.

Driven down from the north by a fierce gale coming through the Formosa channel, and whipped back by the whirling winds of a typhoon from the south, the good ship Zafro had a hard experience on her trip from Hong Kong to Manila, says the South China Morning Post, which arrived this morning.

The Zafro on Saturday between 9 and 10 o'clock was in the teeth of a heavy gale which was making mountainous waves as it swept into the China Sea through the Formosa channel. This was all right and the ship ploughed ahead of the wind and sea in a fine manner, but Sunday afternoon the glass dropped rapidly and the ship encountered a cross-sea, whipped up by the typhoon coming from the southward.

Everything was battered down and for forty hours Captain Rodger never left the bridge of his ship while the vessel ploughed stoutly through the adverse sea. Tremendous volumes of rain accompanied the typhoon, but this rain did not serve to keep the decks down, and they were swept over the decks of the ship.

Early Sunday the stalls on the port side of the vessel were smashed, thus releasing a number of cattle, which were thrown around the deck and washed from side to side by the successive seas which came on board. Five were badly injured, and two died before reaching Manila.

The lowest reading of the glass was 29.15 Sunday evening, and the Zafro was put about toward the east, staying there until it had passed over the China Sea to the westward.

After heading about on Sunday evening one heavy sea hit the ship on the port side with such force as to smash two port holes in the saloon.

From Saturday night until Monday afternoon the vessel was in the grip of the gale and wind, and all that time the skipper never once left his post on the bridge.

During the worst of the trip the Zafro could make but from two to three knots, but after being put back on her course and headed again for Manila 1 1/2 knots were easily made.

### COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Chinaman Accused of Enticing White Girl Into Opium Den.

Vancouver, Nov. 27.—A Chinaman, named Lee Sing, was committed for trial by Magistrate Williams yesterday charged with "enticing a white girl named Nellie Jackson to an opium den. The girl, said she had been on a drinking bout, and did not know how she had come down into Chinatown, but she found herself in an opium den, and the three Chinamen seated induced her to smoke opium, and she had been there about an hour when Detectives McLeod and Thompson rescued her. Fortunately the girl's entrance to the place had been noticed by a white man, who called the detectives. The girl promised to behave better in future and was sent home. Lee Sing was committed, as proprietor of the place.

### TO HAVE CEMENT WALKS.

Chilliwack, Nov. 27.—Mr. Smith, of New Westminster, has been awarded the contract for the construction of a cement sidewalk along the south side of Wellington street, at \$235. The offer accepted would be at the rate of \$1.62 per foot of ten feet in width, with a curb 18 inches in depth and level with the walk. The cost to the city would be cheaper than a lumber walk of eight feet width and would be about 55 cents per foot. The balance of the cost would be borne by the property owners.

### CONCRETE ELEVATORS.

The frame terminal elevator has had its day as a storage proposition. In its stead fireproof elevators with concrete or tile storage capacity are increasing rapidly in all large grain centres. That increase will continue for the following reasons: First, because most of the regular rates, which range from 13 cents to 23 cents, as compared with rates of 15.50 to 3 per cent, on the old wooden storage houses. Second, because most of the barns require no insurance protection to cover their advances made on grain in fireproof storage, except when grain is stored in steel or concrete tanks adjacent a frame working house, where there is an expectation of some loss from exposure.

In Spanish restaurants and in Turkish baths waters are called by clapping the hands.

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### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH GUIDES, SENIOR AND JUNIOR, WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL SALE OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS ON DECEMBER 21ST AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

There will be suitable gifts for all, beautiful fancy work and useful good plain work. The Junior Guild have a beautiful display of Irish linen, sent by Miss Aird from Ireland. Also many beautiful gifts made by the Juniors. There will be various contests and a "Mary, Mary, quite contrary" garden and many other amusements. There will be a variety of good things and all are requested to send their donations of any saleable articles of any kind to the rectory before the 7th of December.

### DIES SUDDENLY.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 28.—Miss Mary White, of 29 Sullivan street, aged 19, was shopping yesterday to get some things preparatory to singing at a wedding to-day. She returned about 5 o'clock, lurched into the arms of her mother, dying instantly from heart failure.

### EMPRESS ATHLETIC RECEIVING ENTRIES

Two Cups Up for Five Mile Race on Christmas Day.

The Empress Athletic Club, composed of employees of the Empress hotel will put on a road race over the five mile distance on Christmas day, when the runners who enter this speed contest will probably race along the same course as that adopted for the annual Y. M. C. A. road race which last year was won by Baylis, since turned professional.

If the Y. M. C. A. runs the annual fixture on New Year's day there will be two five mile races for athletes this winter and both being close together will not interfere with training operations so that runners in the Empress event can run a week later in the annual Y. M. C. A. race.

The Empress club has received the B. S. A. A. U. sanction and is now receiving entries for its event on Christmas day. These can be sent to Secretary Lucas at the hotel.

There are two cups up for the Empress race, one being presented by W. H. Wilkerson, the jeweller, which will go to the first man that breaks the tape, and the second a cup donated by the club will be awarded to the man gaining second place.

The track will probably be from some point in the city, presumably the Empress club rooms on Douglas street, down Belleville street, turning into Dallas road and making the circle on the hill twice, and thence back to the starting place. This is the course the Y. M. C. A. race covers every year, and is claimed to be as near the five mile distance as it is possible to get in the city.

### G.T.P. FIRE AND STOCK INSURANCE

Application to Incorporate Company to Be Made at Next Session.

Notice is given in this week's Provincial Gazette that application will be made to the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to incorporate a company to be known as the "Grand Trunk Pacific Fire & Stock Insurance Company," having for its object the carrying on, within the province of British Columbia, of fire insurance in all its branches, and also insurance of live stock and also insurance of crops against injury by hail, and for all such other objects as may be conducive to the carrying on of the business, or any of them.

The death occurred on Friday at 1024 McGregor street, of Mrs. Angus Wilson. Deceased had been here but five weeks. She was 36 years of age, and was born in Ohio. Besides her husband she is survived by three children.

The efforts of the committee in charge of raising funds for the new Episcopal church at Sidney are being well supported. The following are thanked by the committee for contributions: D. Spencer, C. H. Bower, Major Hibben, Mr. Young (White House), Mr. Henderson (book and stationery).

The funeral of the late Mrs. Frank Cullin took place on Friday at 3 o'clock from the residence of W. O. Wallace, 350 St. James street, where Rev. W. Leslie Clay, conducted an impressive service. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and many beautiful floral offerings were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: S. W. Edwards, W. H. Cullin, G. D. Robertson, W. O. Wallace, J. Blend and J. Petch.

At Friday's session Far West Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: C. D. D. England; V. C. J. L. Sutherland; Pre. A. E. Shaw; M. of W. J. G. Mullalley; K. of R. S. J. L. Smith; M. of F. W. P. Smith; M. of E. A. J. Cocksley; M. of A. A. E. Shaw; J. G. W. Lemm; G. G. J. W. Elliott. At the close of the regular routine, the third of the series of the card tournament was played off, after which light refreshments were served. A good time was spent by all present.

The election shoe sale contest which was conducted by Fullerton's shoe store at the early part of the week attracted considerable interest. It also proved that there are some pretty good guessers in this city. The winners, as announced by the management this morning, were: First, Miss J. Anderson, corner Russel and Henry streets, Victoria West, 2,875; second, F. White, 254 Broughton street, 2,876; and Mrs. M. H. Middleton, 2,876; third, Miss Isabel Clack, 330 Niagara street, 2,887. The exact number was 2,872. All winners are requested to call at Fullerton's shoe store, Government street, and receive their prizes.

St. John's Church guides, senior and junior, will hold their annual sale of Christmas gifts on December 21st afternoon and evening. There will be suitable gifts for all, beautiful fancy work and useful good plain work. The Junior Guild have a beautiful display of Irish linen, sent by Miss Aird from Ireland. Also many beautiful gifts made by the Juniors. There will be various contests and a "Mary, Mary, quite contrary" garden and many other amusements. There will be a variety of good things and all are requested to send their donations of any saleable articles of any kind to the rectory before the 7th of December.

### DIES AT AGE OF 115.

Pensacola, Fla., Nov. 26.—John C. Calhoun, colored, aged 115 years, is dead. The death certificate gives the date of the negro's birth as 1794.

Calhoun lived in Pensacola for 40 years and until 14 years ago made his living by daily labor in a sawmill. He was born in slavery.

### FOUND NOT GUILTY.

McLeod, Alta., Nov. 26.—John Kulovich, a Russian, was found not guilty by a jury in the Supreme Court last night on a charge of murdering Angus Rida, at Frank, Alberta, on the 17th of July last. A game of cards led to a quarrel, which resulted in Rida being fatally stabbed.

### PERSONAL.

Mrs. G. Foulger (nee Redgrave), of Winnipeg, is visiting her mother, and expects to spend the winter here.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lillian L. Watts and Mr. Will Spicer, of the firm of David Spicer, Ltd.

Rev. T. H. Wright has just returned from a five weeks visit to the East. He visited Montreal, Kingston, Toronto and Winnipeg during his holiday.

### SERIES OF PAPERS FOR LOCAL SOCIETY

Programme for Winter Shows Great Variety of Subjects.

The Natural History Society of British Columbia has just issued a list of papers to be read before their members at the regular fortnightly meetings, commencing on Monday next. The programme covers a great variety of subjects, the society embracing in its scope all scientific subjects. The following is the list.  
Nov. 29.—Bird Life on Vancouver Island. (Illustrated.) By H. F. Pullen.  
Dec. 13.—The Spanish Occupation of Vancouver Island. By Capt. J. T. Walbran.  
Dec. 27.—Northern Cariboo. (Illustrated.) F. C. Swannell.  
Jan. 10.—Our Timber Wealth and its Conservation. (Illustrated.) By W. J. Sutton.  
Jan. 24.—A Trip to the Orient. (Illustrated.) By Dr. Hasell.  
Feb. 7.—The Goldrush of Demarara. By E. A. Wallace.  
Feb. 21.—The Salmon of the Fraser River. (Illustrated.) B. J. B. Babcock.  
March 7.—Topography of British Columbia. (Illustrated.) By W. Fleet Robertson.  
March 21.—Annual meeting.  
April 4.—Manchuria. (Illustrated.) By H. T. Nation.  
April 18.—Modern Developments of Evolution. By R. Van Munster.

### SCHOOL CONCERT.

Pupils of Division IV, South Park, Gave Good Programme Yesterday.

(From Saturday's Daily.)  
The pupils of Div. IV, Mr. McLean's room, South Park, held a short but excellent literary programme yesterday afternoon.  
Fred Durick was voted to the chair, and the following programme was rendered: Chorus; by school; recitation, "My Will," Joe Ross; duet, "Rain-bow," Dorothy Davis and Jean Halliday; piano solo, K. Jackson; recitation, "Doll's Wash Day," Annie Banner; chorus; by school; recitation, "The Small Girl," Katie Jackson; duet, "School Days," Hazel Cole and Inez Clack; piano solo, Curtis Dean; solo, Ethel Wilby.

The chairman invited the principal to speak, and after a few words of congratulation and encouragement the programme closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

### PUSHED THROUGH WINDOW AND BADLY INJURED

Bert Griffiths Victim of Accident at Early Hour This Morning.

(From Friday's Daily.)  
A young man named Bert Griffiths lies in a serious condition at the St. Joseph's hospital to-day as a result of wounds received early this morning, when he was pushed bodily through the large plate glass window in front of the Manitoba bar on Yates street. No arrests have been made.

It appears that Griffiths was one of a group of men standing in front of the premises about 12:30 this morning. There was an argument and suddenly Griffiths was struck and then hurled through the window. He crashed right through the heavy plate glass, for almost his entire length and from the quantity of blood which flowed from his dozen wounds it was seen that the unfortunate man was seriously injured.

He was carried on to the sidewalk and an attempt made to stay the flow of blood, and later an auto was summoned and he was hurried to St. Joseph's hospital, where he now lies.

This afternoon he was reported to be progressing toward recovery as well as could be expected.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

A high voltaic (2,000 volts) cable has been laid from the entrance of Esquimalt harbor, in eight fathoms water, from a point on the shore line, situated close eastward of the western boundary of the graving dock enclosure, to a point on the western shore, in a direction bearing approximately S. 38 degrees W., magnetic, distance five and three-quarters cables. Two marks painted white with "Cable Crossing" on them are erected on the shore to show the landing places of the cable.

Marine and Fisheries, Victoria, B. C., 26th November, 1909.

### STREET CAR CAPSIZES.

Sixteen Persons Sustain Injuries and One May Die.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 28.—Sixteen persons were injured last night when a Fairmount street car left the rails at Colfax and Madison streets, crashed over the curb and overturned on the sidewalk. Mrs. M. Sawyer, internally injured, will probably die.

Dr. J. E. Adams, a passenger, extracted the 13 people imprisoned in the wreckage.

### TACOMA RAILWAY COMPANY ORDERED TO PAY FINE OF HUNDREDDOLLARS.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 27.—Attorneys representing F. A. Boutelle, superintendent of the Tacoma Railway & Power Company, to-day appealed to the Superior Court for relief from a \$100 fine imposed in the police court yesterday for failure of the company to furnish adequate car service.

Residents of South Tacoma had made complaint because they were not given a five-minute service during rush hours, and after a short hearing of the case in the police court, the fine was assessed.

This is the first time in the history of the city that such drastic action has been taken against a public service corporation, and the long suffering patrons of the local Tacoma line are jubilant over their victory.

Silent Rowan, of Nanaimo, has accepted the challenge issued by "Dutch" Schaffer, of Victoria, regarding the latter's will box at 138 pounds ringside on Christmas Eve. Should Schaffer accept these terms Rowan will be in Victoria Wednesday evening and sign articles.

The death occurred on Friday at the family residence, Lake district, of Miss Cassie Phillips Scott, "Deceased" was born in Victoria 15 years ago. She was the eldest daughter of James Scott, foreman of the Colonist, binding department. She has been ill for over two years. Most of that time she spent at Tranquille sanatorium. The late Miss Scott received her education in this city and was well known and respected throughout Victoria.

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### ALEXANDRA CLUB BALL A SUCCESS

The inaugural ball given by the Alexandra Club Friday in the women's building drew a gay throng thither. The attendance was very much larger than was expected, and all were delighted with the setting of the rooms, and the arrangements.

The decorations were carried out by the sailors from the Egeria under the direction of Mrs. Henry Croft, and they also prepared the floor, which was in splendid condition. The color scheme of the ball room was pink, roses and evergreens draped the walls, while the pillars were festooned with Japanese cherry blossoms and ivy sprays. The band stand was hidden in ferns and trailing vines of the variegated periwinkle palm.

In the supper room the walls were covered with myrtle and the ceiling with ivy. The tables were decorated with pink and crimson carnations. There were several cosy corners and sitting-out rooms and a charming card room. Harper's band supplied the music, which was perfection, and Mrs. Jenner looked after the supper room.

### TAI YUEN BLOCK HAS CHANGED HANDS

Local Syndicate Purchases Choice Lower Government Street Property.

The real estate market continues to show a healthy activity, and agents report a number of small transactions each day. A deal of some considerable interest has just been closed involving a change of ownership of the large brick building known as the Tai Yuen block on Government street, at the foot of Pandora. This has been sold